



Ann Marie Rice

February 9, 1957 - January 11, 2020

Ann Marie Rice, beloved sister, aunt, cousin and friend died January 11th, 2020. She was born February 9th 1957, the fifth child and fourth daughter of the late Mary and Richard Rice; sister of Kathe Rice Stanley (Tom), Isabel Rice Roche (Bill), John Reiley Rice (Carol), Mary Rice Kent (Chris), Richard Robert Rice, Jr (Jackie) and Tricia Rice Hunter (Dave); aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews. A lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, Ann dedicated her career to serving children and families as a social worker in the Fairfax County Public School System for 31 years.

Her friend and colleague described her career: "As a social worker Ann provided guidance, support, counseling, mentoring and outreach to not only students and families at her many schools, but to the school staff and her fellow social workers, many of whom have known her since she first began with FCPS. She was a humble person who downplayed her instrumental effect on others. She was never too busy to lend an ear and provide for those in need. Ann's professional attributes included her sincere empathy for others, tenacious efforts in finding resources for her students and their families, and a kind, gentle, and sometimes humorous, approach with everyone she helped."

Ann was a student athlete at Mount Vernon High School where she played basketball, tennis and softball. At Radford University she played basketball and tennis. After college, she took up soccer and was active in the Fairfax County recreation league traveling to Mexico and Ireland to compete.

Ann was a devoted daughter, sister and aunt who loved spending time with her large extended family. The annual Rice beach trips to Emerald Isle, NC with her extended family of 30+ and her trips to Sunriver, OR with sister Mary Rice Kent and family were the highlights of her year.

Ann took guitar lessons as a child and played with the Good Shepherd Folk group as a teenager. She continued to play as an adult but her passion was attending concerts of all sorts of music with family and friends.

Ann possessed a wry sense of humor and sharp wit well described by her cousin: "Ann was the consummate example of southern kindness, yet topped with that wonderful Irish flair for sweet sarcasm to bring a smile to whomever was fortunate to be in her presence." Her family and friends and the children she cared for passionately were blessed to have

her in their lives.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday January 20. Gathering at 10 a.m. followed by Mass at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, Virginia. , Interment: 1:45 p.m. Fairfax Memorial Park 4401 Burke Station Road, Fairfax, Va 22032.

Donations in Ann's memory can be sent to the Foundation for Fairfax County Schools:

<https://fcpsfoundation.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=71&>.

Comments



“ Ann was my dear friend and co-worker. She always had time for me and always listen with a compassionate heart. I loved being in her presence because she could calm anyone down just by being Ann. I was so grateful to have know her and to have learned from her. She cared so much for the children and their families that she served. She was a quiet giant who touch many souls. I will miss her everyday and will continue to treasure the gift that she gave me of always being in the moment with people.

Dianna Sosa

Dianna Sosa - January 21, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ Ann was so smart, hard-working, dedicated and compassionate. She modeled what it means to be a social worker so beautifully. We had many great conversations on how to help children and their families. I will miss her so much. Love and light to her and her family. Martha FitzSimon, MSW formerly with Cornerstones

Martha FitzSimon - January 20, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Ann was a MVHS classmate who was respected by everyone. I had several classes with her and she was always kind to me. I am sorry for your loss.

Jim Prevost
Mount Vernon High School
Class of 1975

Jim Prevost - January 19, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ Ann will be remembered by me as a sensitive and loving caregiver to her adult parents , my good friends, From stopping by to see them frequently, to transporting them, to mowing their lawns, to numberless home tasks, to joking with them, Ann was so kind. After their deaths, I would meet her bringing flowers to their grave site on special days - she would not forget!

May God be praised through the life of Ann Rice.
Joyce McCullough

Joyce McCullough - January 19, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Rice.



January 18, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Rice.



January 18, 2020 at 01:46 PM



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Kimberly Loy - January 18, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ My deepest condolences and sympathy for your loss. Ann was an amazing person with a beautiful spirit! She brought so much love and joy to Clearview Elementary School. It was a pleasure to work with her, she was so kind, loving, and generous. She will be truly missed, but her presence will always be felt and remembered.

Lakisha - January 17, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Rice.



January 17, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ So many memories of Ann coming with Mary and Dick to R-View. And I always loved it when she played her guitar. You're in my heart, Ann. Shannon is one of the first to welcome you HOME!

kathlenn Reiley - January 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Andrea Reiley-Helzner & Jerry Helzner purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ann Marie Rice.



Andrea Reiley-Helzner & Jerry Helzner - January 16, 2020 at 04:33 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 15, 2020 at 12:31 PM