



## Mrs. Gail Robillard-Rivera

September 16, 1960 - July 6, 2012

Gail S. Robillard-Rivera

Loving Wife, Devoted Mother,

Proud Grandmother and Cherished Sister

Administrative Assistant at the Lowell Sun Newspaper

LOWELL—Gail S. Robillard-Rivera, the loving wife of Jesus “Jay” Rivera and the devoted Mother of Arielle Kristian Rivera and Dominique “Nikki” Rivera, passed away on Friday afternoon, July 6, 2012 at her home, surrounded by the love of her family. She was 51 years old. Gail fought a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Gail Suzanne Robillard was born in Lowell on September 16, 1960, a daughter of the late Francis and Thelma (Wells) Robillard.

She attended Lowell Schools and was a graduate of the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical High School. As a teenager, Gail was a member of the Notre Dame de Lourdes Marching Band in Lowell.

A lifelong Lowell resident, Gail and her family made their home on Christian Hill in the Centralville neighborhood. She was a parishioner of St. Michael’s Church.

Early in her working career, Gail was employed at Wang Laboratories and at Telespectrum. Gail spent the past 8 years at the Lowell Sun, working as the Administrative Assistant in the Circulation Department.

As a mother, Gail was completely involved in her daughter’s lives. She would volunteer and lend a hand in all of her daughter’s activities. She was a member of the Lowell High School Cheerleader’s Parent’s Organization.

As an employee of The Sun, Gail was faithfully involved with the Lowell Sun Charities and all the good works the newspaper carried out in our community.

Gail loved to read, dine out, and go to the movies. Spending time with her family and friends is what she most enjoyed.

Gail was a beautiful woman, with a spirit that few can match.

Gail is survived by her loving family: her husband Jesus “Jay” Rivera; her two daughters, Arielle K. Rivera of Vermont, and Dominique M. “Nikki” Rivera of Lowell; her grandson, Isaac Swasey of Vermont; her sister Meg Lemire-Berthel and her husband Fred of Nashua; her three brothers, Alan Robillard and his wife Sandra of Anchorage, Alaska, Wayne Robillard of Lowell, and Norman Robillard and his wife Maria of Tucson, AZ; her aunts and uncles, Leon Wells, Joan Robillard, Robert Robillard, Richard Robillard; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

ROBILLARD-RIVERA—In Lowell, July 6, 2012 at her home, Gail S. Robillard-Rivera, 51, the beloved wife of Jesus “Jay” Rivera. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on FRIDAY, July 13, 2012 from 4 until 8 PM. Gail’s Funeral will begin on SATURDAY MORNING at 9 o’clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her Funeral Mass at 10 o’clock in ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH, 543 Bridge St. at Sixth St., Lowell. Her burial service will take place in St. Joseph’s Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Gail’s memory may be made to the Lowell General Hospital Cancer Center, c/o Development, 295 Varnum Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854 or to the Greater Lowell VNA Hospice, 336 Central Street, Lowell, MA 01852. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. For directions, or to leave Gail’s family a message of condolence, please go to [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

96 Rivverneck Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL **13.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
sean@faymccabe.com  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUL **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael's Church  
543 Bridge Street at Sixth Street  
Lowell, MA 01850

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gail Robillard-Rivera*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Dear Meg,  
I just heard of your lloss while I was at the "Healing thru Art" group. I was unaware of you're having a sister with cancer. I am so sorry for that loss. I wish you and the family much grace and blessings!  
Rita Overhulser*

**Rita Overhulser** - July 21, 2012 at 06:49 PM



“ *Rose Frechette lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Robillard-Rivera*



**Rose Frechette** - July 12, 2012 at 11:51 AM



*My thoughts and prayers go out you at this time.....  
I never met Gail but spoke with her many of times at the Lowell Sun.....As a co worker from the Sentinel & Enterprise I express my sincere sympathy to her family.....  
She will be sadly missed by many....  
may God bless you all and comfort you  
and raise Gail up on eagle wings to heaven.....*

**Rose Frechette** - July 12, 2012 at 11:55 AM



“ *Rosemary Breen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Robillard-Rivera*



**Rosemary Breen** - July 12, 2012 at 08:02 AM

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“ *The Dowd Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Robillard-Rivera*



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**The Dowd Family** - July 11, 2012 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Dear Nikki,  
I remember meeting your mom at a conference we had at LHS. She was a lovely woman and loved and supported you so much. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Akashian, former LHS Housemaster*

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**Kathleen M. Akashian** - July 11, 2012 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Wayne, Norman and the Robillard and Rivera families,  
  
I'm so sorry about the loss of Gail. I had a chance to spend some time with Gail and Jay at Mr. Regan's house, last summer; she was wonderful! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Mary Margaret Barrett, Lowell, MA*



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**Mary M Barrett** - July 11, 2012 at 11:18 AM

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“ *Sean Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gail Robillard-Rivera*



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**Sean Rourke** - July 11, 2012 at 10:25 AM