



Ann Gardner McLain

July 20, 1949 - January 26, 2017

Ann E. (Gardner) McLain, 67, passed unexpectedly in Manson, Washington on January 26, 2017. Ann was born in Danbury, Connecticut on July 20, 1949 to the late Jean M. Gardner and Albert C. Gardner. She is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Edward A. McLain of Anchorage and Willow, Alaska; her son Chris A. McLain of Bellevue, Washington; her daughter Kelly A. McLain of Brooklyn, New York; her sister Regina Gardner of Hamden, Connecticut; her brother Joseph Gardner of Danbury, Connecticut; and her brother William Gardner of Southington, Connecticut.

After a career as a medical technician at Danbury Hospital, Ann toured through Africa. Ann then moved to NYC where she worked as a medical researcher at the Bronx VA Medical Center, and also attended Columbia University - Teachers College. This is where Ann met her husband Ed. In her retirement, Ann enjoyed volunteering at the Anchorage Medicare Information Office and Alaska Regional Hospital.

Ann and Ed moved to Alaska in 1980. Ann's career spanned more than 20 years, teaching in Dot Lake, Mountain Village, Wrangell, Kenai, and Anchorage, Alaska until her retirement in 2004. Ann and her family's travels included trips to Japan, Korea, Australia, Jakarta, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Thailand, Mexico, Canada and all 50 U.S. states.

A service will be celebrated at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 120 E. Woodin Avenue, in Chelan, Washington on Thursday, February 2 at 3 p.m., with interment to follow the service at St. Andrews. Memorial donations may be made in Ann's name to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (PT)

St. Andrews Episcopal Church Columbarium
120 E. Woodin Ave.
Chelan, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Gardner McLain*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *I knew Ann only a few years, though Ed and I had met many times in professional circles. They joined our church, St Mary's, some years ago and jumped in with all four feet. Ann was a generous spirit offering support to young parents and elders struggling alike. A steady wise voice, she also had a wicked sense of humor that I really appreciated. I will miss her. Ed you are in my thoughts and prayers and those of your St Mary's community. We look forward to seeing you when you head north again.*

Ann Spohnholz - February 10, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ *Family and Friends of Ann,
I was fortunate to work with Ann at the Medicare Information Office in Alaska. She was always smiling and happy to help Medicare beneficiaries who were confused.
One day I confided in Ann that my daughter was having trouble with reading. Every time she came into office to volunteer she would bring recommendations and resources to help my daughter with her challenges. I adored her continued love of teaching even in her retirement! Once a teacher, always a teacher.
I will miss Ann, but I will remember my time with her fondly. I send my sympathies and support to you all during this time of great loss.*

*Jeanne' Larson
Anchorage, AK*

Jeanne - February 08, 2017 at 09:13 PM

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“ *Ann and I shared a special bond: we both survived teaching middle schoolers for several years here on the Kenai Peninsula. Her smile, her laughter, and her caring manner showed how much she loved teaching and helping others. My sincere sympathy to her family in the loss of their loved one.*

*Dorothy Gray
Kenai, Alaska*

Dorothy Gray - February 08, 2017 at 07:42 PM