

Worrell, Gale

Gale Worrell, age 58, of Madison, passed away unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm on Jan. 18, 2008. Gale was raised on the family farm in Bad Axe, Mich., surrounded by a lively and loving family. She met her husband, Cal, while in college and they married soon after. Cal's career as a hotelier took them away from Michigan and all over the United States.

Despite leaving the farm and becoming a city girl, the work ethic Gale learned on the farm never left her. Even days before her death, she could be found on a ladder shoveling snow off her roof or with a sledgehammer in hand knocking down a basement wall. Gale wore many hats throughout her life as a preschool teacher, hotel manager, accountant and design consultant.

No task ever seemed too tall to fill and she never stopped impressing us with her ability to conquer just about anything. Gale and Cal raised three successful and charismatic children: CK, age 31, Erica, age 28, and Jon, age 22. She cared for Cal with every inch of her being while he battled melanoma. He preceded her in death in 2006.

Besides giving her time and energy for her family and friends, Gale loved Madison and contributed to her community by helping with various organizations, such as Restoring Hope, Ann's Hope Foundation, and the Boys and Girls Club, and serving on the Juvenile Justice Board and Madison Innkeepers Association. According to her known wishes her children have chosen to donate her organs.

Gale is survived by her three children; mother, Martha Krug; and her siblings, Joan (William) Trim, Gary (Patti) Krug, Cathy (Paul) Lerash, Ken Krug and his special friend Beth, Raymond (Clara) Krug, Kevin Krug and Howard (Susan) Krug.

She was preceded in death by her father, Vern.

A memorial service will be held at HIGH POINT CHURCH, 7702 Old Sauk Road, Madison, on Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Restoring Hope Transplant House, 7457 Terrace Ave., Middleton, WI 53562.

Arrangements were handled by the Granderson West Funeral Home, Middleton, Wis.