



Anne Holt Surrells

January 8, 1930 - November 10, 2005

Anne Marie Surrells, 75, died on November 10, 2005. She was the widow of Roy E. Surrells, Sr. She is survived by her children, Heidemarie Erika Surrells Karr of Brighton, MI, Roy E. Surrells, Jr. of Folly Beach, SC, Jeanine Surrells Kelly and her husband, Jerry of Wakefield, VA, Mary Anne Surrells Fischler and her husband, Rev. David Fischler of Greensboro, NC, Robyn Lea Surrells White and her husband, David of Richmond, Tracey Anne Surrells Adams of Portsmouth, Arabella Vernice Surrells and her partner and companion, Laurie Grivel of Dublin, OH; a sister, Susan Neill Holt Speers of Woodbury, NJ and a brother, John Charles Holt of Audubon, NJ. She had 11 grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

Anne worked for many years at the voter registration office of Portsmouth. She was a member of the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, a volunteer at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital and served on the board of directors of Hampton Roads Pride.

A memorial service will be held a 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, 739 Yarmouth St. In lieu of flowers, she suggested donations to the Unitarian Church or PFLAG Parent and Families of Lesbians and Gays of Norfolk. A reception will be held following the service in the church fellowship hall. Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Losing a love one can be distressing. Therefore, it is important to draw close to God through prayer, for the Bible promises that "he himself will sustain you."-Psalm 55:22. It is also important to reflect on the promises that he has given us through His word the Bible concerning the hope of seeing our love ones again. I hope that you find comfort in reading these scriptures. John 11:11-44, John 5:28,29; Acts24:15 and Rev 21:4. My prayers are with your family.*##imported-begin##Ronald O. Hill##imported-end##

November 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robyn, Tracey and family,*

I have lost touch with you since our CHS days, but I wanted to take this opportunity to give my support. I lost my father 3 years ago and I can relate to the grief you must be feeling at this time. May the many memories that you share help you heal during these most difficult times. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jan Morgan Monroe##imported-begin##Jan Morgan Monroe##imported-end##

November 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have fond memories of the entire Surrells family and especially Mrs. Surrells for always opening her home to all of us "kids". My thoughts and prayers are with Bella and her brothers and sisters.*##imported-begin##Karen Letsinger DiGiovanni##imported-end##

November 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Surrells. I spent a great deal of time hanging out at her house when I was very young, and I'm sure that I picked up my political values from her and her family. My thoughts are with my friend Mary Anne and all of her family.

Janice Newman Hurley##imported-begin##Janice
Hurley##imported-end##

November 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We have nothing but wonderful memories of Anne and our days together with PFLAG. Making Thanksgiving dinner for the community, marching in the DC Pride Parade, Out in the Park and Breaking the Ice. She was a warm, funny and caring woman and we will miss her. Our deepest sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Terry Hayes & Freda Routt##imported-end##

November 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *It will be the little things
that you will remember
the quiet moments, the smiles,
the laughter.
And although it may
seem hard right now,
it will be the memory
of these little things
that help to push away the pain
and bring the smiles back again*

*Know that we are thinking about you and you are in our
prayers.##imported-begin##Paul and Frances King##imported-
end##*

November 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful lady! With fond memories we send our sympathy
to all the family.##imported-begin##Mike & Sandi Grivel
Papineau##imported-end##*

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Our
deepest sympathy.*

*Chuck and Carol Hemeyer##imported-begin##Charles and Carol
Hemeyer##imported-end##*

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I have the pleasure of working directly with Mrs. Surrell's granddaughter, Michelle Karr Hemeyer. Knowing Michelle as I do and remembering the old adage "an apple doesn't fall far from the tree", I KNOW Mrs. Surrell must have been a wonderful woman, full of compassion and willing to help others before oneself. How fortunate for so many to have known her.##imported-begin##Diane Sarkesian##imported-end##

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I had not seen her in a long time, I was so sad to read of Mrs. Surrells' passing. She was a very kind person. My thoughts are with Bella and her brother and sisters.##imported-begin##Brad White##imported-end##

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ John Adams said "Grief drives men to serious reflection, sharpens the understanding and softens the heart." You mom was a multi-faceted woman. I am so glad to have known her and some of the people whose lives she touched. She left behind a great legacy.##imported-begin##Deanna Morton##imported-end##

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann was such a mentor to me after my son William came out to myself and his mother. Having sunday lunch was the highlight of my week. She was the cornerstone of the reasons that I started to attend the UU church.##imported-begin##alfred bennett##imported-end##

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ You have touched my heart and soul. Your love will go with me with your stories and your laughter. I will find peace knowing you are watching over me...Love Ronie##imported-begin##Veronica Roque##imported-end##

November 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tracey and Family,
I am so sorry about your loss. Stay strong and you will get through this. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during this most difficult of times. I am sorry I can't be with you on Tuesday. I hope you understand.
All my love,
Terri Butler##imported-begin##Terri Butler##imported-end##

November 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Mrs. Surrells from my younger days. She was wonderful to all the neighborhood children - so very patient and kind. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Katherine Carpenter Davidson##imported-end##

November 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hampton Roads Pride shall miss the gift Anne made of her life to our community. She touched our hearts and our souls with her wisdom. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family as we know how empowering they were to her.##imported-begin##Bob Lewis##imported-end##

November 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss you Mom##imported-begin##Tracey##imported-end##

November 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To Anne's loving children,
She loved you all so much and talked of you frequently during our morning coffee time. We will MISS her so much and all of her witty conversations. Please know that Carolyn, Bill, John, Caroline, Wing, and Nancy The Harbor Tower "Koffee Kids" deeply mourn her passing. Love to all the family.##imported-begin##Carolyn and Bill Sturgis##imported-end##

November 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM