



Marie "Ann" Cowley

September 14, 1942 - December 15, 2004

Mrs. Marie "Ann" Cowley, 62, of Topeka passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Cowley was born Sept. 14, 1942, in Liberty Hill, TX, the daughter of Vaden and Nelwyn Ross. She graduated from Abilene Christian College with a Bachelor's degree in English and Education, from the University of Oklahoma with a Master's degree in Theater, and from Washburn University with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

She served in the Peace Corps in Malawi, Africa from 1964 to 1966 as a secondary school teacher. She met her future husband, Randall Cowley, also a P.C. Volunteer, there while he was serving in a public health program. They were married June 22, 1968, in Edmond, OK. They moved to Topeka in 1972. Here, she worked as a systems analyst, first with the Third District Court and then with the KS Dept. of Transportation.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church.

She was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her mother, Nelwyn Ross, Woodward, OK; her husband; three daughters, Dr. Lisa Cowley and husband, Dr. Eric Brown, Minneapolis, MN, Karen Pike and husband, Bill, Tucson, AZ, and Jessica Cowley, Bloomington, IL; three sisters, Elizabeth

McGonigal and husband, Larry, Round Rock, TX, Dr Sue Mohrmann, Round Rock, TX, and Polly Lockhart and husband, Charles, Woodward, OK; and her granddaughter, Veronica Brown.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614. Family visitation will follow.

Mrs. Cowley was cremated. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Amnesty International, Heart of America Hospice or a charity of your choice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Marie "Ann" Cowley

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Randy,
Richard and I send our condolences. I am sorry that over the years we have known each other that we did not have the opportunity to know Ann. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this holiday season and in the future. Lynn

Lynn Heilighenthal-Showalter - December 24, 2004 at 11:46 AM



“ Randy, I was so sorry having just seen you and Ann at Pete's gathering, that that would be the last time together. I do have good memories, tho' 20 years ago. Thinking of you much since then.

Allan Marquardt - December 20, 2004 at 11:51 PM



“ Randy, my heartfelt condolences. What a loss. Best wishes in your grief.

Dave Blakely - December 17, 2004 at 05:47 PM

RD

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Ann's passing. She sat right next to me for years while she worked at KDOT. She spent a lot of time and patience showing me the ropes in my new job. I learned a lot from her both professionally and personally and use what I learned every day. I have a lot of fond memories and valued our friendship. I will miss her very much. Roger

Roger Dahlby - December 16, 2004 at 03:44 PM

TC

“ We have been so blessed to have Ann in our lives. Our lunches together through the years have been so important to us. We discussed all the "IMPORTANT" matters; children, food, vacations, families, books, videos, politics, genealogy, gardens, weather, e-mails, and on and on. It was always so great to get Ann's competent, steady, brilliant advice on problems and enjoy life's blessings together. What a joy it was to see her share her photos of her brand new precious grandchild and discuss who she looked like, etc. - she just "radiated joy". She taught us courage - never complaining. She will always be part of who we are.

Twyla and Bill Cunningham - December 16, 2004 at 03:27 PM

RM

“ Randy, Liz and I want to express our deepest condolences at Ann's passing. We pray the love and caring of friends and family will sustain you over this sorrowful time. Ray

Ray McKamy - December 16, 2004 at 02:41 PM

JD

“ Randy,

Glen and I were very sorry to hear about Ann. She was a wonderful person, and you and the girls must be devastated. We are thinking of you.

Joyce

Joyce Davidson - December 16, 2004 at 11:59 AM

EL

“ Lisa -

I am so sad to hear the news of your mother's death. She will always be an amazing person in my mind - primarily for her fabulous independence and her creativity. I can't imagine what you must be going through, but please know that if there's something random I can do, I would be happy to do it.

Your mom sent such a great note to my mom after Vica was born and she had the opportunity to spend time with the three of you. You have brought such joy and pride to your mother in so many ways. I hope the next dimension brings less physical pain but as much happiness to your mom.

*Love,
Elaine*

Elaine - December 16, 2004 at 10:46 AM