



Valerie Gray

November 11, 1953 - June 11, 2013

Valerie Joan Gray, 59, of Gosport, passed away Tuesday at home with her family by her side. She was born on November 11, 1953 in Columbus, Ohio; she was the daughter of Edwin Henry and Dolores Fern (Braun) Layer. Valerie was a member of the Ellettsville Christian Church. Valerie and her husband James were co-owners of Stone Cabin Designs. They also started MissionFOTO to help present mission work being done around the world. She was a musician and enjoyed playing the guitar and singing at church. Valerie and James were one of the original board members for getting Habitat for Humanity in Monroe County started. She was an assistant for Backstreet Missions and served on the board of directors for Christianville Missions-Haiti. Valerie was a caregiver, she loved helping others and sharing the ministry. Valerie is survived by her loving husband of 37 years M. James Gray of Gosport; her daughter Cassandra Jane Gray of Moreno Valley, CA; her father Edwin Layer and Virginia Smith of Lafayette; her mother Dolores Layer of Ellettsville; and two brothers Christopher Layer of New York City and Kurt Layer of Indianapolis. A Celebration of Valeries Life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Ellettsville Christian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Haiti Health Ministries, PO Box 175; Girard, KS 66743 or online at www.haitihealthministrie

s.org.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Dear Jim...
May God hold you tightly in His arms and carry you for as long as you need through your grief. It is our hope and prayer that you find some small consolation in knowing that Val is with our Father in heaven, surrounded by warmth, love and joy.

*God Bless and Keep You,
Lisa and Bill Hurley*

Lisa and Bill Hurley - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I don't know if you remember me, but I lived across the street from you when you lived on S.2nd St. in Lafayette. I used to babysit for Cassandra. You may know me better as the girl who played the flute and always burnt popcorn! I used to love to watch her working on her big loom, and she was always interested in what I was doing. You three were such a wonderful family.*

*I know God will give you the strength you need to get through the days a head knowing she is with him. I will keep you in my prayers.
Dawn Bradley*

Dawn (Rishel) Bradley - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

AN

“ *Dear James,
I was so sorry to learn of Val's death.
She made working on my project just so much fun. What a special person she was. I will never forget her.*

*With Love and Best Wishes,
Anne*

Anne Grossmann - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

BE

“ Dear Jim,
There are not but a handful of people in life that you just want to be with because the joy is contagious, but Val was one. She was blessed with multiple gifts that she put to the highest use to better humanity. God's creation of the personhood of Valerie is almost a species all to itself. Enough can't be said can it? Love and support to you and all of your family.
Beth Schroeder

Beth Schroeder - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DM

“ *Val was one super lady, and no doubt she is having a fabulous time in heaven collecting all of the rewards she has earned for herself while here on earth. Always smiling, always singing, always positive in everything she did. This world needs more Valerie's to keep it positive. We will miss her, but look forward to seeing her on the other side some day. Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. We love and miss you!*

Blessings,
Don & Marilyn Feaster

Don & Marilyn Feaster - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

RD

“ Dear James,
So sorry for your loss. We always remember the first people we met we settled in Bloomington. It was so exciting to meet other catamaran sailors. The adventures on Lake Monroe are still fond memories. The other link was building solar homes before they were barely heard of. We were pioneers together. So please be assured that you both will never be forgotten and remain a very special part of our history. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Ahoy, Rod & Dawn Lukas

Rod & Dawn Lukas - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

TT

“ To James and all of Val's family-we are so sorry for your loss. She was a most special person and we loved her. We feel blessed to have known Val. We are surrounded by the beautiful work Val and you did for us. Now, everyday we will be reminded of her and her love of life and beauty. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.
Trudy and Thom Kaufman

Thomas and Trudy Kaufman - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

GA

“ Jim, I am so sorry to hear about Valerie. She was and still is one fine person. I can not ever thank you both for the things you guys did. One day we all we be together

Gary Rutherford - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

JU

“ Dear Jim and Delores,

My thoughts are with you. My children and I just returned home from vacation and I read the news in today's paper. Valerie was a wonderful woman and friend. I have many memories of times spent together when working on the house. I am proud to have shared time with her. One cherished memory is when Jim and Val drove Owen and I to Chicago to look for house "things". Such a fun time.

Valerie was a wonderful woman and friend and I learned much from her. I know she and Owen will be watching over all of us.

Our love and prayers to you and all of your family.

Julie Slaughter - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of Val. She is such a wonderful person. I was always touched by her servant heart. She was an inspiration to me on each trip to Mexico. She gave her whole heart to God in everything she did. I know you celebrate for her, but will miss her dearly. My love and prayers to you.*

Jenny Rhodes (now Muller) - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM