



## Anne L. Manvel

April 1, 1940 - May 2, 2019

Anne Laird Manvel died peacefully at her home on May 2 after a life filled with love and service.

Born in 1940 to parents Hallie and Bert Laird, Anne grew up in Ashtabula, Ohio. She met her husband Ben at Oberlin College, where she completed a BA in History before earning an MA in Librarianship from the University of Denver. Anne and Ben married in 1964 and lived in Ann Arbor for six years before moving to Fort Collins where Ben taught mathematics at CSU.

Anne worked briefly in various library positions but after moving to Fort Collins she focused on family and community. Her leadership of the local League of Women Voters led to eight years serving on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, including two years as chair.

Her children, Emily Manvel Leite, Sara Manvel Steen, and Evan Manvel, were her pride and joy. Their spouses and seven grandchildren were a wonderful bonus. She loved spending time with her siblings and extended family and enjoyed friends, travel, hiking and camping, birding, tennis, crosswords, and volunteering in many ways, especially at Foothills Unitarian Church. Summer weeks on Nantucket Island and sabbatical years in Cambridge, England, Melbourne, Australia, and Florence, Italy were especially memorable.

After a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in 2009 Anne gradually lost her brilliance, her memory, and her mobility but she retained her beautiful smile and gracious manner to the end. She is survived by her husband Ben, siblings Judy Purvis, John Laird, and Betsy Pohle, her three children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren. They are grateful for Pathways Hospice, which made it possible for her to remain at home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 25, at 3 PM at Foothills Unitarian Church. Memorial contributions can be sent to Foothills Unitarian Church or the League of Women Voters of Larimer County.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **25**. 3:00 PM (MT)

Foothills Unitarian Church  
1815 Yorktown Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Ben and family,  
My wife and I want to wish you peace and know that our Lord will give you the strength as you continue your lives with out your beautiful wife and mother.  
May God Bless you.*

*Bart and Dot Bartholomew  
Loveland, CO*

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**M. E. 'Bart' 'Bart' Bartholomew** - May 17, 2019 at 09:16 AM

CS

“ *My experience working with Anne during the latter half of 2017 left an indelible impression on me. She was always so joyful and kind, and I was so touched by Ben's unwavering devotion. I celebrate her life as I complete my first year of occupational therapy school. I carry those days spent with Anne along with me as I chart a path towards a career working with those challenged by dementia. Thank you for the opportunity to know her.*

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**Cammy Swab** - May 07, 2019 at 06:25 PM

EM

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Evan Manvel** - May 07, 2019 at 12:37 PM

MS

*Hello, I went to FCHS with Evan. I was on this website visiting my mom's obit when I noticed your mom's name and knew you were her son. Words cannot express what you are all going through right now. I wanted to let you know I was thinking about you all and so sorry for your loss.*

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**melinda sharkey** - May 08, 2019 at 08:35 AM

KR

*I sat next to Ann and Ben for years in the second row at Foothills. I remember all her wonderful presentations from the League of Women Voters years ago. In her later years she became more and more vague, but she always had that sweet smile. It was lovely to hold her hand on Sunday mornings. She was a great lady, and I will miss her gentle presence.*

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**Karen Robinson** - May 08, 2019 at 10:14 AM

DC

*While in Ann Arbor, Anne and Ben lived nearby. We often visited them and the young twins. We particularly remember Anne's good cooking and the good times.*

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**David & Sally Cowles** - May 08, 2019 at 11:42 AM

NW

*Anne had a beautiful mind. she was co-valedictorian of her high school with a 4 pt average. I have many fond memories of growing up together. One was racing home for lunch on roller skates. Everyone who knew her was blest. Nancy Warner*

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**nancy warner** - May 29, 2019 at 10:41 AM