



Elizabeth Fay Gygi Riganto

August 31, 1951 - September 29, 2023

Elizabeth Fay Gygi Riganto passed peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on September 29, 2023. Fay was diagnosed in mid-August with Stage 4 metastatic esophageal cancer.

Fay was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1951 and developed a deep love of the ocean, beaches and lighthouses. Early in her teens, she spent countless hours practicing and playing the piano. She graduated with her Masters degree in music education. In college, she traveled to Germany where she met LDS missionaries and became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. After returning home and finishing college, she met the love of her life and best friend, Maury F. Riganto III. They later married and were sealed together for all eternity in the Manti, Utah temple. Fay and Maury raised their three children in Virginia Beach and then felt called to move out west, where they ended up spending the rest of their lives together in Draper, Utah.

Fay's dedication to her faith, family and their future never cease to amaze those who knew her. She was kind, caring, loving and joyous. Her life force and positive energy came from a place inside that seemed to have no end. Her gift in music shined brightly through all of the callings life gave her. She loves her Savior, Jesus Christ, and was never embarrassed or too bashful to say so and stand up for her beliefs. Her reach of love knows no bounds and will never be forgotten. Her children know that she is reunited with her husband and her family that she has missed so much over her life. There is no doubt it was a joyous reunion when she was called Home.

Fay is survived by her greatest joy in life, her children: Maury F. Riganto IV, Gygi Koster (Dan), Dawn Riganto (Terry). Her grandchildren all held a tremendous space in her heart and she cherished each of them: Makenzie O. Babonis, Orion S. Riganto, Aiden C. Koster, Lillian G. Riganto, Drew A. Koster, Ellouise E. Koster and great grandchild, Drew L. Banner.

Fay is preceded in death by her beloved husband of almost 50 years, Maury F. Riganto III;

her parents, Andrew Gygi and Sidney Gygi; and many dear family members including aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and all of the greats.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the South Mountain Stake Center, 1911 E Gray Fox Dr, Draper, UT 84020 (Next to the Draper Temple). A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Sandy City Cemetery, 700 E 9000 S, Sandy, UT 84070.

Zoom Webcast Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92298465643>

Cemetery Details

Sandy City Cemetery

700 East 9000 South
Sandy, UT 84070

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

South Mountain Stake Center
1911 E Gray Fox Dr
Draper, UT 84020

Graveside Service

OCT 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Sandy City Cemetery
700 East 9000 South
Sandy, UT 84070

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I was "Gygi's" roommate in college at East Carolina. We became great friends and had so many fun times hanging with our fellow crazy music major friends. My heart was so broken to hear of her passing, but I know she is in a place where she is peaceful, healthy and happy. I miss you, Gygi. Much love, Jan

Jan Davis - April 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM

CP

“ Fay (Gygi, as we called her) was my roommate in Germany, during our “Study Abroad.” She was an answer to prayer and became one of my best friends, when she joined the church and we traveled Europe, meeting Saints in every town, holding sunrise testimony meetings, and learning about the amazing Restored Gospel Of Jesus Christ. I will always love you and be grateful for you. Til we meet again, dear friend.

Carol Pacheco - October 30, 2023 at 09:27 PM

KT

“ Aunt Fay, I will always remember your voice and all the times we talked about family history and genealogy. I remember when you taught me how to cross-stitch and make decorative wreaths. I will always think of you when it snows, when the leaves fall from the trees--and I have lots of oak trees here. I love you.

Kat Tracy - October 06, 2023 at 12:20 PM

MB



makenzie babonis - October 18, 2023 at 06:51 AM



“ Elizabeth Fay Gygi Riganto

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

NI

I have my angel gnome with me as well as my Rusty Rabbit books. She loved to read them to Orion and was one of Rusty's biggest fans. Rusty Rabbit is quite today, one of his biggest fans has passed away. A single tear slips from his eye as he sadly, silently says good-bye. Little sister, I'll see you in the raindrops and snowflakes just like we talked about.

nina - October 06, 2023 at 08:39 AM

NI

proud to be your sister

nina - October 06, 2023 at 09:54 PM

MB



makenzie babonis - October 18, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ I have two memories of Fay. One was at church during Covid. We were discussing as a group about how people were reacting to covid as far as being nervous about engaging in society or around town. Fay mentioned that we are expected to work, regardless of circumstances. That even if there's a pandemic, or tragedy or struggle, we are still supposed to do our part. Second was a recital Fay put on for her students in June. She put on such an amazing event and it was amazing to see her students excel. I'll never forget that recital, and how proud she was of her students. Fay did so much for so many people, and worked so hard

Love,
Dan Evans

Kallie Evans - October 04, 2023 at 09:11 PM

MB



makenzie babonis - October 18, 2023 at 06:53 AM

LR

“ I Sure Will Miss You Fay And Miss Our Great Talks ❤️ Please Give Dad A Big Hug For Me And I'll See You On The Other Side 🙏🕊️💜💜 I Love You 🥹❤️



Lynette Y Riganto - October 04, 2023 at 04:01 PM

MB

I love you

makenzie babonis - October 18, 2023 at 06:57 AM