



## Ann S. Liggett

October 6, 1943 - December 31, 2018

We write with great sadness of the loss of an energetic and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher and friend to many. Ann Liggett died the evening of December 31, 2018, in Fort Collins, Colorado at the age of 75. Her husband Mike and children Sarah and Morgan were with her.

Ann is survived by her husband Mike of Fort Collins, Colorado; daughter Sarah Liggett (Jason Brady) of Fort Collins, Colorado; grandchildren Emmett Brady and Graham Brady; son Morgan Liggett (Stephanie Burke-Liggett) of Westminster, Colorado; her brother John Stephenson (Randy Stephenson) of McKinney, Texas; and her niece Ruth Stephenson of Dallas, Texas.

Ann was born on October 6, 1943 in Henderson, Nevada to Clark and LaVerne Stephenson. Her father, Clark, was a young Army Officer during World War II and he elected to make a career out of the military service. Growing up Ann lived in Chicago, Korea, Japan, Omaha and her family established roots in Colorado Springs in 1958. Ann and her husband Mike were married on August 28, 1973. At Ann's death they had spent 45 years together. During that time they raised two marvelous children and engaged the world with energy, curiosity, and generosity. Ann much preferred to measure her happiness by what she gave as opposed as to what she received.

Ann had a Bachelors of Arts in English from Colorado State University and a Master's degree in Literacy Education. This education served her well as her passion was teaching children to read. She maintained a firm belief that public education was the key to a free and civilized society. In order to be educated one needed to read. Ann spent her working career engaged in that endeavor and her personal time voraciously reading all manner of print.

How she spent her days is clearly how she lived her life. Ann found joy and satisfaction in nurturing family, curiosity, experiencing the world, learning and her friends. She was not interested in the accumulation of possessions, status nor treasure.

Ann is a person that preferred a family hug to a necklace of pearls. She preferred story time with grandchildren to a gourmet dinner. She preferred her Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars to Ferragamo shoes. She preferred Stouts to Lagers, blue jeans to silk gowns, and the Rolling Stones to the Beatles.

Ann was generous, thoughtful, and dedicated to living her life as a curious and loving human being. Her presumptive answer to any question that involved the engagement with the world was "yes".

We are greatly saddened by her loss and will keep her in our thoughts and hearts for the remainder of our days.

A celebration of Ann's life is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2019, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The celebration will be held at Block One, 428 Linden Street, Fort Collins, Colorado. All are welcome. Please attend in your Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars and bring a story to share. Rather than flowers Ann would have preferred donations to be made in her name to the Poudre River Library Trust. <https://www.poudrelibraries.org/trust>.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Block One  
428 Linden Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Emmett lit a candle in memory of Ann S. Liggett*



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**Emmett** - October 24, 2023 at 01:00 PM

EM

*Mom dad and Mike you know I miss Ann as much as you do love you!- Emmett*

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**Emmett** - October 24, 2023 at 01:10 PM

LM

“ *Dear Mike and Sarah. I am so sad to hear about your loss of Annie. She was a very special person I could tell although I did not know her well. I would see her at all types of Ft. Collins charity events. She supported such wonderful causes in the community which was a gift she gave to those less fortunate. As a teacher, I am sure impacted many young minds. You can be proud of her, as I'm certain you are. Sending you lots of love. Lane Oesterle Miller*

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**Lane O Miller** - January 13, 2019 at 12:13 AM

JO

“ Dear Liggett Family,  
Ann has always been a special part of our Eyestone Family. Her heart and kindness is immeasurable. When Ann retired she donated her monetary gift from Eyestone to the our library. She asked me to pick out something special. I purchased 2 wooden book displays with the money. I had name plaques made for the front with her name and the year she retired. Ann of course did not want me to put her name on them, but I insisted. I never want to forget her kind heart and generosity.

