



Ann Morris

August 2, 1928 - March 30, 2023

Annabelle (“Ann”) Morris died surrounded by loved ones at Serenity House Hospice in Oskaloosa on March 30, 2023, at age 94.

She was born in 1928, grew up in Guthrie Center, and graduated from Guthrie Center High School, where she played basketball and made the all-state team in 1946. She graduated from the University of Iowa in 1950 with a degree in Art Education. She taught Art in Humboldt and Emmetsburg, Iowa before taking an art teaching job with the Oskaloosa Community Schools. On November 4, 1956, Ann married Keith Morris at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Guthrie Center.

Ann’s lifelong passions were fueled by her artistic energy--she was always creating and encouraging others to create. She was particularly accomplished in drawing and painting. Her delightful paintings of Iowa scenes adorn walls far and wide. After taking early retirement from teaching to raise her family, she served three terms on the Oskaloosa School Board in the 1970’s and ‘80’s and worked part-time for the family furniture business until the mid-1990’s. She loved getting together with her many aunts, uncles and cousins in Guthrie County; Boulder, CO, and elsewhere. Ann enjoyed playing in several bridge clubs with many great friends. She was an active member of Saint Mary’s Catholic Church. She was a member and past president of Oskaloosa P.E.O. Chapter IO, a member of League of Women Voters, and a volunteer for

local political campaigns. She was active in the local arts community and helped organize Oskaloosa's annual Art on the Square event for many years.

Ann was a voracious reader and relished attending concerts and visiting museums at every opportunity. She loved to travel within the US and to Australia and Europe. She was a faithful St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan and a loyal Hawkeye supporter. She loved to shop and had a keen eye for fashion. Her biggest weakness, she willingly admitted, was chocolate.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Edward "Paul" and Gertrude "Louise" Arganbright, and by her husband, Keith. She is survived by her children Jean (John Cline) of Ceres, VA; David of Oskaloosa; and Polly Mattison (Kent) of Cedar Rapids. She is also survived by step-grandchildren Tyler Mattison of Cedar Rapids, and Claire Spakowski (Bill) of Chicago; and step-great-grandchildren, Vance Mattison and Liam Spakowski. In recent years, Ann carried with grace, determination and good cheer the burden of late-onset Alzheimer's. She was fortunate to live in her own home with the support of family and friends, and especially dear friend Erma Johnson, who brought much fun to her days.

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Ann's Life will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Burial will be at Bluff Creek Cemetery in Eddyville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House of Oskaloosa or the Oskaloosa Public Library. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with her final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bluff Creek Cemetery

Inner Drive
Eddyville, IA 52553

Previous Events

Mass

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
315 First Ave.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
oskystmary@diodav.org
<http://stmarysosky.com/>

Burial

MAY 9 (CT)

Bluff Creek Cemetery
Inner Drive
Eddyville, IA 52553

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Morris*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Sincerest Sympathy to all of Ann's family as you celebrate her life. Remembering her kind and gentle ways. How lovely that her beautiful friend Erma was able to be with her through her journey as I'll always remember how special their friendship was...Sincerely Jayne W*

Jayne Wake - May 05, 2023 at 03:53 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ann Morris.*



April 27, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Jean, David and Polly, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. She was a very nice lady and as you know, one of my Mother's dearest friends. I pray for peace and comfort for all of you during this difficult time.*

Jay Kemp

Jay Kemp - April 16, 2023 at 10:31 PM

LS

“ Jean, Dave & Polly,
I am sorry to hear of the passing of your
beloved mother. You have my condolences.



Lois Scott - April 07, 2023 at 03:47 PM

CM

“ Jean, Dave, Polly & Families:
I'm sorry for the loss of Mom. I have great memories from spending
time at the Morris home when we were younger. She was sweet,
inclusive and always smiling. Praying God's comfort for all of you.

CINDY MOTT - April 05, 2023 at 12:32 PM

CP

“ I remember Ann as a lively and lovely woman. Her virtues were
innumerable. In my reflections she was soft spoken and kind. I was
pleased to be in her home four years ago while I visited Polly, Jean,
and David. It was so nice to see her.
Heart felt condolences. Your mom was a remarkable woman.
Love Cindy Posovich

Cynthia Posovich - April 05, 2023 at 06:30 AM

DR

“ Ann was my Art teacher in High School. She
was a wonderful teacher and made me want
to learn painting.



Dena Roorda - April 04, 2023 at 12:54 PM

MA

“ Jean, I'm so sorry! I always thought your mom was one of the classiest ladies I knew. My sincere condolences to you, David and Polly. Marvel

Marvel - April 03, 2023 at 10:53 PM

KM

“ Jean, David and Polly, I'm saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a sweet lady and so artistic. She will be missed for sure. Sending my love and prayers to you all at this time.

Kerri Moore - April 03, 2023 at 07:58 PM

LL

“ As a young girl, I grew up a block from the Morris home, and was privileged to know Ann as the mother of my friend, Jean. I fondly remember Ann's beautiful smile and joie de vivre. She was soft spoken and so very kind to me. My heartfelt condolences to the family as they grieve the loss of this lovely lady.

Laura Larsen - April 03, 2023 at 07:53 PM