



## Grace G. Hay

November 19, 2020

Grace G. Hay died in Fort Collins, Colorado November 19, 2020 from pancreatic cancer. She was born March 4, 1935 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and lived in Chicago, Illinois.

There are no services planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Grace by donating in her honor to the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago at <https://anticruelty.org/>; or to Pathways Hospice at <https://pathways-care.org/ways-to-give/>.

# Tribute Wall



“ Grace G. Hay

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Grace was my Sisters first boss and later good friends at a back on Michigan Avenue in the 1970's. My Sister introduced me to Grace when we helped her move into her new Apartment in Ontario Place in the early 1980's. She was so inspirational to me and advised me on many of life's challenges. Grace was a very kind soul, stern and gentle at the same time. Incredible memories and moments at her apartment. She always sent me a card in whatever city I moved to. God Bless You Grace 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️🥹🙏🙏🙏

RoI - January 14, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ Grace was my aunt, but more than that, she was my confidante. We shared many good times and a lot of good food and wine, too. My life is brighter because of her life. She will live on in beauty as she lived.

Liz Hay - December 03, 2020 at 09:03 PM

RW

“ I was lucky enough to meet Grace through work (my first job in US) and for a long time she was a voice on the phone. She helped me so much in those years and was generous enough to teach, advise and mentor me. I was thrilled to get to meet her in-person after all those phone calls and to stay in touch with her after I moved jobs.

*When I think of Grace it will always be for her loyalty, her generosity, her compassion and support, and most of all for the laughter throughout.*

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**Rachel Walters** - November 27, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JM

“ Si Benallie is right: Grace was genuinely curious about life in all its forms; good as well as bad or, even, indifferent. And our frequent trips with Si and Grace to Chicago’s Art Institute—where a staggeringly large cross-section of life is on permanent, intimate display—framed Grace at her best.

*Like the masterworks we visited and then joyfully revisited with her, Grace’s “brushstrokes”, her wit, charm, curiosity, insight, and humility—especially her humility—are unforgettable.*

*...I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous, or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spectacular, but because it never forgot what it could do.*

*Famous, Naomi Shihab Nye*

*Is it any wonder we miss her?*

*--Anne and Jim McKearn*

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**James McKearn** - November 25, 2020 at 04:53 PM

KR

*Thank you, Jim, for your lovely comments and especially the photos of Grace with her friends. Love seeing her with her friends doing what brought her joy.*

Kristi RULON - November 26, 2020 at 06:55 PM

LH

*Jim and Anne, Grace spoke of you often and with great affection. She appreciated your friendship, and the Christmas annual get together was a highlight of her year. Liz Hay*

Liz Hay - December 03, 2020 at 09:11 PM

LI

*I've been trying to find Grace online for years...only to come across this today. My mother worked for/with Grace in the 80's. The three of us would stay up all night playing trivial pursuit. I was 20ish but the memories are still vivid. I moved to NYC and eventually lost touch with Grace, but I've often thought of her, and about the wonderful bright sensitive person she was. I'm sorry I didn't find her until now. Incredibly sad. As the brits say, she was a oner.*

*Warmest regards and condolences to her family,  
Liz Hoffmann*

liz - August 29, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



James McKearn - November 25, 2020 at 04:47 PM

SB

“ I am sorry for your loss of a wonderful lady.

*Grace was curious about Chicago – its politics, its arts, and its people. She was innately curious about life.*

*Grace and I have been friends for over forty years, and I will miss her friendship.*

*Si Benallie*

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**Si Benallie** - November 23, 2020 at 10:23 AM

LH

*Si, Grace spoke often of you, and Jim and Anne, and I know how much she loved your visits and times at the Art Institute. Your Christmas tradition meant so much to her. Sending you my heartfelt condolences.*

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**Liz Hay** - December 03, 2020 at 09:07 PM

KR

“ 9 files added to the album Aunt Grace Visits



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**Kristi RULON** - November 22, 2020 at 04:30 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Kristi RULON** - November 22, 2020 at 04:24 PM

GK

*Grace was a pure Chicagoan. She generously shared her city and her condo with each of us, leaving us with so many beautiful and interesting memories. We will miss her and her yearly Holidays visits to be with us.  
Matgaret*

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**Grace's sister, Margaret Kelley** - November 23, 2020 at 06:01 PM

MA

“ *Condolences to the family and all her many friends. We knew Grace for more than 25 years. First as neighbors then moved quickly to friends and cat sitters for each other. When we had to move we looked at apartments together and she ended up at a high rise a block and a half away from the one we chose. That's when we started our lunches together on Saturdays. She joined me at the 2005 White Sox victory parade when they won the world series. We joined her for many things as well. Before she moved to Colorado she let Smokey come to live with us. It was a natural thing for him because he stayed with us every time she traveled West. She will be greatly missed. Bob and Marge Arbaugh*

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**Marge Arbaugh** - November 21, 2020 at 01:51 PM

KR

*Thank you Marge. You and Bob have been such great friends to Grace. She reminisced about all the good times you had together. We cannot thank you enough for being there and helping Grace as she began to become ill. It was a relief to us to know she had such good friends to help her when we could not be there. Smokey is one lucky little kitty! Kristi*

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**Kristi RULON** - November 22, 2020 at 03:28 PM

LH

*Marge and Bob, Grace always spoke of you with great fondness and enjoyed being part of your St Patrick's Day celebrations! I know she was so relieved that Smokey had a safe and loving second home when she was unable to care for him. Liz Hay*

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**Liz Hay** - December 03, 2020 at 09:10 PM