



## Gala Sue Bates

September 10, 1968 - May 19, 2025

Gala Sue Bates, 56, of Princeville, IL, passed away on May 19, 2025. Gala came into this world in Peoria, IL on September 10th, 1968 to Donald and Virginia (Martin) Schneider of Princeville. Her father preceded her in death.

Gala has four siblings: Roger (Linda) Schneider of Astoria, Ann (John) Johnson of South Pekin, Kristie (Greg) Blakey of Saint Charles, Missouri, and Terry (Kelly) Schneider of Princeville. Gala married Patrick Bates Sr. of Canton in 2003. Gala and Pat had two sons: Chase Bates and Seth Bates, both of Princeville, who she deeply loved.

Gala worked for the American Red Cross for over eighteen years. She enjoyed walking in state parks and getting to travel to Branson, MO for a yearly vacation with her family, but the things she enjoyed the most were being with her sons, family, and friends. Gala also loved a wide range of music, anything from Billy Idol to Patsy Cline. From an early age Gala loved animals. Gala graduated Princeville High School in 1986 and she later graduated from Midstate.

Gala crossed into heaven at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home

surrounded by loved ones. The family would like to thank OSF Cancer Institute and OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home for the excellent care she received.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be at Swan Lake Cemetery on Saturday, June 21, 2025 in the Good Sheperd section. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3pm at Dunlap Legion Hall, 5511 Legion Hall Road Dunlap, IL.

# Tribute Wall

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“Gala was a wonderful person and great friend and will be deeply missed. You and your family will continue to be in our prayers.”

Dena (Pullen), Alex and Abbey Mirando - May 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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“I will always remember our trip to Branson last year. What a fun filled trip full of laughter! Gala was the sweetest person who loved her children with a fierce passion. Gala, I will always be in your boy's corner. You will be missed so much.”

Amy Dial - May 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM

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“I have known Gala since Kindergarten and was beyond blessed to call her my friend for over 50 years. She was a fighter til the end and I know in the deepest part of my heart that she is no doubt looking after her family now as their guardian angel. Til we meet again sweet friend ❤️”

elizabeth elliott - May 23, 2025 at 02:16 PM

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“We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services”

A Memorial Tree was planted for Gale Sue Bates - May 23, 2025 at 11:38 AM