



Ann Harbour

August 1, 1935 - June 28, 2019

Ann Harbour of Fort Collins passed away suddenly on June 28, 2019.

Ann was an artist, editor, writer, webmaster, and active fan of the local jazz and theater community. Smart, helpful, and unflaggingly cheerful, she was a friend to all.

She was born in 1935 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Marguerite and Arch Harbour. As a child, her doting mother tried to fit her into the role of Southern Belle, which anyone who knew Ann knows was very much Not Her. Fortunately her mother backed off soon after Ann developed her life-long devotion to wearing slacks and reading books. The family moved to Kerrville, Texas in 1941.

Ann attended Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio, and Radcliffe College (in those antiquated days, before it merged with Harvard University). When met a handsome young U.S. Army officer named Tom Van Natta Jr., they got married in a fever... er, in grand style in 1954.

Ann's two children, Carol Van Natta and Tom Van Natta III, were born shortly thereafter, on Army bases, but the isolated life of a military wife was not for Ann, and she moved back to Texas with her two children. She married twice after that, but neither lasted. Soon she moved to Colorado, where she lived for the past 30 years.

In Fort Collins, Ann was semi-famous for her encyclopedic knowledge of jazz and tunes from the 20th century, and support (and webmastering) of the local jazz bands websites. She also designed logos for a variety of businesses and nonprofit organizations in Northern Colorado, created album covers for bands, and designed posters for many events. In addition, she was a noted author and editor of various books and professional papers.

Ann's quick wit and encouraging laughter will be remembered for years to come. She has donated her body to science. In the fall, we will have a party (with music, of course) to celebrate her life.

Tribute Wall

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“ *How sad to see she's gone, even with such a full life. I remember her for the amazing connections she made--both things and people she put together, and lot of things that "just happened" to her as well.*

I know she came back from a trip to London once, and told me she'd gone to see a play at the Globe Theater, Shakespeare's old (remodeled!) haunt. She could tell the people next to her were American, and when they asked her at intermission where she was from she said "Fort Collins, Colorado--you've probably never heard of it." And they said, "Well, we have, sort of, but we only know one person who lives there---our god-daughter, Cynthia Molson"--who of course was me.

I hope her wit and energy and sense of fun can be remembered.

I will miss her very much. My heartfelt condolences to all.

Cynthia Molson

Cynthia Molson - August 04, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Ludwigs Next Door lit a candle in memory of Ann Harbour*



Ludwigs Next Door - July 04, 2019 at 10:31 AM

BF

“ I have known Ann for many years in our exercise class. She was a special lady, that will be grealty missed. She was friendly, funny and a bit frisky at times. And definetly not a southern belle. But special in her own way. Love Barbara fritz

Barbara fritz - July 03, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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Ann, I will miss our talks, you were an amazing person I will miss your laugh a pleasure cleaning for you !!

cindy lucero - July 24, 2019 at 10:29 AM