



Gretchen Lee Gustafson

March 1, 1965 - May 7, 2026

Hephzibah, GA – Gretchen Lee Gustafson, 61, entered into rest on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Keysville Nursing Home and Rehab Center.

Ms. Gustafson, daughter of the late MSG Robert “Bob” Jones and the late Kathleen Alton Jones, was born in Bozeman, MT, but had made Augusta/Hephzibah her home for most of her life. She loved spending time doing puzzles, coloring, and playing handheld video games. She especially adored her dogs, Homer and Stryker. She was a devoted fan of the Atlanta Braves and all kinds of racing. She took great pride in following the racing career of her nephew, Blaine, who serves as a crew chief for the No. 12 Penske Racing IndyCar team. In earlier years, she also dedicated her time as a volunteer at T.W. Josey High School, where she worked closely with students in the special education program, a role that brought her much joy and fulfillment.

She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather.

Ms. Gustafson is survived by her sisters, Heidi Hardy (Donnie) and Kyrsten Miller (Blair); her niece, Heather Murphey (Brett); her nephew, Cpl. Blaine Hardy, USMC Veteran (Dusti); her great nephews and great niece, Gehrig Murphey, Ryne Murphey, Holden Hardy, and Emma Hardy.

Private family gathering will be held at a later date.

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