



Ann Blackwell

October 15, 1946 - October 23, 2021

Ann Blackwell a loving wife, the mother/Granny everybody wanted, caring teacher, and incredible friend to many, passed away on October 23rd at the Davis Hospice Center surrounded by her family after a long dementia journey.

She was born Karen Ann Harwood on October 15, 1946, in Boise, ID to Ted and Betty Harwood. She grew up loving to ski in the winter and enjoying Payette Lake during the summer. In 1964, she met the love of her life, Gerald Blackwell, while he was fighting forest fires as a member of the National Forest Service in McCall. Upon graduating from high school, Ann moved to Mississippi to attend Delta State and be with Gerald.

On June 25, 1967, Ann and Gerald were married in McCall. Upon graduating from Delta State with a degree in elementary education, the couple moved to Seattle, WA. After living in Memphis, TN, Starkville, MS, and Mobile, AL, the couple made Cheyenne their forever home in 1973.

Ann truly loved helping people and making their lives better. She cherished being a teacher and the gift of helping children learn and see their potential. Her passion to travel was shared with her husband and they went on many adventures around the world together. The love she had for her grandchildren was immeasurable, she treasured being their Granny! She was an active member within the community from being a Cub Scouts den mother, soccer mom to her own kids and many others, a Hands in Harmony parent, a member of the Delta, Delta, Delta sorority, collecting "pop tabs" for the Shriners Hospital, a loyal member of the Oak Skopes car club and many, many more affiliations.

Ann is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years Gerald Blackwell; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Tammy of Fruit Heights, UT and David and Alicia of Cheyenne; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth and George Pitt of Cheyenne; 2 granddaughters, Toni and Payton; 4 grandsons, Zac, Chase, Trey and Keenan; 3 great granddaughters, Chloe, Scarlet and Evelyn; 1 great grandson, Truxton; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and bother, Stan Harwood.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring when all her loved ones can gather safely. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Davis Hospice Center, Alzheimer's Association or plant a tree in memory of Ann.

Comments



“ Ann, always open and giving. Jeff and our son Jim were best of friends in High School She was devoted to her kids and later saw the delight in all her grandkids. Her love of life shown every day. Vanda Edington

Vanda - November 08, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ann's passing. We spent many hours on the soccer field together watching and cheering on our boys. My heart goes out to you all at this difficult time. Trish Meares

trish meares - November 03, 2021 at 10:59 AM



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Bailey - November 01, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Ann... Impossible to express in words this wonderful, kind, giving, loving, and fun-loving person!... Such a bright light she brought to this world... A fantastic friend and a generous volunteer who shared her incredible talents unselfishly... Her contributions as a Hands parent were endless and priceless... And the joy she brought with her sense of humor and contagious laugh will never be forgotten. I will always cherish each moment shared! The memories created by her life will be with us in the days and years ahead, in our hearts and minds. Our hearts hurt now, but her spirit lives on... May this bring comfort to all whose lives she touched and who were so fortunate to love her! Prayers are with you all, especially her cherished family! God Bless!
Martha Borgaard

Martha Borgaard - October 31, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Mrs. Blackwell was my 4th grade teacher and perhaps one of the most influential people in my life. She encouraged me to join Hands in Harmony that year and now, twenty years later, I am a Sign Language Interpreter. I love my career and I know that it all started with her encouragement. She remained a wonderful and supportive presence in my life for many, many years. I thank God for sending Mrs. Blackwell into my life and I will cherish her memory always.

Camille Gabriele - October 30, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ Ann was an Indians Baseball mom, and a loving supportive person in every way. I know her loving family is gonna miss her a lot . May God Bless. Joe Dougherty

joe dougherty - October 29, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ Ann and I became teacher friends from the first time we met! She would always make me laugh with her wit and fabulous sense of humor! Whenever she substituted at our school, Ann would bring yummy snacks or goodies for the lounge...staff members would cheer when they would see her entering our school with a platter! I still have many of her recipes!! Ann and I were "birthday twins" so the gifts and cards I received from her were priceless and so hilarious....she always make me giggle! I feel so blessed to have known her and shared so fond memories. My deepest sympathy to Gerald and the family. Ann was a blessing to us all...hold her in your heart until you can hold her again in heaven. Sending my love.

Carol Jiacoletti - October 28, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear the loss of Ann. I knew her back in the time when our kids were in Davis school. She was always so active in things going on at the school. She was a fine lady. She will be missed by family and friends.
Marilyn Stanfill

Marilyn Stanfill - October 28, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ At one point I think Ann and her family attended church at First United Methodist. I believe that's where I believe I first met her. We were both substitute teachers for Laramie County School District #1 together. Later when I had my own classroom she would often substitute for me. In fact I usually asked for Ann if I knew ahead of time I was going to be gone. She was a wonderful warm, friendly person.

Janet Cunningham - October 27, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ Ann was a dear friend to my mother and family throughout my life. She was there for all of the big events in our lives and gave her love and support unconditionally through it all. When my Mom passed away and my son was born, she would send care packages in place of my mother and it meant the world to me. She was a wonderful person and my life is better because of her. Rest In Peace. Wendy Benning Swanson

Wendy Benning Swanson - October 27, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Ann's family. Ann was a dear colleague and friend...teaching at Miller while I taught at Deming. I was also fortunate enough to have her teach my daughter. She was a dedicated educator and followed my daughter's accomplishments well past her time in Ann's classroom.

Ann celebrated her children's, grandchildren's and great grandchildren's lives and shared with me all of their accomplishments whenever I saw her. Ann's sense of humor always put a smile on my face. I'm sure she is making heaven a bit brighter and happier due to her presence.

I am so sorry for your loss,
Barb Cook

Barb Cook - October 27, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ My first recollection of Ann was meeting her on the Davis Elementary School grounds when Jeff and my son were starting Kindergarten. She immediately volunteered as a room mother and continued in that role through David and Beth's elementary years. Ann will always be remembered for loving her family, emitting thoughtfulness and generosity to all she knew, maintaining a sense of humor, sharing calligraphy skills, creating beautiful gardens around their home, driving her favorite classic cars, baking homemade bow-tie dinner rolls, making prune relish and milk can dinners and sewing burp rags for babies. She treasured her bridge games with friends, blue pottery, Hummel figurines and holiday decorations. She had a knack for displaying it all with what seemed to me a perfect design. She loved Gerald and was so patient with his car acquisitions and desire to entertain in the garage.

When Jeff, David and Beth were young, we went to Shakey's Pizza every Friday night. As a matter of fact, going out for dinner on Friday nights continued through the years with adult friends. She was so creative in her volunteer work with the Delta, Delta Delta Sorority, Boy Scouts and the Oak Spokes Automobile Car Club. She is fondly remembered as an excellent elementary school educator. Ann will hold a special place in my many memories of her; certainly Ann is smiling from above.

Kathleen Kalasinsky

Kathleen Kalasinsky - October 27, 2021 at 02:43 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Blackwell family. Ann was a beautiful, kind, caring friend and I'm blessed to have known her through soccer, teaching, and Heinline preschool. She touched so many lives and she will be greatly missed.

Many blessings and love

Ben and Jan Millard

Janice Millard - October 28, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ I loved spending the holidays with my Aunt Ann. I have such fond memories of making cranberry salad and gooey popcorn balls with her. I have a piece of McCartys pottery I purchased with her after thanksgiving that is truly a unique piece. Every time I look at it I am reminded of my sweet Aunt that I loved so dearly. I pray for my family in Cheyenne. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Amy Smith - October 26, 2021 at 10:40 PM