Love you Ann. You will be missed.  
Janet Orth

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Janet Orth - January 11, 2019 at 12:36 PM

AR

“ Dear Liggett Family,

Annie was such a special person. Teachers always are, aren't they? Dave and I hope that you will find comfort in knowing that her work will continue to enrich the lives of those who were blessed to know her.

“Good teachers put snags in the river of children passing by, and over the years, they redirect hundreds of lives. Many people find it easy to imagine unseen webs of malevolent conspiracy in the world, and they are not always wrong. But there is also an innocence that conspires to hold humanity together, and it is made of people who can never fully know the good that they have done.” Tracy Kidder, *Among Schoolchildren*

Amy Rosenberg

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Amy Rosenberg - January 10, 2019 at 02:48 PM

MB

“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Maria Bonilla** - January 08, 2019 at 09:48 AM

MB

*Mike, Sarah and Morgan,  
Extremely sad to see Ann go so soon. Ann will definitely be missed,  
such a wonderful person.*

*All we have are very special moments and meaningful memories of  
Ann. Always smiling and with great attitude.*

*Love,  
Familia Escobar Bonilla.  
"Your Extended Family from Colombia and Guatemala"*

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**Maria Bonilla** - January 08, 2019 at 10:51 AM

EP

“ Dear Mike and Family,

*Annie was a warm and steady light in the lives of those who knew  
her. Always a pleasure to see and talk to. Susan and I hope that, in  
time, your memories of her will become a consolation. We  
remember fondly the firm's get-togethers at the Liggett ranch which  
Annie so graciously hosted.*

*Eric Peterson*

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**Eric Peterson** - January 07, 2019 at 04:21 PM

TM

“ Mike and Family: I am saddened to read of your loss. Please know that I will keep your family in my thoughts, and I hope your beautiful memories give you comfort.

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**Tracy McBride** - January 07, 2019 at 04:05 PM

JK

“ Dear Mike, Sarah and Morgan - I was so saddened to hear of your loss. Annie was a special person in my life, and we treasured the three years we worked together at Eyestone Elementary. She was a devoted and dedicated teacher, and loved those kids as though they were her own. I will be there this Saturday to offer support and love.  
- John Karbula

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**John Karbula** - January 07, 2019 at 01:44 PM

JM

“ To you Mike and kids with deepest sympathy.

*How fondly I remember those early college, carefree days; hanging out at your little house in old town and celebrating the Summer Solstice together. A lot has happened to each of us since then and I trust your happy, joyful memories with Ann are too numerous to mention and will sustain you in the future.*

*I always admired Ann most for her quiet, intelligent, wise reserve. She was always the practical, reality-based woman of few words but when she spoke - we listened.*

*Our hearts go out to you and know that you are not alone. I am just a phone call or a drink away. Please call.*

*Love, Trish and JD*

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**JD and Trish Murphy** - January 06, 2019 at 10:29 PM

SK

“ Mike, Susan & Morgan, my deepest sympathy on the single-day loss of two much loved and valued women in your family. Annie's gracious hospitality at your annual Summer Solstice parties remain fond memories for me and Jim - and, yes, Jessi too. I only briefly met Margie at one of these events. But I do know she was one of those supportive, stalwart and strong military spouse throughout Wallace's long military career. My condolences extend to Wallace too. - Shelly Kalkowski

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**Shelly Kalkowski** - January 06, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Ann's passing. I always enjoyed our conversations during her haircuts, and can still hear her laugh. Not everyone could pull off those converse sneakers, but they were pure Ann. I know this is an incomprehensible loss, and my heart goes out to you 🙏

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**Pam Sugden** - January 06, 2019 at 02:14 PM

CM

“ Michael,  
I know how painful it is to lose your mate. Sounds like she was a wonderful person and just the one for you.  
Take care of yourself.

