



Elizabeth Ann Vanatta

August 26, 1956 - March 24, 2017

Elizabeth Ann (Andy) Vanatta, 60, Caney, KS died Friday, March 24, 2017 after complications from a surgical procedure in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Ann was born Aug. 28, 1956, in Quinton, OK. She was adopted at the age of eight and eventually moved to Longton, KS where she graduated high school. She worked as a physical therapist and front-end loader operator before graduating from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelor's degree and becoming a registered nurse. She was best known for her work with Alzheimer's patients and as a nursing home director.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Bruce Vanatta of Caney, KS; her sons, Jay & Carol Vestal of Hot Springs, AR and Quentin and Mandy Vanatta of Independence, KS; her step-daughters, Stephanie Vanatta of Kansas City, MO, Dolly and Junior Johnson of Omaha, NE, and Marla Vanatta of Omaha, NE; her brothers, Terry & Kathy Brotherton of Oklahoma City, Tony and Shelley Brotherton of Oklahoma City, and John and Susan Ellexson of Beaver, OK; her sister, Bobbye Grove of Apopka, FL; her brother Billy Jennings of Duncan, OK; 21 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Emmett & Norma Brotherton of Longton, KS; her father, Lawrence Croslin of Del City, OK; her mother, Virginia Croslin of Quinton, OK; her brother, Larry Croslin of McAlester, OK; her sister, Jill Heers of Apopka, FL; and her granddaughter, Courtney Vanatta of Coffeyville, KS.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Longton United Methodist Church in Longton, Kansas with burial at the Longton City Cemetery with Pastors Adam Davidson and Dena Allison officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 5-7 PM at Countryside Funeral Home at 206 East Washington in Howard, Kansas. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

Cemetery Details

Longton Cemetery

Longton, KS 67352

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Celebration of Life

MAR 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

Longton United Methodist Church
200 W. 5th
Longton, KS 67352

Tribute Wall

 Lotus
McDow

“ Love you, my dear friend.
Lotus

Lotus McDow - March 30, 2017 at 08:35 PM

RW

“ Rusty And Debbie Wood lit a candle in
memory of Elizabeth Ann Vanatta

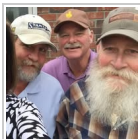


Rusty and Debbie Wood - March 30, 2017 at 08:17 AM

RW

“ God received a beautiful angel. Ann and I went to school together
and lived next to each other after high school in Independence. She
and Bruce were there for Joe and I when he had to make that long
trip to Omaha for treatment. And Rusty believes she saved his life
after a procedure in which she held her fingers on the site to keep
him from bleeding to death. You will be missed by so many. Bruce
and family, know that you and your family are in our thoughts and
prayers.

Rusty and Debbie Wood - March 30, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ James Hawn lit a candle in memory of
Elizabeth Ann Vanatta



James Hawn - March 29, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ I will never forget the morning after my house burned she showed up to help me out and help me she did. I have always had a spot in my heart for this special person. We called each other neighbor every time we seen each other or talked on the phone or recently Facebook. Rest in peace Neighbor, I will miss you very much when I come back to visit. All my Love. Jim Hawn.

James Hawn - March 29, 2017 at 08:58 AM

JA

“ Such a hard loss for many...I worked with Ann at Jane Phillips..what a positive influence she was for the staff and patients...HEAVEN HAS ANOTHER ANGEL..

Jamie Ketcher R.N.



Jamie - March 28, 2017 at 09:45 PM

KW

“ Ann will be greatly missed. When I was a little girl she would brush and braid my hair. She was the first one ever to show me the Indian in the moon instead of the face. Ann you were a wonderful woman may you rest in peace. ~Kari Walker

Kari Walker - March 28, 2017 at 04:13 PM

DJ

“ My cousin Ann was such a strength in so many peoples lives. One of my favorite memories was loading up in my Dad's car and riding around singing at the top of our lungs. One of my most important times on our lives was helping Ann and family take care of Aunt Norma. Ann was a very caring person who helped me so much during that time to understand what Babe was going through. Sad times but so very touching in my heart.
Comfort and love to the family and friends she so greatly loved.



Dorcie Jones-Clark

Dorcie Jones-Clark - March 28, 2017 at 01:38 PM

TF

“ Remembering how we would get together on Saturday mornings in Longton and dance while watching American Bandstand. I can still hear your beautiful laugh. My thoughts and prayers to my cousins and families. RIP my beautiful cousin Ann. Love Tammie Flavin



Tammie Flavin - March 28, 2017 at 09:11 AM

JM

“ Jynell Palmer McCollam lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Vanatta



Jynell Palmer McCollam - March 28, 2017 at 05:52 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Vanatta.*



March 27, 2017 at 11:12 PM



“ *Ann was a very good friend of mine in high school. When you have less than 20 students in your class you get to know each other very well. We had a lot of fun playing sports together and I think our favorite class was Drivers Ed. Ann will be missed deeply. Prayers for her family. Pam Watkins*

Pam Watkins - March 27, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ *Ann was our next door neighbor the year we lived in Longton. She was a junior, I believe, and I taught 7th-8th grade. She'd come over and talk with Carol, my wife, sell her Avon. She was a friendly, nice person and will be missed by us. We reconnected via Facebook a few years ago, but we were never able to get together. See you in heaven.*

Darrel - March 27, 2017 at 10:57 PM



I forgot our full name above, Darrel and Carol Drumm.

Darrel Drumm - March 28, 2017 at 10:22 PM

MC

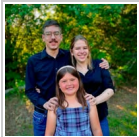
“ I got to know Ann while going to high school in Longton, Kansas. Although Ann was 2 years older than me, we became very good friends. We remained friends throughout our lives. Ann was very committed to her family and to her friends.



As I was thinking about Ann's passing today my first thought was that I am sure she is still smiling and/or laughing. She always smiled and most of the time she laughed. I will always remember that laugh. When Ann entered a room everything just seemed brighter; even before she would laugh. I hope that you too have shared this same experience of Ann and will remember it always.

I can assure you that Heaven has welcomed a committed servant with a contagious smile/laugh. I will never forget you Ann. My Love - Michelle Hall Chambers.

Michelle Hall Chambers - March 27, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ Elizabeth Sorrells lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Vanatta



Elizabeth Sorrells - March 27, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Vanatta.



March 27, 2017 at 08:02 PM



“ Bruce, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort and understanding.



Krista Wade - March 27, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ I met Bruce & Ann when I was 15 years old and I used to babysit for Jeremy (Jay) and Quent during my High School years. That being 38 years ago....As I left Kansas we remained friends or Sisters as she would say until her last breath. She was always willing to listen, give advice and mentor me. The memories are too many to list but will never ever be forgotten. I will miss our belly laughs, listening to great music and poking fun at Bruce, while he was within earsight, of course! You are forever in my heart and now you are resting. I will see you again one day my Sister. Until then please keep an eye on me. ❤️

Lauri Thomison - March 27, 2017 at 06:10 PM

ER

“ Bruce , Ann loved you and her family so much. I will remember her beautiful smile and the love ❤️ that you both had for each other and your family.

Esther Reid - March 27, 2017 at 05:58 PM

TW

“ Ann was like a Mother Sister Best friend and even mentor to me. She was always there for me when I most needed her. She kept me out of trouble and always encouraged me to be a good person. She was like a big sister and a best friend to me when I most needed one. Sometimes being the only person I could talk to. I remember when she meet Bruce, married Bruce, I remember when Jeremy was born and when Quentin was born. Ann was there for me when I lost my mother and my brother. She was the best. Her and Bruce taught me how to cook and lots of other things. Always there for me when I needed them. I hadn't seen her in a while but I always knew she was there for me. Just a short drive away. I will deeply miss her. I know she loved me as much as I loved her. As I write this I shed tears for all of us who will miss her and one day I will see her again. Goodbye my friend you will be missed.

Tracy Hall Walker - March 27, 2017 at 05:40 PM