



Anne Winship Leach Henry

April 29, 1934 - November 25, 2022

Anne Winship Leach Henry passed away at home on November 25, 2022. She was born to Anne Winship Bates Leach and Willaford Ransom Leach in Atlanta on April 29, 1934. She was predeceased by her parents along with her three older siblings, Elizabeth Walsh Spears, Emily Walsh Carnes, and William Joel Leach. She and her brother grew up in Martin County, Florida at their home Tuckahoe on the Indian River. She and William were very close, and they had many adventures swimming in the alligator pond, boating across the river to Hutchinson Island, playing tennis on a cement court and learning to drive a tractor. As a child during World War II, Anne served her country as a plane spotter. While her time with William nurtured her love of the outdoors and sports, Anne's sister Emily brought refinement to her life, teaching her to sew and how to dress fashionably. Emily even secured a job for Anne modeling fur coats in Atlanta. At an elegant 6'2" tall, she was perfect for the job.

A lifelong athlete, Anne played tennis, volleyball and basketball while in high school. She competed on the southeastern tennis circuit and traveled all over the state of Florida playing basketball. In those days, there were games for the boys and girls as opposed to varsity and junior varsity games. At age 16, she was off to college where she graduated from the University of Florida as a member of one of their early coed classes. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, performed in synchronized swimming shows and was Miss

Electrical Engineering.

Her marriage to John Herman Edward Henry, who predeceased her in 2014, brought them to North Palm Beach, Florida where they made their home. Anne was an amazing mother to Patricia Anne Henry (Chuck McWilliams), Diane Henry Tanner (Randy), Linda Henry Mehserle (Bill), and Richard Ransom Henry, all of whom have survived her. Anne was active in the local Methodist church as a Sunday School teacher and volunteered with the Girl Scouts as neighborhood cookie chairperson (turning the garage into a cookie warehouse) and as a sewing teacher to help girls earn their badges. She also served on the board of the Palm Glades Girl Scout Council. For many years, she was an avid reader, a brilliant seamstress and tailor, and an accomplished water-skier. John and Anne were fierce bridge partners and were known to cut the rug on the dance floor. In their 50's, John and Anne learned to snow ski so they could hit the slopes with their family. After John's retirement, they traveled extensively, including a dream-come-true trip to Great Britain to attend Wimbledon.

In 2002, Anne and John moved to Village Walk, a community in Sarasota that offered wonderful clay tennis courts and proximity to their daughter Linda and her family. Anne was her grandchildren's biggest fan at their sporting events and performances. In order to continue playing tennis into her 80's, Anne had joint replacement surgery on both knees and hips. She enjoyed Bible Study groups and was part of a caring women's Sunday School class. She and John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and their spouses, her sister Emily (who was Anne's wedding attendant) and the couple who initially introduced them. Anne was a dedicated caregiver to John for many years.

Anne is also survived by her three beloved grandchildren, William Lee Mehserle, Jr., Catherine Anne Claus (Sarah), and Diana Mehserle Jaquith

(Dave) and three precious great grandchildren (Henry, Holly, and Howard Jaquith). They will miss her stories, songs, and smiles along with fun and games in the swimming pool with the grand dogs.

Although she loved Florida, Anne returned to Atlanta to live in the fall of 2019. There she enjoyed long walks, being especially happy to befriend many dogs and their owners. She was a favorite guest attendee at Diane's book club meetings. As she often did while living in Florida, she became a surrogate mom to her children's many friends.

Anne also leaves behind many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. In her last year, Anne bravely confronted lymphoma. Her faith sustained and comforted her during this time. Our loss of this incredible woman is Heaven's gain.

A service will be held December 17, 2022 at 10 am at Grace United Methodist Church, Leonard Delaney Peale Memorial Chapel 400 Field Avenue East, Venice, FL 34285. The chapel is located at the corner of Avenida delCirco and Field Avenue East. Preferred parking is located off Avenida Del Circo.

For those unable to attend Anne's service, there will be a video available as of 12/21/22 on the following website:

<https://www.artisticmedia.com/annehenry>

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Friends of Mount Elizabeth, a volunteer organization dedicated to the ongoing preservation and enhancement of Anne's childhood home Tuckahoe. Since undergoing massive restoration, Tuckahoe is on the National Register of Historic Places and has become a Martin County treasure. <https://www.martin.fl.us/FOME> <https://www.martin.fl.us/Mansion>

There is no online donation mechanism available. Checks should be mailed to:

The Friends of Mount Elizabeth
P.O. Box 194
Jensen Beach, Florida, 34958

Cemetery Details

Mansion Memorial Park

1400 36th Avenue East
Ellenton, FL 34222

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
400 Field Avenue East
Venice, FL 34285