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**cathy mulcahy** - January 06, 2019 at 01:39 PM

ZW

“ Dear Mike, Sarah, and Morgan,  
I was very sorry to hear of your sudden losses of Annie and Mike's mom on New Year's Eve. Such a sad way to start the year. My thoughts are with you all. I guess Annie is now listening to that famous All-Star Band in heaven! Best wishes always,  
Zach Wilson

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**Zachary Wilson** - January 06, 2019 at 01:06 PM

MH

“ Dear Mike and Family,  
we are speaking from your very way-back-when to say how sorry we are to hear of Ann's death. Our memories are of those years as we ended our time in school and started our lives as couples and made plans for our future. We recognized right away that you and Ann would always be together.

We also understand that you lost your mother, Mike, and we can only wish you the memories of a grand life with the most important women in your life to see you through the sadness. As you begin the next phase with your children and grandchildren we know you'll create more wonderful experiences and live in honor of your mom and Ann.

Wishing you well,  
Marcia & Vaughn Hadenfeldt  
Bluff, Utah

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**Marcia Hadenfeldt** - January 06, 2019 at 11:57 AM

RW

“ Mike, Sarah, Jason, Morgan, and Stephanie, Nate and I are so sad to hear this news. It was not long ago we were sharing laughs, beers, and stories at the Forge. Annie will be missed, along with her contagious energy. Our thoughts and love go to you all.  
- Nate and Rosie Weigel

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**Rosie Weigrl** - January 06, 2019 at 11:11 AM

HC

“ Mike, Bob and I received this sad news while traveling in Australia. We are so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you , Sarah and Morgan. I too will remember Annie's sense of humor and love of literature.

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**Holly Carroll** - January 05, 2019 at 09:46 PM

BH

“ Will most assuredly miss Annie's dry-witted comments on all the books we read in BookClub! May she rest in Peace and may her family be comforted by her memories. With love,  
barbara hoehn

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**Barbara B Hoehn** - January 05, 2019 at 05:21 PM

JM

“ Mike, I am so very sorry to hear this sad news of Ann's passing recently. You have my sincerest condolences to all of your family in your loss. While I didn't know her, I did meet her once downtown, and I know you had looked forward to your retirement years together. My very best wishes to you.  
Jessica MacMillan

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**Jessica MacMillan** - January 05, 2019 at 03:56 PM

SM

“ *Such sad news. Our best thoughts and our prayers are with you, Mike, and with Sarah and Morgan and their young families.*

*Steve & Cheryl Miller*

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**Steve Miller** - January 05, 2019 at 12:23 PM

LG

“ *Mike, I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your lovely wife and companion of so many years. I trust the many happy memories of your life together sustain you through this difficult time. Warmly,*  
*Linda Gabel*

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**linda gabel** - January 05, 2019 at 12:07 PM

PW

“ *Mike, I'm so sorry to hear of Ann's passing. I didn't know her, but I know she meant the world to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this time of grief. Pat Wunsch*

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**Pat Wunsch** - January 05, 2019 at 11:59 AM

MC

“ *Mike and family,*

*Many condolences on your loss of Ann. Take good care.*

*Mary Carlson*



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**Mary Carlson** - January 05, 2019 at 11:47 AM

ME

“ My heart hurts to know of Ann's passing. She is one of the most tender and generous souls I have ever known. When I asked her what she might like for a retirement gift, as she put her last book on the shelf at Eyestone, she only wanted a book donated to our library in her name. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed. Till we meet again, Ann.....

~Mary Sue Ehrlich

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**Mary Sue Ehrlich** - January 05, 2019 at 11:41 AM

HJ

“ I am so sad to hear of Annie's passing. I can't hear a Stones song without thinking of her and thinking of our Stones adventures. I will miss seeing her smiling face and enjoying her wonderful dry sense of humor. The heavens just got a little brighter . . . .  
With so much sympathy and love ..

Jill Hultin

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**Hultin Jill** - January 05, 2019 at 11:09 AM

BF

“ Brad And There's Fightmaster lit a candle in memory of Ann S. Liggett



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**Brad and There's Fightmaster** - January 05, 2019 at 01:03 AM