



Ann Louise Hardy House

May 18, 2023

Ann went to the Lord's House on May 18th, 2023. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and educator. She was predeceased by her husband George Allen House, Jr. and her parents, Frederick Newman Hardy and Lillian Elizabeth Terry.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, especially her 5 sons, Steven D. House, Gregory S. House, Kenneth B. House, Frederick "Rick" A. House, Cary V. House (Michele); her sister Lillian Ferreira (Herbie); sister-in-law, Anne Hill; brother-in-law Robert V. House. In addition, her grandchildren, Bryttanie House, Tyler House, Isabella House and Angelina House; step-grandchildren, Brian Ferber, Simone Ferber, Daniel Ferber, Morgan Brooks and Kelsie Brooks.

Ann was the oldest sibling born on October 15, 1937, in McClellanville, South Carolina. She graduated from Morehead City High School and attended UNC-Greensboro (formerly the North Carolina Women's College) in 1955. She then married George Allen House, Jr. on December 15th, 1956, and they celebrated 47 years of marriage. She continued her education, while raising a family, approximately 15 years later. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the College of William and Mary in 1974 and a Master of Education from the University of Virginia in 1981.

Ann was devoted to her family, as well as her career and hobbies. She was an avid reader, sometimes reading multiple books per day.

She had a career in education spanning 30+ years. She was an English teacher at Great Bridge High School/ Western Branch High School and an assistant principal/principal at Smithfield High School/Windsor High School, retiring in 2005. She was a standout high school athlete and continued her passion for sports by coaching basketball, gymnastics, and softball throughout her career. She enforced the value of good sportsmanship on her students, student-athletes, and, of course, her five boys, who were actively involved in sports. Her favorite words of encouragement were “just do good and just do better”.

In her free time, she loved taking care of her home and cherished her vegetable/flower garden at Pinecroft Lane in Portsmouth, Virginia. She also dedicated many hours of volunteer work and service to Centenary United Methodist Church as a proud member of 50+ years.

A memorial service will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church in Churchland on Friday, May 26, 2023, at 12pm with visitation one hour prior. Pastor John Cole II will be conducting the service.

We would like to give a special thanks to Loving Funeral Home for helping Ann in her transition. At this point is where one would write “in lieu of flowers”, however, Ann adored flowers. If flowers and/or plants are provided by guests, they will be planted in her honor at her residence.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centenary United Methodist Church
3312 Ceder Lane
Portsmouth, VA

Memorial service

MAY **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. House was my principal and a longtime legend already by the time I was a student in her school. She was kind, funny, tough, and took no crap. She always found ways to connect with students at their level. I remember her saying if she'd ever had a daughter, she would've named her Ashley, my name. It gave us a connection and we built that into a foundation of trust and respect. I will miss her, but the impact she had on my life will always be there. Thank you, Mrs. House.

Ashley - February 02, 2024 at 05:02 AM

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“ Mrs. House was a true colleague, friend, and mentor. I am forever grateful that our paths crossed when they did. She was an inspiration to many and her spirit lives on within us. Much love to the family.

David Fisher - May 26, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann Louise Hardy House.

May 26, 2023 at 06:56 PM

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“ Don and Gina Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ann Louise Hardy House.



Don and Gina Davis - May 24, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Hardy House.*



May 24, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ *I worked with Ann at Great Bridge High School. She was a dynamic teacher and colleague. Blessings to her family. RIP Ann.*

Carolyn Bernard - May 24, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Ann was such an incredible woman and very clearly a saint after raising 5 boys! I loved reading her letters to her son Ken and granddaughter Angelina and talking with her on the phone. It was obvious she loved her sons greatly and I know she will be deeply missed by all!*
- Kirsten Kreiling

Kirsten Kreiling - May 23, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Louise Hardy House.*



May 23, 2023 at 10:23 PM



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“ Ms House was an awesome person and she helped my children immensely at Windsor High school. She was tough but fair and could bring out the best in every child. Have a lovely journey and may God take your hand upon arrival and say "good job my faithful servant good job". Until we see ya again.

Carol Matthews and family - May 23, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ Ann was a very sweet, friendly, hard-working lady. I will miss her! She was always so very helpful here at Centenary UMC, and such a joy to be around. May God be with all her family and friends.

Frances Styles - May 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM



Mrs. House was my high school principal and was always fair and encouraging. She will be greatly missed!

Sara Anderson (Young) - May 23, 2023 at 04:39 PM



Mrs. House was such an inspirational teacher. So sorry to read of her passing. Her work here is done and Im sure her skills will be of vital use in God's plan for her in her heavenly home. Prayers for her family during this time.

Kimberly Butt - May 25, 2023 at 07:29 AM