



Anne F. Roberts

July 20, 1937 - February 25, 2025

Anne Roberts died Tuesday, May 25th of natural causes at Freedom Village of Bradenton, Florida.

Anne was born in La Jolla, California on July 20, 1937 to Francis Findlay and Lois Hopkins. She was preceded in death by her older brothers John and Frank and by her older sister, Martha.

Anne attended Stanford University and met her husband, Warren, on a ski trip to Sun Valley, ID. She left her studies to get married and have 4 children in Berkeley, CA.

After relocating to Albany, New York to support Warren's career as a university professor, Anne finished up her degree while raising her children and then went on to earn her Masters (Library Science) and PhD in Children's Literature from SUNY Albany. Anne had a long and rewarding career as a Reference Librarian, specializing in Information Science.

Anne and Warren loved to travel the world and took the family to England for a year in 1970 during Warren's sabbatical. Their fondness for classical music, history, art and culture were legendary and the house parties and intellectual discussions that inevitably ensued marked the way in which Anne and Warren entertained and socialized.

After retiring from the university in 2002, Anne purchased her dream retirement home in Longboat Key, FL where she flourished for over 20 years; enjoying the opera, museums, art galleries and other rich cultural elements that are plentiful in the greater Sarasota area. Truly a social butterfly, Anne thrived on her personal relationships, and she made friends wherever she went. She made a lasting impression on people and will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her four children; Carissa (nee Erin), James (Susan), Thomas and Peter; and six grandchildren Kyle, Austin, Nolan and Surawit Roberts and Stuart and Hillary Williams.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 14th at 10:00 am at All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church on Longboat Key, Florida, with a reception following.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be sent to Southeastern Guide Dogs or the Save the Manatee Club.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Angels Episcopal Church
563 Bay Isles Road
Longboat Key, FL 34228

Tribute Wall

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Linnea Hendrickson - March 16, 2025 at 11:48 AM

PR

Thank you for sharing this lovely picture, Linnea!

Peter Roberts - March 19, 2025 at 12:29 PM

LS

“ *I have been trying to find Anne since our Christmas card was returned and was hoping to find her knowing the impact of hurricanes on Longboat key. I worked for Anne in the library at SUNY Albany, assisting with her publications and research for Albanys Vhurches and Synogogues and other work. She and Warren were so kind and generous to their students and we maintained connection mainly through Christmas cards and letters. While I wish I would have found her sooner, I know that she is home now with our Lord and her sweet love - Warren. My deepest sympathies to all her family and friends.*

Lorna Stark - March 08, 2025 at 01:27 PM

PR

Thank you Lorna, your comments mean a lot. I will be in LBK next week, to represent our family at Anne's memorial service at All Angels by the Sea, on Friday 3/14 at 10:00 am. Peter Roberts

Peter Roberts - March 08, 2025 at 04:14 PM

SP

“ *In memory of Anne F Roberts. We remember, we honor, and we will carry you in our hearts! Whitney Beach Association.*



Susan Pickering - March 05, 2025 at 02:12 PM

PR

Thank you all!

Peter Roberts - March 08, 2025 at 04:15 PM

LH

I have so many wonderful memories of Anne and all our years together attending children's literature conferences and getting together in many other places besides. She and Warren were an amazing, loving couple, and such an inspiration. I miss you Anne. I just wrote seven pages about our friendship over the past 35 years. Thank you, Peter, for keeping so many of us informed of what was happening.

Linnea Hendrickson - March 09, 2025 at 01:31 AM

PR

Thank you, Linnea, for all of your kindness and love. It is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Peter Roberts - March 09, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MB

I worked with Anne for several years at the Longboat Library. She was a lovely and memorable volunteer, and I always enjoyed her company. She had a zest for life and an intellectual curiosity that drew others to her. My husband and I met Warren at a library social function and he became the professor we wished to have had in college. Both Anne and Warren will be sadly missed.

Mary Baker - March 16, 2025 at 08:40 AM



Thank you for your kind words, Mary!

Peter Roberts - March 19, 2025 at 12:30 PM