



Gretchen Christine Haag

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O BITUARY FOR GRETCHEN HAAG ANIMAL LOVER

After fighting a heroic battle against cancer, Gretchen passed away at the Milford Hospice on December 11, 2023. She was 78 years old.

Gretchen had a huge heart for animals. For many years, she fed and cared for the abandoned and unwanted cats in downtown Rehoboth. Out of her own pocket and the goodness of her heart, she gave them the milk of human kindness every day regardless of how inclement the weather. She was also an avid contributor to the Georgetown SPCA.

Early in her career, Gretchen moved to California where she studied and learned the intricacies of jewelry making and produced some beautiful pieces. She fell in love with the American southwest and later in life fulfilled her dream of owning a small casita in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

When Gretchen lived in Rehoboth, she was a realtor for many years and a top producer at Jack Lingo Realtor. She served her clients well. She was in sales and rentals and helped many people find the perfect summer vacation home.

Gretchen touched many peoples' lives and leaves behind many friends. She also leaves behind her beloved husband, Bruce Selman, her loving sister, Christina Haag and brother-in-law James Brennan.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 Dupont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947.

Services will be private.



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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BR

Brien posted:

I am so sorry for your loss of Gretchen, Christina. Brien Levy (JoAllen Drive neighbor)

July 21 at 8:59 AM

JK

Jill Kovacs posted:

Peace to your soul. Heartfelt sadness to you Christina and Bruce. Glad to have the opportunity to have nice memories of time spent with Gretchen.

December 14 at 4:41 PM

SD

Sue Warrington-Doud posted:

I am so sad to see this~ seems like I just chatted with her briefly the other day~ I live in the 200's at Spring Lake and saw her mainly when I was walking my dog and she was driving in or out~ she would always say that my dog was the most exercised! I'll always remember that~ she was a bright light in my world and in many others~ my sympathy to her husband and to Christina~ she will never be forgotten♥

December 14 at 3:21 PM

SJ

Susan S Jimenez posted:

We are indeed heartbroken to learn of Gretchen's passing. We were next door neighbors at Spring Lake for 13 years and had many fun times and laughs together. Two years ago we moved to Sarasota Florida and were fortunate enough to have Christina and Gretchen visit us just this past September! We are so glad we got to have that time together. Our deepest condolences to Christina, and Gretchen's beloved Bruce. Thank you Bruce for taking such good care of her and being by her side. You were a blessing and Gretchen knew it and loved you. May she rest in peace and thankfully is suffering no more. Love, Sue and Paul Jimenez

December 14 at 1:07 PM



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MB

Michael Buie posted:

I am heartbroken to hear this news. I've lived a few doors down from Gretchen for years. To echo Anthony and Janice Pinto, Gretchen has always been one of the loveliest people I have ever had the pleasure of calling a "neighbor." Always a smile on her face, even when my dogs were barking incessantly. Always a sweet wave of the hand, as she passed by. I will miss her sweet face and beautiful spirit...but I know that same spirit is likely feeding stray dogs and cats somewhere on the other side. My condolences to Bruce and her family. She will be missed by all of us in the 600 block of Spring Lake.— Michael Buie

December 14 at 11:48 AM

AP

Anthony Pinto posted:

We are so very sorry to learn of this- since moving next door to her she has been a warm and welcoming neighbor- always ready to help and guide us as we got to know Spring Lake. She made such an impact in such a short time and will be greatly missed. Anthony and Janis Pinto.

December 14 at 11:26 AM

JH

J. Hopkins posted:

Gretchen was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. May you be with God.

December 14 at 9:38 AM

CM

Cynthia Martin posted:

I am so very sorry. Gretchen was one of my favorites at Jack Lingo Realty. She was always pleasant when I called. I enjoyed our conversations on a variety of subjects. She will be missed.

December 14 at 7:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gretchen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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