



Georgia Quill

Georgia worked at Rapid City Regional Hospital from March of 1980 until the fall of 2002, when she was diagnosed with cancer. She lost her battle to cancer in late January of 2003 but left a legacy of caring and compassion.

Georgia was a very passionate person as demonstrated by her commitment and dedication to her family, friends and her work. She received her nursing degree through a hospital diploma program and then continued on in her education to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration. Georgia and her husband both served in the United States Air Force and raised three sons.

Georgia accepted many challenges throughout her work career at Rapid City Regional Hospital and always felt she needed to master the work and thus immersed herself in it at all times. She always presented a fresh and practical perspective to any problems she encountered. Because of Georgia's dedication and desire to gain more knowledge, she attracted the attention of a lot of the "financial types", as they loved and appreciated Georgia's attention to detail. She became the prominent "go-to" person because of her understanding of the clinical as well as the financial sides of the DRG system. She volunteered and served as Secretary to the local Medical Federal Credit Union.

It was suggested she join SD Chapter of HFMA and quickly volunteered to become

the editor of newsletter, which was then called the "Exchange". To help Georgia do the work of being editor, the chapter sent her the LTC, when it was held in Puerto Rico. Many stories came out of that LTC meeting, a few told by Georgia.

Georgia was truly one of those people that only come around once in your lifetime. She enjoyed all facets of her life and led by example. She was very much an admired employee, friend, mother, and wife. To honor Georgia's commitment, dedication, and loyalty to patients and to the nursing profession, a memorial fund was established at Rapid City Regional Hospital to further the education and development of the nursing staff. The purpose of the *Georgia Quill Memorial Nursing Development Fund* is to sponsor an annual educational program that will support the goal of a commitment to excellence in patient care.



Even though Georgia had the opportunity to only get to know a few of the SDHFMA members in the short years she was involved in the chapter, she left a lasting touch on everyone she knew. To honor Georgia's memory, the SDHFMA Board voted to re-name the *Exchange* to the *Quill Exchange* in 2004 to remind everyone of Georgia's zest for helpfulness, education and her joyful and good-natured outlook on life.

