



Liesl Andrea Georgi

April 12, 1944 - January 8, 2025

Liesl Andrea Georgi was born on April 12, 1944 to Carl Georgi and Marjorie Womelsdorf Georgi in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was the second of three children – her older sister Carol contracted severe meningitis in her youth and lived most of her brief life in an institution, while her younger brother Todd was a biologist who passed in 2023. While she was raised mostly in Nebraska, her parents instilled a love of travel, resulting in her spending several years in various European countries, including France, Germany and Denmark. As a result, Andrea became fluent in French, Danish and German. Her love of languages also led her to study Russian, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi and Czech.

After her graduation from Lincoln High, she attended Middlebury College in Vermont. She later returned to Lincoln for her BA in French (with an anthropology minor) from the University of Nebraska (UNL), where she graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She went on to earn an MA in French literature from UNL as well.

Andrea married another language lover, Ben Vrana, whom she met during her studies. They had two children, Paul (1966) and Jane (1974). Andrea and Ben divorced in the late 1970s, and she subsequently worked in computer programming, systems analysis, and sales. Her diverse array of careers and

desire to be near her children led her to Florida, Wisconsin, New Jersey, California, and Illinois.

Andrea had a life-long passion for animals – a “naughty” horse she had as a girl led her first to dog obedience training, which she later judged. Her entry into conformation dog fancy led her to breeding and showing Rottweilers and Cardigan Welsh Corgis. She ultimately became an AKC judge of 25 breeds, including the entire herding group. Chronic illness led her to a gradual transition to the cat fancy where she bred and showed the Russian Blue and Burmese breeds for nearly four decades.

She especially loved enriching children, whether human, canine, or feline. She loved art, comedies, mystery novels, and cultures of all kinds.

Despite her struggles with chronic physical illness, Andrea lived her life on her own terms. She passed away suddenly on January 4th and is mourned by her children, her grandchildren, her friends, and the staff at Brown’s animal hospital.

A memorial service will be held Saturday 1/18/25, 3:30pm at Faith Tabernacle church in Peoria (3331 N Finnell Ave, Peoria, IL 61604).

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Cathy Stump Rauch. Andrea and I graduated in the same class at Lincoln High School, Lincoln NE. I want Jane to know that Andrea has been remembered on our Lincoln High Class of 1961 website. Her obituary has been posted on her special “In Memory” page. I remember Andrea well, beginning when we were young children taking dance classes from Lincoln's “famous” Flavia Waters Champ. As a child and as a high school classmate, Andrea always had an exuberance for life which was evident to all. The world is a better place because of her and the happiness she spread. RIP Andrea. Condolences to Jane, extended family and friends.

Cathy Stump Rauch - April 05, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JM

“ I have many good memories of stopping by Andrea's and visiting her and her felines. She was fun to talk to because she was so honest, frank and intelligent. It's sad for me to think of her gone, but imagining the absolute joy she is in with her Lord is comforting. I'm sorry Jane, Paul and the rest of her family for your great loss. She loved you all so much and talked about you almost every time I visited her.

Jacqueline McCalister - February 09, 2025 at 10:58 PM

JS

“ My name is Jody Kaiser Scott. I first met Andrea when we adopted a Burmese we named Jasper from Andrea in June of 2020, during the height of the pandemic. We became fast friends and text buddies. Two years later we adopted another Burmese from Andrea we named Dexter. I am very grateful to her because she offered us two very well adjusted cats that love each other. I have enjoyed our many text exchanges on a multitude of topics through the years. I will miss her very much.

Jody Kaiser Scott - January 30, 2025 at 09:06 AM

PV

“ Liesl Andrea Georgi

Paul Vrana - January 20, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MQ

“ I met Andrea when she sold me a Burmese kitten in 2021. I had two older Burmese at the time. The kitten fit in well and was a joy. When I lost my other two Burmese, I contacted Andrea and she had another “quiet” Burmese for me. Turns out she wasn’t quiet at all. Anyway we kept in touch and it was always such fun to share stories with her. I’ll miss our chats!

Mary Quinlivan - January 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM