



Mrs. Ann D. Hudson

January 27, 1955 - March 31, 2022

.Ann Dulin Hudson, loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother, passed away recently in Roswell, GA.

Ann is survived by Steve, her husband and always her soulmate and best friend. She is also survived by her three children – Kathryn Marie Hudson of Ithaca, NY, Andrew Hudson (Brittany, Eli and Nora) of Greensboro, NC, and Nathan Glen Hudson (Elizabeth) of Charlotte, NC. She is also survived by sisters Jane House (Jeff) and Lynn Dulin and half sister Tanya Eason. Ann was born January 27, 1955, in Griffin, GA, to Pat and Glen Dulin. She grew up in the Atlanta area and attended Wesleyan College in Macon and Georgia State University in Atlanta, studying church music and music education.

Ann was married to Steve for 47 years. They met (in what Steve describes as a major stroke of good luck, though he does not specify for who!) in high school at the Governor's Honors Program in Macon, Ga., and were (in Steve's words) "just friends" for some time.

But as Ann tells the story, something changed during the spring of her sophomore year in college. For one thing, Ann took up fly fishing, Steve's favorite pastime, and became quite good at it. That was all it took, and they became engaged soon after, though following the engagement her interest in fly fishing diminished a bit. Steve mentioned that to Ann's grandmother, who wisely answered, "Grandson, she caught the fish she wanted to catch!"

Ann and Steve were married following graduation from college. The rest was

one long love story – and a lot of fun.

For example, Ann and Steve delighted in embarrassing their kids with public displays of affection, particularly when presents were being given or received. For example, at Christmastime, even her smallest gift to Steve would be acknowledged with a prolonged and enthusiastic kiss. This evoked all kinds of interesting responses from the kids, and Steve did not complain at all.

Ann delighted in her three children – Kathryn, Andrew and Nathan, always a source of great pride. She enjoyed every minute with them as they grew up, and she was so proud of their accomplishments. She loved spending time with them and talking about them, and she always said that she could live anywhere at all as long as it had room for all of her kids to visit at one time. She also delighted in her two perfect grandchildren, Eli and Nora, who she called her “chickadees.” She relished every opportunity to spend time with the grandkids, playing or making things or snuggling or reading stories – or just talking together in that special way that only grandmothers and grandkids can do.

Next to her family, Ann’s lifelong passion was music, particularly church music and singing. She studied vocal performance at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., and completed graduate studies in music education at Georgia State University before going on to teach elementary music for many years in Texas and in Georgia.

From her teen years, Ann had always been a volunteer in children’s choir programs. After she and Steve finally settled in Atlanta she increasingly focused on church music -- first as a volunteer, and then as a professional music staff member at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. Along the way she built a widely respected children’s and youth choir program that helped thousands of young people find a lifelong appreciation of and love for music even as they learned valuable life lessons and grew in faith.

For many years, she also directed two adult women’s ensembles which sang regularly in churches. Those ensembles also established a vital and vibrant ministry in the community by singing at senior centers, assisted living facilities,

and nursing homes across the Atlanta area. It was a wonderful outreach, and the listeners often responded in unexpected ways. For example, Ann loved to tell the story of the elderly lady who stood up in the middle of one of the songs and began dancing a waltz. But her favorite story was of a lady in a memory care facility, a lady who was almost completely unresponsive to the world around her but who would gently tap a single finger to certain songs. Being able to reach her through music, Ann often said, was true ministry.

Ann also enjoyed playing the piano, and she loved teaching piano and voice to young people. She taught private lessons to hundreds of students over the years, many of whom kept in touch with her even as they grew up and started families of their own. She understood the importance of making music fun, and her goal was always to instill a love of music that would last for the student's entire life.

Outside of music, Ann loved science fiction – especially Star Trek. She enjoyed Star Trek TV episodes and also had an extensive collection of Star Trek books, each of which she had read at multiple times. She would always make sure that she and the family were among the first to see every Star Trek movie as soon as it came out. She even had a pizza cutter shaped like the Starship Enterprise -- a Christmas gift from one of her children and one of her favorite possessions.

