



Anne Fish

January 13, 1938 - February 17, 2026

On February 17th, 2026, Anne Fish was taken to Heaven. Anne, was a Latin-English teacher for the Columbus Public Schools, principally at North High School from 1971-1984. She loved teaching and joined the Columbus Literacy Council as a volunteer in 1985. She became a tutor and supervisor of English literacy and English as a Second Language. She won a national award from the parent Laubach organization in 1995 for editing an outstanding newsletter for tutors and students. Mary Lautzenhiser, artist, was co-winner of the award. In 1985, Anne committed her soul to Jesus and remained devout the rest of her days.

She spent 15 years at CLC and was also a 29 year volunteer for the Metro Parks, at Blendon Woods and Slate Run Living Historical Farm. She loved cooking on the 1880's-style stove. She has been a member of the Columbus Table Tennis Club since 1962. She was active as a player and contributor to the CTTC. She and husband Al spent twenty years playing in different states in the Senior Games (2003-2023). They both won or finished high in all the Games. They made many dear friends along the way. Al and Anne moved to Wesley Glen Retirement Community in April, 2022. She loved nature and especially the walking area through the woods along Bill Moose Run, behind WG. Anne started a bird committee to look after the aviary birds. She also started a newsletter of news and tidbits for the residents. She enjoyed Mah Jongg, Trivia, Bingo, and board games. She was an avid reader and enjoyed the monthly book selections by the WG Book Club. She was also a part of a knitting/crochet group that made knitted/crocheted afghans for Babies in Need. She was secretary of the Resident Council Executive Board (2022-2023) at Wesley Glen Retirement Community. She loved people, especially all the friends she made in table tennis and at Wesley Glen. She wanted to help people improve whatever would make life better. She tried to follow Jesus in all she did. Having come from a dysfunctional family, she was very grateful to God for the large and very loving family that she joined when she married Al in 1971.

Besides her parents, Robert and Helen, she is preceded in death by her brother Bob and his children, Mike Farber and Cathi (Mary Catherine Farber). She spent most of her life in

Clintonville. She has been a member of Indianola Church of Christ since 1985 but a recent attendee at Beechwold Christian Church.

She is survived by husband Al, son Christopher David Shook, daughter Martha Anne (Marty) Shook Hartman, sister Mary Martha (Marty) Farber, niece Sally Farber Harwood, stepchildren Keith (Melanie) Fish, Mary Fish, Roy (Lora) Fish and 9 grandchildren, Kyle and Benjamin Shook, Samuel and Trevor Hartman; Janelle, Liana, Evelyn and Garon Fish and Hannah Fish, and 4 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 7th, 2026 at 1:30 pm on the 8th floor at Wesley Glen, 5155 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214. Visitors should allot extra time for parking and entrance to the facility.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Rd
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Wesley Glen Retirement Community
5155 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214

8th Floor

Tribute Wall

KR

“ We knew Anne from Indianola Church of Christ. Her testimony was such an inspiration and she was a very kind and caring person. We always enjoyed talking to her because she was so down to earth and had such a joy in her heart for the Lord! We pray that your family will be comforted by God as you grieve her loss.
Kristin & Willard Retherford and our son Tyler

Kristin Retherford - March 06 at 10:02 AM

DW

“ I was just telling a friend that the last time I played Anne, at table tennis, after many years of defeats, I was gleeful to have won the first two games of our match. That is, until she won the last three games. She was a grand lady and will be missed.



Dan Whittecar - February 28 at 08:13 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear this news... Anne (and Al and Lily) were wonderful neighbors. Our condolences to the entire family. - Lee Ann & Bryan

Lee Ann Rabe - February 27 at 08:31 AM

SY

It had been a long time since I last saw Anne Fish. I still remember her great work for the Columbus Table Tennis Club. She will be missed.

Sam Yang

Sam Yang - February 27 at 03:14 PM

AC

“ Dear Roy and Lora,
Gabe and I are sorry to hear about the loss of your step mom. It sounds like she was an amazing woman who made a lasting impact on her community. Our condolences to the entire family.

Ann Marie Condo - February 25 at 02:33 PM

BM

“ Anne (and Al) were wonderful caring neighbors. We loved helping take care of Bunny and Lillie whenever they were off on their table tennis adventures. Al, sending much love and prayers for you and your family.

Barb Marshall - February 24 at 08:37 PM

BS

“ I remember when Guy and I took Lily to MedVets with Anne after Lily had a seizure. Anne was quite an animal lover! She took great care of our cats when we were on vacation. We enjoyed living across the street from Anne and Al for over 20 years. Condolences to Al and the rest of the family.

Betsy Smalley - February 24 at 07:11 PM

CK

“ Al and family,

My deepest sympathy to you on Anne's passing. I worked with Al for 30+ years and only met Anne a few times but that was enough to know how personable and kind she was. I share your grief at this particular time since I lost my husband Bob in December. Memories are a wonderful thing.

Carol Knoblauch - February 24 at 12:02 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne Fish.



February 23 at 08:49 AM

MD

“ Mrs. Fish was my Latin teacher at Linden McKinley and by far one of my favorite teachers. My condolences to her family and friends on their loss.

Melinda Damron - February 22 at 09:15 AM

MH

Thank you Melinda!

Marty Hartman - February 22 at 07:40 PM

JC

“ *Marty, My prayers and condolences are with you at this time.*
Jeff Corbin

Jeff Corbin - February 22 at 07:54 AM

DH

“ *Mrs. Fish was my Latin Teacher at North in the early 70's. She was an excellent Teacher and she cared deeply about her students. Rest in peace Polar Bear. Well done thy good and faithful servant.*

Dave Heilman - February 22 at 07:42 AM

SR

“ *Al and family:*
Anne with an "e" was a wonderful addition to our Farm family. From piecing quilts, cooking on a wood stove, gardening in the hot sun, mending countless pants and shirts, leading a group of school children through a house tour, shoeing chickens off the porch and tidying up the Farmhouse, Anne did everything with joy and enthusiasm. Thank you for sharing her with our Slate Run Farm family.

With deepest sympathies,
Stephanie Reiner (Slate Run Living Historical Farm)

Stephanie Reiner - February 22 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *To the entire family Vicky and I wish to express our sincere Condolences. May the many fond memories sustain you in your time of grief.*
Both Vicky and I had Mrs Fish for English in the early 1970's. It was always so special to see her at North High School gatherings.
Sincerely Ron & Vicky (Isaac) Gallagher

Ron Gallagher - February 20 at 09:20 PM