



Ann Odene Kinsolving

July 28, 1951 - March 10, 2022

Ann Odene Kinsolving, 70, of Cross Lanes left this life behind peacefully and entered into her Heavenly resting place in the arms of Jesus her Savior, Thursday, March 10, 2022. In the final weeks of this life, Ann lived courageously with pancreatic cancer, never complaining but at peace knowing what awaited her was far better than she could ever imagine. We believed when the diagnosis was given the Lord had already defeated illness and death through His Son and restoration would come the moment she left this earth for Heaven. How wonderful to know where she is now, there is only love, light and life with her Lord and those she longed to be with once again.

Ann was born July 28, 1951 and was the first child to Odie and Mildred Kinsolving. Born and raised in Charleston, Ann attended Charleston High School and Morris Harvey College, where she majored in Education. She spent nearly four decades with Kanawha County Schools first as a teacher at Grandview Elementary, then as vice principal of Cross Lanes Elementary, principal at Midway Elementary, principal at Alban Elementary and concluded her career as a 3rd Level teacher at Cross Lanes Elementary. Soon after her retirement in 2009, she became full-time caregivers of her parents when their health began to decline.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents, Odie and Mildred, both of whom she missed every day since they left for Heaven, Odie in 2011 and Mildred in

2016. She is survived by daughter Bethany Simmons of Charleston, brother Athel Kinsolving (Kelly) of Alum Creek and sister Mary Beth Hiller (John) of Taylors, South Carolina, many nieces and nephews and faithful friends. Ann is also survived by ex-husband, Timothy Simmons (Kathryn) who remained a trusted friend in later years of life.

In 1991, Ann became a member of First Baptist Church in St. Albans and spent nearly 20 years serving as an organist of the church. She was also involved in the children's music ministry and volunteered with Vacation Bible School and Music Camp during many summers.

Ann spent her life helping others and loved working with children. During the course of her 36-year career with Kanawha County Schools, she helped instill a love of learning in hundreds of children, many of whom kept in touch with her once they moved on from elementary school.

Ann's love of music ran deep into her soul and often music communicated what words could not. An organist and pianist, she also proudly played the clarinet and sang in several choirs.

Ann will be remembered as an accomplished teacher, musician, animal lover, daughter, sister and friend, but the greatest joy of her life was being Mother to Bethany Ann and teaching her to love and trust Jesus.

The family would like to thank the staff at CAMC Memorial, specifically 5 South Oncology, where we believe angels work. Sincere gratitude to the hundreds of people across several states who prayed for Ann's peace and comfort. Your prayers were palpable each day of this journey.

A celebration of Ann's life will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at First Baptist Church St. Albans, with Rev. Joel M. Harpold officiating and

Thomas Hollinger providing music. Burial will follow in Elk Hills Memorial Park, Big Chimney.

Friends can visit with the family two hours prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church of St. Albans, 523 2nd Street, St. Albans, WV 25177, in her memory.

God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5.

You can visit Ann's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Kinsolving family.

Cemetery Details

Elk Hills Memorial Park

4705 Pennsylvania Ave.
Charleston, WV 25302

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of St. Albans
2nd St & 6th Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of St. Albans
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Tribute Wall

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“ *To Bethany Simmons, from Matthew Moore.*

Hi Bethany -- I just wanted to take a minute to send my condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. I have nothing but the fondest memories of your mother from my childhood, and always remember what a pleasure she was to be around any time our paths crossed. I am so grateful that my grandma Phyllis had such an amazing friend like Ann. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sending you love and light,

Matt

Matthew Moore - March 15, 2022 at 04:47 PM

BK

“ I was blessed to begin my teaching profession teaching second graders at Grandview Elementary with Ann. She is such a wonderful Christian role model, a fabulous mentor, an awesome co-worker, and a special, dear friend. I will cherish the many years we spent together making learning fun, exciting, and memorable for the children in our classrooms! Ann and I always looked forward to celebrating the holidays in our classrooms as much, or more, than the children did! We loved dressing up as Raggedy Ann and Andy for Halloween; having the children make presents for Mom and Dad for Christmas; sharing in the excitement of opening Valentine cards from classmates; capturing the excitement of that crafty Leprechaun leaving footprints in our classroom on St. Patrick's Day; and making baskets to hold lots of candy for Easter. Those were the best years of my teaching career... with Ann.

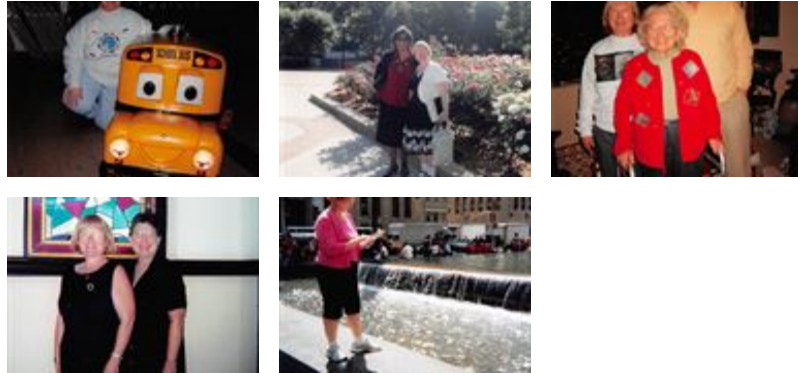
*"A true friend prods you to personal growth,
Stretches you to your full potential,
And most amazing of all,
Celebrates your successes
As if they were her own."
Richard Exley*

This poem describes Ann. Ann will always be my true friend, and she will always have a place in my heart. I will miss her! Love you always, Ann!

Brenda Knighton - March 14, 2022 at 11:57 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - March 14, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Sending deepest sympathies to my cousins, Mary Beth, Athel and Bethany. Praying for peace and comfort to fill you. Rejoicing that we will be reunited one day!*

Esther and Dave Martin

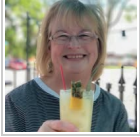
Esther Martin - March 14, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Mary Jones lit a candle in memory of Ann Odene Kinsolving*



Mary Jones - March 14, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Condolences to all of Ann’s family. We both grew up on Crestview Drive and graduated High School together. I have not been in touch with Ann for many years. She was always kind and sweet. I remember a lot of good times with her, especially riding our bikes together. I am so glad she knew the Lord and is with Him and her parents now, enjoying their love. She no longer has pain.*

Carol Frame Harrington

Carol Harrington - March 13, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Odene Kinsolving.*



March 13, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *I met Ann at Morris Harvey College many years ago. We became good friends and she was my Maid of Honor in my wedding 48 years ago. Ann had a wonderful personality and was always wanting to help her friends. She was dear to me and I will miss her. When I saw her in the morning "Gazette", I couldn't believe that she died. However, my faith and hers was the same and I know she is in Heaven. I loved her.*

Kay Medley - March 13, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Odene Kinsolving.*



March 13, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *I met Ann many years ago when I was working at Morris Harvey and we became friends. She was a kind, caring person. Sorry to hear of her passing, but she is rejoicing in Heaven!*

Nyola - March 13, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *RuthAnna Alderson Parsons lit a candle in memory of Ann Odene Kinsolving*



RuthAnna Alderson Parsons - March 12, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Ruth Anna Alderson Parsons*



Ruth Anna Alderson Parsons - March 12, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ann Odene Kinsolving.



March 12, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Ruth Anna Alderson Parsons*



Ruth Anna Alderson Parsons - March 11, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Ann Odene Kinsolving.



March 11, 2022 at 02:28 PM