Ann was an exceptional chef. She fixed the finest country fried steak and chocolate pie (both from recipes from her grandmothers) for miles around, and her scratch-made pizza was to die for. Her homemade cheese dip was legendary, too, especially among her kids and any of their friends who happened to be around!

In recent years, Ann discovered a great fondness for birdwatching. Feeders on the back deck drew her feathered friends within easy viewing distance, and she loved to talk about the birds she had seen each day – especially if they were hummingbirds, which came often to the hummingbird feeder or to the lavish lantana plants which grew in large pots just beyond the window's glass.

In the last years of her life, Ann began to explore the world of watercolor painting. She had long wanted to learn to paint, and she found that it was something she truly enjoyed. Many evenings were spent painting with her daughter via Zoom, and you'd often hear the two of them laughing out loud as they did so -- often over what Ann described as her ongoing battle with the challenges of painting certain flowers

Ann touched so many lives in so many ways, and she will be sorely missed by all that had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of life service in memory of Ann will be held Saturday, July 16, at 3 p.m. at Northbrook United Methodist Church at 11225 Crabapple Road in Roswell, GA. Like Ann's life, this service will be a true celebration filled with music and color and light.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ann's memory to the Atlanta Audubon Society to support the birds that bring such color and song into our lives.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

JUL 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Northbrook United Methodist Church
11225 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Dear Steve and Family,
Thinking of Ann today and how she used her musical talents to bring joy to so many people. It was a blessing to participate in the Grace Notes choir under Ann’s leadership. It was also fun! I miss her beautiful smile, generous heart, compassionate spirit, and joyful laughter. She was such an encourager and motivator, too. I am so grateful that I got to spend time singing and smiling under Ann’s direction.
With Love,
Pat Barrett*

Pat Barrett - January 09, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Ann D. Hudson*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ann D. Hudson.*



July 15, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ann D. Hudson.*



July 12, 2022 at 12:02 AM



“ *I so remember her teaching my daughter, Amanda Lammon (now Hall) & her best friend, Sara Holt, choir on Wednesdays prior to Wednesday night dinner. She was an amazing person and so talented and although we are not longer in Alpharetta, Ann will certainly leave a void in music at AFUNC. God is always good and will have another angelic voice in Heaven.*

Jessica Lammon - July 08, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *I just find out today about the loss of this kind friend, teacher, and mentor. Ann taught me so much about children, music, and motherhood. She built my daughter's confidence in choir and even though she didn't like to play the piano - she loved her one on one time with Ms. Ann. I have so many memories of her during our time together at AFUMC. I am heartbroken that she is gone and so sad for Steve, her children, and her grandchildren. The choir in heaven has gained a beautiful voice and soul.*

Ashlee Sklute - July 08, 2022 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ I just received word of Ann’s passing. What a treasured gift she was! I had the pleasure of experiencing her musical gifts with the Sweet Spirit Singers, and will be forever blessed. Sending love and comfort to her family.

Danice Sockler - May 22, 2022 at 05:29 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ann’s passing. Ann was a friend, a wonderful leader of the Morning Glories UMW circle and such a talented musician. She was my sons piano teacher and she did such an amazing job with youth choirs. Sending prayers for her family.

Johanna McClanahan - April 14, 2022 at 06:08 AM

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“ Ann had such patience with kids and teaching piano. She said once that one could always find a piano to play. Ruthanne started in 3rd grade and now nearly 29 still plays regularly. She was a great friend as well and will be very missed.

Barb Dyson - April 09, 2022 at 08:14 PM

TW

“ Ann Hudson was a special lady. She poured into children her love of music. Ann and my son had a special bond. She instilled in him his love of piano and singing. He would not be the performer he is today without her. We love her and will miss her.

Tracy Wallace - April 04, 2022 at 09:45 AM

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“ So many wonderful memories of working with Ann and the 4th and 5th grade children’s choir. She always brought the fun. She was truly gifted in singing and in directing youth.

Bonnie Luffel - April 03, 2022 at 10:47 PM