

Gwen Caroline Goaslind

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I have known the Goaslind family since I was four years old. As a child, David was my best friend. I spent many hours in the Goaslind home and was always made to feel welcome by Gwen. I have many fond memories of those times. My mom became very good friends with Gwen. Gwen and Jack were very supportive of my dear parents. Jack was kind enough to speak at both of their funerals. Jack also gave my wife Sheila a blessing when she was diagnosed with a potentially deadly disease. That was over 47 years ago. She now has five children and eleven grandchildren. I will always be grateful to the Goaslind family. They played a huge part in my life.

- Mark VanOrden

Gwen has always been a kind friend. We have wonderful memories of her, Jack and their wonderful children. We offer our love, prayers, and condolences to her family.

- Jess & Virginia Peterson

I was blessed to serve in the Arizona Tempe mission under President and Sister Goaslind. Over the decades since then I saw them occasionally when I visited Utah, and once by chance when my work travel and their church assignment put us both in a New Zealand airport at the same time. At a lunch maybe 8 years ago with Sister Goaslind, two of my missionary companions and me, one of us concluded that all four of us at the table were now orphans. Sister Goaslind just stretched out her arms to symbolically pull us all in a hug and said, “I’ll be your mother.” She was a great, loving, and faithful woman. I am better because I knew her.

- Beth Haynes

We always talk about having goodly parents, and it is absolutely true that is a great blessing, however I am grateful for my goodly extended family! Aunts, Uncles, and wonderful Cousins! Aunt Gwen was such a force for good! I remember when I would see her even if it was after years she would give me a hug and then a chore to do. I loved that! I loved telling her jokes and hearing her laugh. Losing a mother is always hard and my heart goes out to my cousins that I love so much! I know it is bittersweet because we know there is a great reunion happening on the

other side! I my be sad at this loss, but I’m grateful for my Aunt Gwen and her great example of hardwork and joy.

- Kevin Goaslind

She was always so loving g and kind and inclusive to me and my husband. We love her❤■■■❤■

- Lana Halversen

Dear Goaslind family! May our Lord give you peace and hope in the sacred promisse that Families can be together forever.

- Marco Ilídio Frazão

Brother Knell sends condolences to the Goasland family, especially Dave, who he remembers fondly from his Olympus Seminary days. It is surely a sweet reunion for your loving parents. bbknell@juno.com

- Robert Knell

Sister Goaslind was always so happy and cheerful, and kind to everyone. It was great to be a missionary in her and President Goaslind’s mission. I was blessed to be able associate with them while they served at the Manti Temple.

- Kary Monroe

I was able to watch the last half of Gwen's funeral online. So fitting that her children were able to give her such a sweet sendoff! My heart has been with the entire Goaslind family this week since seeing the Deseret News article announcing her passing. What a flood of memories! I love Gwen! And I love all the Goaslinds! Thank you for touching and enriching me and my family. Our lives were made so much better as a result of our connection with the Goaslind family!

- Tina Van Orden Shaw

DAVE, I’m so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a wonderful woman and a beautiful daughter of God. She was a tremendous influence for good to so many. Your parents have had a beautiful relationship and will continue to be loved and admired by many. Our deepest condolences to you and your family are extended. Steve And Elaine.

- Steve and Elaine Dalton

Pres Goaslind set us apart as ordinance workers in the Manti Temple Valentine’s Day, Feb 14, 2001. We have a deep love for Pres and Sister Goaslind. We are both still serving in the temple. We continue to feel those wonderful blessings he promised us that day!

- Don and Melinda Torgersen