



Ann Elizabeth Blankenship

April 14, 1949 - July 3, 2018

Ann Elizabeth Blankenship 69, Bolivar passed away Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at the Magnolia Square Nursing Home in Springfield, MO.

Ann Elizabeth Harris was born April 14, 1949 in St Louis, Missouri to David and Jewel Mitchener Harris. In 1956 Ann was born again, giving her life to Jesus Christ. She was baptized at Webster Groves Baptist Church. On June 22, 1968 Ann was married to Robert Daniel Blankenship in Palmyra, Missouri. To this union were born three daughters, Kimberly Ann, Barbara Ruth and Rebecca Ray. Later, to their family were chosen Robert Shawn, Anthony Lee, Codey Daniel, Dierra Dawn and Keisha Nicole.

Ann felt very strongly God's calling in her life in three areas. First and foremost a calling to family - as a wife and mother. Ann loved children, all children, and some 25 foster children passed through their home over the years. She also loved children in her church family and often served as a preschool Sunday school teacher, choir teacher, GA leader and VBS teacher. Following in the footsteps of her mother, aunts and maternal grandfather, music was Ann's second calling and very important to her. She served numerous churches as pianist and organist over 35 years as well as singing and directing in church choirs. Family singing in the car was a regular pastime. Thirdly, Ann felt God's call in the ministry of nursing. She graduated from St. John's School of Nursing in 1984 and worked many years in pediatrics, public health, home

health and hospice.

Ann is survived by Dan, her loving husband and best friend of 50 years and her children; Kim Childress & husband Glenn of Cross Timbers; Barbara Peterson of Bolivar and fiance Jason Fulson of Grand Forks, North Dakota; Becky Sullins and husband Steve of Everton; Shawn Blankenship of Bolivar, Tony Blankenship and wife Cassie of Columbia; Codey Blankenship of Cross Timbers; Dee Dee Blankenship of Bolivar; and Keisha Blankenship of Bolivar. She is survived by 10 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 3 step- great-grandchildren and a great-grandson to arrive in September; Heather, Haley and husband Holden Cauthron and Holden Childress; Ashley (Peterson) and husband Andy Bean, Ryan and wife Kaci, Nathan, Jordan, Jacob, Alexis, Sarah and Aaron Peterson; Brittney and Brady Marshall and Andrew Sullins; Wes and Kate Bean, Nicholas Peterson and baby Layne Cauthron in September.

Ann is survived by three brothers and their wives; Bill Harris and wife Dinny of Alexandria, Virginia; John Harris and wife Lois of Sandy Springs, Maryland; and Don Harris and wife Norma of Bradenton, Florida and a host of family and friends. Ann was preceded in death by her parents, David and Jewel Harris, a son-in-law, David Peterson, and two foster children.

Services for Ann will be held 11:00 AM Friday, July 6, 2018 at the Bolivar First Baptist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Church. Burial will be at 3:00 PM at the Cross Timbers Cemetery, in Cross Timbers, Missouri.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
316 N. Main
Bolivar, MO 65613

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Elizabeth Blankenship*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ann Elizabeth Blankenship*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Our hearts grieve with the family, experiencing the loss of wife, mother, grandmother. But we rejoice to know that she is free from pain and worshipping at the feet of her Savior. May you find comfort in the God of all Comforts as he wraps his loving arms around you. James and Jennifer Smith*

Jennifer Smith - July 06, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to family.*



Joyce Williams Henry - July 05, 2018 at 06:39 PM

MV

“*Ann made a huge impact on so many young lives through teaching them from a very early age that Jesus loves them. She was a beautiful, patient and precious soul, and she will be greatly missed here on earth—but I’m so thankful she is rejoicing with her savior for all eternity.*”

Missy Vestal - July 05, 2018 at 05:42 PM

DG

“*Ann was a blessing to know and love. She enjoyed working with children of all ages. She especially enjoyed working with children who had special needs. The Lord blessed her with a giving heart and a passion for children. She was always willing to help others who worked with the children and preschool ministry at First Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed by all.*”

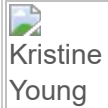
Eugene and Debra Gouge

Debra Gouge - July 05, 2018 at 03:52 PM

 Bev Meyer

“*I always remember when Miss Ann would come to the Care Center as a Hospice nurse. She took excellent care of her patients. Then our paths crossed again when she came to the Care Center to stay with us. We had some very interesting talks. The other residents absolutely enjoyed and loved when she played favorite hymns and songs on the piano. She would sing and everyone would join in. It was fabulous! Then I moved to Minnesota but there hasn’t been a day that I haven’t thought of Miss Ann. I have missed her very much. Memories are wonderful things.*”

Bev Meyer - July 04, 2018 at 12:38 PM



Kristine Young

“ *Ann was a warm and welccoming woman. She invited my family to attend church and then lunch with her large family. There was always room at her table to break bread.*

Kristine Young - July 04, 2018 at 09:54 AM

TA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Tammy Autrey - July 04, 2018 at 08:56 AM

TA

“ *I loved Ann as a second mom. She came into my life when I needed someone. She taught me to be more loving, understanding, and more compassionate. She made me want to learn more about Alzheimer's and be a voice for those suffering with Alzheimer's. We had a connection that I can't explain. Ann taught me that I can't do things on my own. I am forever grateful that she came into my life and I had the pleasure of taking care of her.*



Tammy Autrey - July 04, 2018 at 08:54 AM