



Anne Ruth Adkisson Walraven

October 14, 1928 - December 31, 2020

The author of I Corinthians reminds the faithful that "...now these three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love". Anne Ruth Adkisson Walraven possessed these virtues in abundance. Losing her parents at a relatively young age might forebode disillusionment in some minds. Anne found strength in the love of her family members who provided a nurturing home for her and her steadfast faith in her creator provided an unquenchable love for God and all for whom she would care. Anne Ruth Adkisson was born in Plainville GA on October 14, 1928. She attended high school in Atlanta and was smitten by a certain senior that she enjoyed watching excel in all efforts sports related but would not really know him personally until he came back home after World War II. Their marriage was a 69 ½ year love story because they absolutely complemented each other. Bill's job was to do the heavy lifting and bring home the bacon. Anne worked outside the home as a civil service employee but that was never intended to be a career so much as a means to an end. That end would include all the "extras" that two growing girls would need. Girls needed braces, nice outfits for school and every art class that the Museum of Arts and Sciences offered. Anne was possessed of a tremendous work ethic, so any task, be it at work or at home, received her most diligent attention. Her family joked about her ability to catch a pinecone before it hit the ground! The work she loved best, though, was not work for money, but her mission to share the love of her God with anyone within her sphere of influence. She and Bill were a team sharing with young married couples the

lessons they had learned from their study of God's word and their life experiences. In later years, they would bring leadership to The Parkway Hospital Volunteers and loved caring for newborn and preemie patients. As their lives transitioned in new surroundings at Wesley Woods, she, once again, found a kindred spirit in Ethel Bruner . Together, they formed a friendship group, "The Cool Old Ladies". Membership had certain qualifications that were closely held (probably to keep out the young'uns). It was quite a coincidence that Ethel happened to predecease her dear friend by only a few days. This quiet and genteel lady was full of surprises. She could go from silently observing an event with hands neatly folded, into a boisterous cheerleader if there was a child or grandchild involved. It is evident that Anne's life was dynamic. She served her God, revered her family, savored the mantle of responsibility, championed educational causes, and cherished all her friendships as though they were diamonds. In addition to her beloved Bill, Anne was preceded in death by her parents Julia Myrt House Adkisson and Edward Crayton Adkisson. She was also predeceased by her sister Elizabeth Cloud and her Adkisson brothers Edward, Julian, John and Thomas. She adored her role as mother to her daughters Judy Walraven Miller (and husband Gary) and Susan Walraven. She was the appropriately doting grandmother to grandsons Doug Hall (and Rob) and Donald Hall. Her great grandchildren are Camryn and Andrew Hall. When she moved in with relatives following her parents' death, her nephews Edwin and George Cloud became more like brothers than nephews. As one might expect, there is an endless list of nieces, nephews and various and assorted "adopted" folks. It is a well-worn cliché that some people leave a hole in others' lives when they pass on to heaven. It will not be used here, for her friends and family are much too busy celebrating the glorious life and love of this precious gift of God. To God be the glory, for great things He has done! Because current events limit public gatherings, Anne's family will have a private gathering to memorialize her life during the inurnment at The Georgia National Cemetery in Canton GA. Those who wish to honor the life of this dear woman of God might do so by following

her life example by random acts of kindness. During her final days she was embraced in the loving care of Homestead Hospice as they ministered not only to Anne, but also her family as Anne winged her way to a life more loving than is possible in this life on earth. It would be difficult to express the gratitude of Anne's family for the compassionate care by the staff of Wesley Woods during the 12 wonderful years they cared for and loved their mother. It is suggested that a gift to the Wesley Woods Foundation would be so appropriate and appreciated. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home
770-253-4580.

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Anne Ruth Adkisson Walraven*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 03, 2021 at 01:44 PM

LO

I met dear Anne through her daughter Susan and enjoyed hearing about their shopping trips and time spent together at Wesley Woods. If she grumbled I never heard about it and her sweet smile is a testament to her good nature. Rest eternal Anne

Louise - January 03, 2021 at 01:57 PM

BW

What a lovely tribute to a dear lady! I am so sorry for your loss, Susan and Judy. Mrs. Walraven was a special lady that was loved by so many.

