



## Grant Thomas Craft

February 27, 1970 - April 1, 2019

Grant Thomas Craft was born February 27, 1970. He lived until he was 49, dying April 1, 2019 from diabetes complications. He lived in Butte the last 17 years but moved many times previously. He lived a profoundly humble life, always respecting other and being very polite. He graduated high school in San Jose, California in the late 1980's.

Grant grew up with his family of Irving and Connie Craft, the proud parents of Grant in San Jose, California. His beloved daddy, Irv, died when Grant was 3 ½, but the Good Lord gave Grant many, many memories of him, all loving and good. Grant's daddy called him "Boomer" and spoiled him. Grant's mother Connie, then a single mother worked as a nurse to care for her Grant. Grant was very protective of her and loved her dearly. She died in 2002 in Klamath Falls, Oregon where Grant had to say goodbye to his best friend and mom. Grant lived in Oregon "off the grid" when he was eight and nine and fondly remembered riding his bike there, but happily for his entire childhood, but especially in the back country of Oregon.

Grant's first love was Maryland where he lived when he was 6 and 7. His parents were natives of Washington DC and again when he got to move back across the country from California with his mom in 1992 to Myersville, Maryland. This was Grant's home as he called it, loving the country, small town, rain, greenery and gorgeous fall colors. He even had the colors in an afghan that a dear friend made to remind him of his home. In 1998 he had to move to Butte from Maryland to help his mom retire and watch after her. He

was a good and loyal son, taking care of her when she got very sick until her death. His mom and he were great Christians and shared much time talking about Jesus. He took her to Oregon where she wanted to die. Connie had a friend, Anita Wood, who she knew since Grant was three and lived in California and that's why they came to Butte to follow the Wood family, so it was natural after Connie died for Grant to go back to Butte to be with the only "family" he ever knew, the Woods.

Grant had no sibling but adopted the three Woods boys, Jim, John and Mark. On August 23, 2008 Grant met the love of his life, Maria Canty in Butte and from that day they were best friends and never separate. Together they loved take out and sitdown meals where they cultivated their friendship and eventually got married on July 3, 2009 at the Copper King Mansion in his tux and her flowery dress. They had ten years together (not all married), but together every day none the less.

Grant had a gift for woodworking and carpentry. He loved sawdust! His sense of humor was funny and loving. He loved comedians and the MTV show "Ridiculousness" and AFV. He loved all animals, especially dogs, hamsters and baby rhinos.

Grant was awaiting the return of his Savior, Jesus Christ since he was 3 years old. His faith was his best trait, loving his Lord who he is finally now face to face with for all eternity. He was a beautiful witness for Jesus.

He is survived by friends: Maria Canty who he called his best friend and "heart-wife", former parents-in-law, Mary Ann (Shugrue) and Marc P. Canty, former brother-in-law, Marc S. Canty, dear friends, John and Crystal Lynch of Helena, good friends, Father Patrick Beretta, Erin and Pat Sigl, The Stigers, Marlene Head, Sue Walsh, Jackie Assel, the entire Wood Clan of Butte and all his Highland View Manor neighbors and staff.

Rest in peace and enjoy your reward for having done your best and believing in Jesus, Love your friends, we love you Granty. Grant loved evangelists the Swaggarts and Perry Stone so please make memorials to the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 4300, Chicago,

IL, 60602-2584. Thank you.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone. Revelations 21:4

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date and will be announced.