



Georga Bray

February 22, 1947 - May 1, 2011

Obituary of Georga Bray

Georga Hinkhouse Bray, 64, of Lady Lake, Florida, passed away May 1, 2011, following a short battle with brain cancer.

Georga was born February 22, 1947, in Kingsley, Iowa, to Hertha Emma (Rock) and Rudolph Frank Hinkhouse of rural Correctionville, Iowa. She was baptized in Christ and later confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church, Kingsley, Iowa. She grew up on the family farm with three sisters and two brothers, and enjoyed a large extended family of grandparents, aunts & uncles and many cousins living nearby. She spent most of her adult life living other places, but she returned home frequently and her heart remained in northwest Iowa.

She graduated from Correctionville High School with the class of 1965. She attended the University of South Dakota and later graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Georga was married to Thomas D. Bray, Jr. on June 3, 1972, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Iowa City. The couple was blessed with two children, Hannibal Rock and Aaron Shepard. In 1977, the young family moved to Wisconsin, where the boys were raised and Tom & Georga remained until their retirements. The couple relocated to West Des

Moines, Iowa in 2003, and then to Lady Lake in 2009.

Of all the many positions and titles Georga enjoyed during her life-from Soccer Mom to Newspaper Editor-she always said that the one of which she was the proudest was "Mother."

Georga was a talented writer, photographer, designer, and craftsperson, skills she ably put to use in her professional life, as well as using them to create family heirlooms in needlework and photographic art.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rudy & Hertha Hinkhouse, an infant sister, and three brothers-in-law, of whom she was very fond. She is survived by: her husband Tom of Lady Lake, Florida; sons Hannibal of Washington, DC, and Aaron (Julie) of Belgium, Wisconsin; three sisters, Carol Ann Welch (Clayton) and her daughter Lisa of Akron, Iowa, Jane Lee Prueher (Lee) of Racine, Wisconsin, Berni Kay Boykin (Gary) of Sioux City, Iowa; two brothers, Timothy of Bassett, Nebraska, and his children Heather, Heath and Holly, and Richard (Peggy) of Cherokee, Iowa, and his children Sam and Mikki Jo; many relatives and dear friends, including life-long special friend Joanne Dyrkopp Schar of Spencer, Iowa.

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was sad to hear of Georga's passing. I think of your family from time to time and wonder how everyone is doing. Please accept my condolences.

Peggy Langer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Georga several years in Mauston. She was one of the hardest working women I have ever known. I learned from her, argued with her and then learned some more from her! She was a soul that touched my life and I am glad I knew her. I hope to see her again one day, smiling as she so often did. My deepest sympathy to her family as I know she is a presence that cannot be replaced by any other. We are all better for having known her.

Betty Waits - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts are with your family and my heart is so heavy at the news of Georga's passing. I will never forget working with her, my first editor at the newspaper. I learned so much from her and appreciated her generosity and sense of humor. Sincerely, Rhonda Siebecker

Rhonda Siebecker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM