



Clara "Cis" Frances Kruger

April 9, 1956 - July 22, 2024

On July 22nd 2024, we sadly said goodbye to Clara "Cis" F. Kruger, after a long battle with metastatic cancer. A wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin, Cis was so very much loved by so many.

Clara "Cis" F. Brainard was born in Pennsylvania to Hank and Elizabeth Brainard on April 9, 1956. She was the second of four children. Cis spent the greater part of her childhood and young adult years in the Northwestern states of Montana and Idaho.

She had a handful of jobs throughout her life, but what she loved most was being a member of The Laborers union, Local # 155, which is where she finally met the love of her life, Ron Kruger. In the late 1980's, Ron came to Idaho Falls to help in the building of the malt plant south of town. He was from North Dakota, became her boss and the rest is history. She brought three children into the relationship, Elisha, Sheila and Douglas. He brought two, Melissa and Josh. They agreed he would stay in Idaho once that job was finished, and she became Mrs. Ron Kruger. They spent the next 20 years in Idaho.

In 2016, after Ron sold his construction business, Cis finally agreed to relocate back to Ron's home state of North Dakota. She always told folks. He

gave her 20 years in Idaho so she owed him 20 years in North Dakota. Kathryn, North Dakota is where she found her peace and serenity, with Ron at her side. She spent many hours manicuring her flower beds, talking to wild birds and squirrels, and making jewelry. Kathryn is where her final resting place will be, close to all those that love and cherish her.

Cis enjoyed many things in life with Ron at her side. Most notable was her love for fishing, flowers, and jewelry making. She loved deeply and had a soft heart for those less fortunate, whether it be a person, or an animal. Cis had many business adventures as well. They owned the Bone Store in southeast Idaho for a handful of years. She had a thrift store and always dreamed of having a flower store. Cis also had a fancy for cars as well especially a Firebird, Cadillac, and Corvette.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Shelly.

Cis is survived by her husband, Ron; children Elisha (James) Foster, Sheila (Joseph) Brown, Douglas Simonton, Melissa (Cory) Meyer, Josh (Jonelle) Kruger; 16 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. A sister Wanda (Michael) Miller and brother Lee (Caroline) Brainard also survive.

A Celebration of Life service for Cis will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Cis is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Ron so sorry to hear about your wife's passing. Her picture reveals a kind soul. You take care! Talk to you soon. Russell Heimbuch.

Russ Heimbuch - August 13, 2024 at 09:52 PM

LA

“ Ron, Josh, DJ, and family,
Our hearts 💔 are sadden to hear of your loss. Cis was a 2nd mom to our boys. Josh and Blake, aka Spinner and Buck. Always watching out for them, as we tried to return the favor. Josh and DJ are our extra boys, love you always. ❤️❤️
Hugs and prayers for you all.
Love for you all. Ma & Pa Skinner

Laurie - August 11, 2024 at 01:21 PM

MS

“ Ron and family, sorry for your loss, prayers to you & your family .

mark & Shirley Stowman - July 28, 2024 at 12:06 PM

VB

“ Pain free! Rest in Peace my cousin. You and your sisters & brother were a large part of my childhood. Our Mom's were close their whole life and I miss them both. You and I lost touch somewhere along the way, but your memory lives on in my heart.

Vickie L McClellan Benson - July 28, 2024 at 11:41 AM

JC

So sorry to hear about Cissy she was a long time friend of my family (Trimble family) my name is Janice Trimble Cotton. Our prayers are with you and your at this time.

Janice Trimble Cotton - July 30, 2024 at 07:44 PM

TH

“ *What a lovely obituary. She sounds like an amazing woman and our world is lessor without her in it. Ron and family, I'm so sorry for your loss*

Todd Huus

Todd Huus - July 27, 2024 at 08:42 PM

KH

“ *Ron and family, m so sad to here this. My prayers are with you. Kandie Howard.*

Kandie Howard - July 27, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SG

“ *Oh Cis, this hurts my heart...I Love You So Much...Give Shelley, and your Mom a hug for me...I can hear you sing, I Wish I Was A Teddy Bear, and how much you loved to sing...I can hear you laugh, I can hear you plotting...You were sweet and ornery, and very loving...I'm happy that you no longer have pain, and are no longer sick...I will hug you and Shelley, and your mom again, some day...Rest well with God sweet girl...Shorty*

Shorty Grigg - July 26, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JN

“ *Some of the best and most deep conversations I ever had with grandma were had on the back porch, smoking cigarettes, drinking pepsi. Her love for all humans helped shape me into who I am now. I love you so much for that grandma, I'm gonna miss you. I'm gonna miss camping and hunting and dressing up mannequins with you. Rest well and hug auntie for me.*

Jessica noyes - July 26, 2024 at 06:15 PM

LP

“ Sorry to hear about Cis. She was one of a kind. My thoughts are with Ron and the rest of her family. Rest in peace Cis

Lance Peterson - July 26, 2024 at 06:11 PM

SB

“ ***Correction***

Cis didn't just have a fancy for cars... she OWNED one of each... Thus the reason it was added. .

***this is Sheila. #2 child. It is very very difficult to write a story about yr lost loved one and compress it into a couple small paragraphs.*

There is not enough storage here for me to add all the amazing things mom got to experience through her years... what I want to make very clear.... mom was Pa's EVERYTHING!!! IF she fancied anything, Pa made sure it was attainable. Mom never wanted for anything in the last 35yrs of her life. She liked fancy cars. Pa made sure she got to own each and every one...

We miss mom so so very much. But we also know, at some point quality of life has to mean something. We know she is in PEACE and sitting beside our Heavenly Father. Our hearts are heavy. . .

Please don't hesitate to put yr memories here. . . We LOVE reading them. GOD BLESS.

Sheila Brown - July 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

JW

Love you, Sheila. Sending you so much love, and hugging your heart tight during this difficult time. Mothers are so very special, and I am so happy that she had you and Elisha there with her during this transition into the next life. Prayer and love to your entire family.

Julie Wright - July 27, 2024 at 11:40 PM

LB

“ *Cis, our lives have certainly never been simple, uncomplicated, or painless, but your ability to endure, live, and love was matched only by your capacity to empathize and advocate for others. I will miss our banter and your ridiculous sense of humor. I love you. Rest well!*

Lee Brainard - July 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

NS

“ *My friend! I'm so sorry for the loss of our loved one!*

Norlene Schneider - July 26, 2024 at 01:16 PM

KN

“ *My name is Kelly Ngo. I lived a couple houses down from Cissy and Ron. Cissy would have infusions on Tuesday's I think it was. So I'd try to make them supper then they didn't have to worry about it. I know they were really tired after that. I loved just going over and talking to her. My own mom passed away in 2015. Cissy said that's ok. I'll be your 2nd mom. I really needed that. So I made sure she had a necklace that said I love you to the moon and back. All the girls in my mediate family wear one. I looked up to her. She was beautiful, funny, caring, sweet, and I loved every minute I got to spend with her. Ron as well. He makes me laugh. I will forever love and miss her. Till we meet again my friend.*

Kelly Ngo

Kelly ngo - July 25, 2024 at 09:21 PM