



Gail Hammell

Outdoor Enthusiast, Traveler, Volunteer
Passed on September 23, 2024

Dear Citizens,

I am sorry to share the passing of member Gail Hammell. My encounters with Gail were few and it seemed that she was always getting out of a kayak. She was engaging, energetic, and it was always clear she enjoyed being outside.

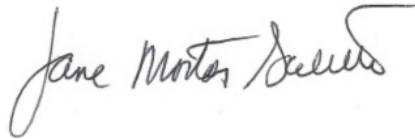
Karla related that Gail helped with a number of volunteer efforts, including paddle scouting, ReTurn the Favor, wildlife gardening, and Raise the River planning. You may have explored open spaces with her at a CU Saturday or Tuesday on the Fly or increased your knowledge while seated next to her at a bi-monthly meeting or CU Social. She attended many programming events over the years.

Gail left an impression on those who interacted with her. She was quiet and earnest in character, yet warm and funny. While paddling waterways together, she would often relate stories of her last adventurous hiking excursion or walking vacation abroad. Gail wasn't a mere outdoor enthusiast but also a student of everything wild. Frequently she would interpret and share her appreciation for the natural world with others.

She will be sorely missed by fellow members and volunteers.

Our condolences go to her family and friends.

Sincerely,



Jane Morton Galetto
CU Maurice River Board President

Obituary

Gail Hammell

72 years of age
September 23, 2024

Gail Hammell, age 72, of Oaklyn, NJ passed away September 23, 2024, surrounded by friends and family.

Gail is survived by her children, Ari Hammell of Oaklyn, NJ and Stephanie Hammell of Malden, MA, longtime partner Fred Siegert of Vineland, NJ, siblings Mark Hiittner of Mt. Laurel, NJ, Carol Whitmore of Thomson, GA, and Diane Williams of Sarasota, FL, and exhusband Neil Hammell of Sicklerville, NJ.

Gail was a lifelong lover of the outdoors and travel. She could often be found kayaking, hiking, camping, gardening, and playing pickleball with her friends. Gail told many stories of her time hiking in Patagonia and the Alps and was happiest outside. She felt strongly about volunteering with trail building and restoration teams, and helping with conservation efforts. Gail loved animals of all types and particularly enjoyed counting horseshoe crabs at the shore. She was a fierce advocate for protecting the Pine Barrens and other native habitats.

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