Betsy White - January 04, 2021 at 02:48 PM

EC

I AM SO SORRY RO HEAR ABOUT SIS--I HAVE KNOWN HER I HAVE KNOWN HER FOR OVER 70 YEARS.SHE WS A SWEET WONDERFUL PERSON.SHE WILL BE MISSED BU EVERYONE. ELIZABETH ALSOBROOK CAMPBELL

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL - January 13, 2021 at 11:29 AM

TT

“ I’m so sorry for your Loss Susan.
Ann was a beautiful sweet lady and friend.
She was a so sweet and caring friend to June
Plachy.
I so enjoyed our lunches together with all the
ladies and Bill.
She will be missed dearly.
Praying the lord will wrap his arm around you and the family to
comfort you during this difficult time.
Hugs and much love.
Chuck & Tammy Tilghman



Tammy Tilghman - January 06, 2021 at 11:36 AM

SW

Thank you, Tammy. We have so many precious memories and they are with the Lord and made whole. Glory be! Love you, my friend.

Susan Walraven - January 10, 2021 at 07:17 AM

BW

“ I met Mrs. Walraven or "Prissy" as Susan and I called her over thirty years ago. I had just lost my Mother to cancer and "Prissy" became my adopted Mom. She was always happy, full of wisdom and loved to share her love of our Lord. One of my fondest memories is watching a neighbor's dog goose Prissy when she was pulling weeds in the garden. She jumped and went right back to work. She could out work a teenager! I will never forget her kindness in inviting Mike and me to Sunday lunches as though we were her children. I am so grateful to the Walravens for paving the way for my Dad at Wesley Woods. He moved into a unit on their floor and they introduced him to everyone. Prissy and Mr. Walraven were such a blessing to both Dad, Mike and me. We loved them so much! Prissy will be missed by so many. I will always cherish my sweet memories of her.

Betsy White - January 04, 2021 at 02:42 PM



Much love to you, Dear Friend! She knew you two were special!

Susan Walraven - January 06, 2021 at 07:13 AM

BW

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences on Mrs. Walraven’s passing. It seems that she leaves a wonderful legacy and will truly be missed by those who knew her. Susan, we are so sorry for your loss.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - January 03, 2021 at 07:03 PM



Thank you for your kindness!

Susan Walraven - January 06, 2021 at 07:14 AM

AC

“ I met Mrs. Anne through her husband years ago and they adopted me into their family and sweet loving lady you will be truly missed. She always had a smile on her face although I know she didn't feel good sometimes. Rest well in Heaven.

Augusta Cannon - January 03, 2021 at 02:49 PM



Love you, Dear Sister of My Heart

Susan Walraven - January 06, 2021 at 07:15 AM

EB

“ Anne was a beautiful, sweet lady who spread joy to everyone she met! She truly , genuinely loved people. She was a precious friend to my mother for almost 80 years. I don't think I ever heard her complain during many struggles but was so positive and uplifting...so much fun. When she visited my mom just after their 91st birthdays she danced for her and had us all laughing! I picture her today dancing in joy in the presence of her Savior! Praying for her family...what a beautiful legacy they have.

Elaine Bryan - January 03, 2021 at 02:25 PM



Love you so, Elaine! Thank you for prayers always and especially through special time. Dance on, sweet Mama of mine...

Susan Walraven - January 06, 2021 at 07:17 AM

RB

I cherish the memories I have of precious Anne. I so admired her spunky spirit, her dry wit, her SINCERE love for her friends (Mom included!), her devotion to her family, her deep faith, her love of music, her love of nature....the list goes on and on. Our world was a better place because of her. Now, heaven reaps the reward of welcoming her darling spirit back home.

Rita B Brown - January 06, 2021 at 08:55 AM

SW

Beautiful words, my dear friend. We were so blessed to be raised by our parents. I treasure the memories made in these last years so close with my mother and yours. Just the thoughts being smiles and laughter and, right now, a few grateful tears. Love to you, my friend!

Susan Walraven - January 10, 2021 at 07:24 AM