



Ann Margaret Irvine

March 31, 1937 - June 8, 2016

Ann (Margaret) Irvine, 79 passed away surrounded by her children and love on June 8, 2016 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Alzheimer's impacted her independence and abilities but it could not strip her positive nature, sweet comments, and loving heart.

A celebration of life will be at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, NE on July 14, 2016 from 1-4 p.m.

Survivors include: Karen (Fort Collins), Brad (Jennifer), Mark (Ginny), 10 grandchildren, ex-husband Larry Irvine; sisters Sue Kempkes, Jo (Gary) Sanders; brother-in-law Dave Ely; many nieces and nephews as well as many dear friends.

Ann was born to Esca and Kathryn Milne on 3/31/1937 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma as the second daughter born to Esca and Kathryn Milne. At a young age, Ann and family moved to Grand Island, NE and the family was complete with four daughters - Sue, Ann, Jo, and Jean. Ann graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1955 and attended Kearney State Teacher's College. In 1959 Ann married Larry Irvine and they began a family in Milford where she then began her Home Economics teaching career at Milford High School.

In 1965 Ann pursued a master's degree at the University of Nebraska. After taking 5 years off she continued her teaching role at the University until 1974.

From 1974 to 1998 she was the Family & Consumer Sciences Curriculum Consultant for the Lincoln Public Schools. In addition to that responsibility she took on the role of Personal Social Curriculum Consultant from 1974-1980 and then the

Educational Equity Administrator from 1980-1998. Ann's vision, diligence and collaboration ushered in the move from Home Economics to F&CS; implementation of multicultural education, equity trainings and student conferences; and the creation of the student parenting program. Concurrently she served on the Human Rights Commission as well as held leadership within the state and national level professional organizations.

After retirement, Ann became a Success: Full & Sylvan Trainer and an adjunct professor for Critical Thinking courses at UNL.

Over the years she was a member of the Women's Institute of Theology, Prairie Peace Park Board, First Plymouth Women's Board, and Friendship House Board of Directors.

Recognitions include receiving in 1987 the YWCA Tribute to Women Award, 1991 LPS Educational Administrators Leadership Award, 1995 Nebraska Home Ec Association Leader Award, 1998 Lincoln NAACP Educator Award, 1998 KZUM Cultural Award, 1998 feature in National Geographic for student parenting program, and 2005 First Plymouth Notable Woman Award.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Lincoln Public Schools Foundation (5905 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510) directed toward the Student Parenting Program.

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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1st Plymouth Congregational Church
2000 D Street,, Lincoln,, AK, US, 68502

Comments



“ Ann was a wonderful mentor and friend and a strength of our profession. She loved her family and I was fortunate to have had many in class. I know everyone will miss her and the influence and support she provided to all. Take strength in her life and lessons. We will all miss her. Marge Keep

Marge Keep - July 09, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ I shall give her away....She was such a beacon of love and kindness. The world is a better place because she was in it.

“When I die
Give what's left of me away
To children
And old men that wait to die.

And if you need to cry,
Cry for your brother
Walking the street beside you
And when you need me,
Put your arms
Around anyone
And give to them
What you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something,
Something better
Than words
Or sounds.

Look for me
In the people I've known
Or loved,
And if you cannot give me away,
At least let me live in your eyes
And not on your mind.

You can love me most
By letting
Hands touch hands
By letting
Bodies touch bodies
And by letting go
Of children
That need to be free.

Love doesn't die,
People do.
So, when all that's left of me
Is love,
Give me away"

— Merrit Malloy

Mary Kay Wood - July 07, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Ann Margaret Irvine



Chrissy - June 29, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ What a great foto! Just the way I will remember her! A great Lady who helped us touch thousands of lives in the Nebraska area. I am sure she will continue to help us from her place of Full Living! Fr. Justin

Friar Justin Belitz, OFM - July 03, 2016 at 07:27 AM