



## Roxanne Silvers

May 14, 1963 - January 23, 2009

Funeral services for Roxanne Silvers, formerly of Bertha, were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Domian-Anderson Funeral Home in Bertha. Roxanne passed away at her home in St. Louis Park on Friday, January 23, 2009 at the age of 45 years. Roxanne was born on May 14, 1963 in Taylor, MI, where she lived until her parents bought property in Bertha. She was twelve years old when they moved to Minnesota. She attended school in Bertha, and grew up enjoying the beautiful woods and ponds of the property. After graduation from Bertha-Hewitt High School, Roxanne moved to St. Cloud, MN where she attended St. Cloud State College. She graduated with a B.A. in art history, with honors, and also completed masters course classes in Middle Eastern studies and Arabic language. During this time, she also worked on productions at Theater Le Homme Dieu (summertime) in Alexandria, MN where she gained experience in costuming for several productions. Roxanne then moved to Minneapolis where for many years she was involved in the Twin Cities art communities. She also worked as a model, and with her interest in art and intricate bead work, created many original and beautiful designs. She dyed her own fabrics and created clothing using batik. She became a regular attendee of art fairs where many people collected her work, and recognized her from show to show. She began taking classes at the Minnesota School of Botanical Art, using watercolor to paint plant and mushroom specimens. Roxanne showed her work with other MSBA members and created much interest in her work. During her life in Minneapolis, she was

employed for many years at J.C. Penney, and later as a buyer for Northern Sun Merchandising. Roxanne is survived by her husband James Garrison; parents Edwin and Dortha Silvers; sister Carmen Silvers; and nieces Stephanie, Lila and Skye. When you think of Roxanne, think not what a shame it is to have lost her so soon. Roxanne was highly intellectual and very open minded, exploring many cultures, religions, scientific topics, and politics; she was very active in our world and our society. The voracity and zest with which Roxanne pursued life was always shared with those near and dear to her, but she was also highly sensitive with a keen insight into people's thoughts and perspectives. Think of all those magical events she weaved into our lives, the memories she has provided us, really the depth and core of who she was. There are so many parts of her, so many parts that she sprinkled amongst all of us that she gave us unselfishly. In her honor, we need to recognize the magic of her being, love her for who she was, and cherish our memories of her.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to Roxanne's family. I hope her passing was peaceful. May God comfort you in this difficult time.

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**Curtis Margerum** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Roxanne from High School, I was friends with Carman that is how I knew Roxanne. Again I am so sorry for your loss.. You all are in my prayers...

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**Terri (Shamp) Dahlvang** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roxanne was A wonderful friend in high school. So sorry to hear about her loss of life. My prayers go out to your family. Keep God in your heart! The Dettmer family

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**jane dettmer (samuelson)** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My deepest sympathy to Roxanne's family , Roxanne was a dear friend to me , Her drive for learning and knowledge were an early influence in my life , one that I Thank her for , and will always hold dear. I remember our long bus rides home from school, her helping me with homework as it all seemed to come naturally from her. She was a smart and gifted being. We would always say in our senior year as a count down " we only have six more months until were college students" so long for now Roxanne, but we'll ride bus number 2 again . With Love . Steven Hammel

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**Steven Hammel** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our sincere sympathies during this difficult time for the Silvers family. Roxanne and I shared many good times in high school, what a funny lady. Her gift for writing was amazing and she always made me laugh. I am sure those around her feel this tremendous loss but her memories will surround everyone that knew her and many of us will recall very special times and wonderful stories we each carry about Roxanne. Our thoughts and prayers.

*Duane and Vickie Piere*

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**Duane Piere** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I'm so shocked and saddened to read of Roxanne's passing - but the heavens have gained a beautiful addition!  
Roxanne and I often shared seats on the long busride of Bus #2. She had a beautiful soul and it was apparent even in grade school. My regret is that we did not remain in contact after I moved away from the neighborhood in 1978.  
May the angels surround your family during this time of grief.

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**Lynnette (Goeden) Fellman** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ I am stunned to only recently learn of the death of beautiful Roxanne. She was a gorgeous spirit and will be greatly missed. I last ran into her at North Hennepin Community College, where I work and she was doing some modeling. It was so lovely to see her, to catch up on her excitement about her marriage and her new home in St. Louis Park. She seemed even happier and more at peace than ever. We talked about getting together for dinner, but then never did. Though it wouldn't change anything, I wish we had. The cliché is that life is short; the fact is that it can indeed be terribly short. We don't always have as much time as we think to connect with those we care about. I will miss her energy, her spirit, her talents, her idealism, and her commitment to all the things that matter in life very much.

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**Heidi Howell Farrah** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM