



Ann North

December 4, 1950 - August 7, 2025

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Ann Elizabeth Owen North passed away on August 7th, 2025 in Columbus, Ohio. Born at White Cross (Riverside) Hospital in Columbus, Ohio December 4th, 1950, to William Van Brocklin Owen Jr. and Jacqueline Bowsman Owen. Ann was predeceased by her sister Susan Owen and brother David Owen and her long-time partner of over 20 years Myron "Denny" Adams. She is survived by her sons Mark (Lindsay) and David (Lorin) North; and her stepchildren Chris and Kathy Adams, along with her six stepgrandchildren. She loved them all very much.

Ann's father was a career member of the Air Force, so her childhood was spent stationed all around the country. Ann graduated from high school in Virginia then earned a degree from William & Mary in science education. Ann married a military man out of college and continued to travel the globe on deployment, giving birth to her first son, Mark, in Germany and her second son, David, in Texas. Ann returned to her hometown of Columbus in 1987, where she resided until her passing.

Ann was a loving, kind person, who genuinely cared about everyone she met, as a teacher, a librarian, and in her daily life. For many years she was a teacher in the juvenile corrections system, where she taught and nurtured students who were overlooked and underserved by society. She was passionate about her work helping incarcerated students but felt the toll of not being able to help them after they returned to society and she returned to the

public school classroom. Ann was passionate about books. She returned to school and earned her Master's Degree in Library Sciences. She loved to read, and to encourage others to find the books that would ignite their passion for reading. She served as a librarian with Columbus Public Schools until her retirement.

Ann had a disarming warmth about her that extended to anyone whose life crossed paths with her. Ann also found community in local meetings of Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous. These groups became her support system that extended well beyond the meetings. She found strength and fulfillment in helping those struggling, whether they were members of recovery communities or incarcerated children neglected by society. Ann will be missed by so many whose lives she touched.

Private memorial services will be held for family and close friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Kobacker House, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or the Jackie Owen Memorial Music Fund at First Congregational Church.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-5033

Tribute Wall



“ *Marti Andrews lit a candle in memory of Ann North*



Marti Andrews - October 18, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ann North.*



August 21, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Ann was kind, thoughtful, and listened. I will miss her.*

Kerry S McGinnis - August 21, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann North.*



August 19, 2025 at 07:46 AM



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

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“ Ann always made time for everyone. She cared for and about all of us. Always was grateful and reminded us to be grateful. She will be missed.

Matthew Courser - August 19, 2025 at 05:10 AM



“ Anne was incredibly generous in the way she shared her time, her experiences, and her caring. She always, always had time for anyone in need. She will be missed and remembered.

Dave Lindeman - August 18, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ Ann was a wonderful friend to our family for decades. We will miss her very much and are sending our warmth and love to David, Mark, and all who loved her during this sad time.

Maureen Sullivan - August 18, 2025 at 05:48 PM