



Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell

August 25, 1933 - July 14, 2021

Our beloved mother, Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell, went to her heavenly home on July 14, 2021, after a sudden decline due to a chronic lung disease that hadn't slowed her down a bit until last Tuesday. She died peacefully at Willard Walker Hospice House surrounded by her loving family and friends.

She was born on August 25, 1933, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Marie Rayburn Dougan and Thomas Burton Dougan. She graduated from Little Rock High School in 1950 where she was a cheerleader and member of A capella choir, and then went to Hendrix for a year. She transferred to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in 1952 where she pledged Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and met and fell in love with Fred Hanna. They eloped on February 12, 1954, and she lived in the Zeta house until they found out that she had married and she had to move out. After Fred's graduation from the UofA, they moved to Great Lakes, Illinois, where he was stationed in the Navy.

They returned to Fayetteville in 1956, and made it their permanent home. Fred opened Hanna Marine and Anne took care of the home. Her greatest desire was to be a wife and mother, so together they had and raised 5 children, all of whom she loved fiercely. She thought gathering at the table each night was so important, and set a lovely table and made each child feel special. She believed it was being together that mattered, not the food, so we loved to tease her about her cooking method: if it's smoking it's cooking, if it's black it's done.

Anne went on to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Education, majoring in English, in 1967.

She did have various hobbies, among them collecting dolls and participating in a doll club for years. After she became a Christian in 1968, she participated in many Bible Studies and prayer groups. Later in life, she enjoyed being the First Lady of Fayetteville from 1992-2000, during Fred's tenure as Mayor. They were married happily for 50 years and enjoyed living part time on Beaver Lake.

Anne's joy was her family and her greatest desire was to share her faith in Jesus Christ and His plan for salvation. Anyone who met her, including the staff at WRMC, felt blessed by the love of Christ she exuded. She impacted the lives of so many and was a prayer warrior. Her last prayer request to her prayer group, God's Girls, was that God either let her go to her earthly home or to her heavenly home. Anne truly lived by the scripture, "For to me, to live is Christ, to die is gain." Philippians 1:21.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Fred Hanna, and her brother, Charles Rayburn Dougan.

She is survived by her loving husband of 15 years, Mike Newell. Mike and Fred were childhood friends in Morrilton, AR, and Anne and Mike began a new life together after they both lost their spouses. They married in November of 2005 and lived happily together, truly in love, and we got the gift of a second father.

She also leaves behind daughter Stephanie (Doug) Bryant, of Bentonville; Mark (Carol) Hanna, of Centerton; Thad (Anita) Hanna, Burt Hanna(Carrie), and Brown (Erica) Hanna, all of Fayetteville.

Grandchildren: Ashley (Rocky) Morgan, Dr. Blake (Hannah) Bryant, Cole (Sara) Bryant, Hanna (Brett) Mann, Lauren (Chase) Johnson, Sarah (Anthony) Feng, Trey (Sela) Hanna, Trent (Kaylan) Hanna, Hayley (Toby) Baker, Jake (Nicole) Hanna, Brooke (Ryan) Lemoine, John and Leighanne Hanna. She leaves behind a legacy of 32; 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren, with more to come.

Visitation will be Monday, July 19, at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Celebration of Life service will be Tuesday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. Trinity Fellowship, Fayetteville. Memorials may be made to Mount Comfort Cemetery Association, 3878 W. Mt. Comfort Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72704

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.bernafuneralhomes.com

Cemetery

Events

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

Fayetteville, AR,

JUL

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Nelson-Berna of Fayetteville

4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville, AR, US, 72703

JUL

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

Trinity Fellowship

1100 East Rolling Hills Drive, Fayetteville, AR, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Berna Funeral Homes - July 17, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ What a wonderful friend! I am so thankful Anne was part of my life!
She was so full of Gods love, wisdom and joy. I so treasure my memories

Janelle McCann - July 24, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 20, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ No one could light up your world any better than this lady with that wonderful smile. Anne and I did many Washington School carnivals together. I loved that “pocket witch” and will miss her. But I have no doubt where that beautiful soul is today and she is regaling our Lord. 😊

Sondra Gibson - July 19, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ I know you'll be comforted by the warmest memories of Anne's beautiful soul, and the knowledge you haven't “lost” her... you know EXACTLY where she is!
Grace and Peace from the family of Jim and Mary Margaret Hall

jim hall - July 19, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Everyone loved Anne. I am blessed for having known her, as you all are. An additional blessing for me is that she invited me into Red Hat Society with her. As we grieve we rejoice for her as she goes to the Lord.
Jacque Fifer

Jacquelyn Fifer - July 19, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 19, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Arylessence purchased the Sweet Comfort for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



Arylessence - July 19, 2021 at 07:49 AM



“ Anne was wonderful. She was always so pleased to see you and greet you with a big smile and a hug. If you were having a bad day when she arrived, it was better when she left you. A bright ray of sunshine followed her wherever she went. She was an eager Christian and was a dear friend as well. She was one of the most positive people we ever met. We will miss her swooping in spreading God's word and happiness.

Rob and Nancy Lewis - July 19, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 18, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ Hearing the devastating news that Ms Anne had passed away, was a blow to my heart. I will never be able to fully express the impact she had in my life! So many memories! Every time I was around her, she always had an encouraging word; knowing what I needed to hear, even though there were times I didn't like what was being said. Her smile and hugs left an imprint in my heart. If I wasn't smiling before meeting up with her and her family, I was, on my way out the door!

Love and prayers go out to the entire Hanna Family!!



Kathleen Meier - July 18, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ The Meier's Kathleen Scott Lori Robert Ryan purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



The Meier's Kathleen Scott Lori Robert Ryan - July 18, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ When Anne walked into the room, she lit it up! She and my mother were close friends when I was blessed to work with our UBC Seniors in the 90's (before I became a senior myself). I will always love this lady and cherish the many joyous memories.

Mike Bedford - July 18, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 18, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ I am a neighbor and only met your Anne a few weeks ago, i think it might have been my hat that attracted her...she came out and spoke to me as i was walking past her house. we engaged in quite a long conversation about our Southern roots. As i was leaving, she gave me a beautiful blossom from her magnolia tree. My visit with her was delightful; I feel so fortunate to have had this lovely encounter with a memorable lady.

Frances Jones

Frances Jones - July 18, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ JP and I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Anne has been our back door neighbor since we moved to Fayetteville in 2002. We have had many visits in the back yard over the years and appreciated each other's gardens. She has appeared at our front door on numerous occasions with a gift of flowers from her yard, some jelly she made, or a surprise greeting card in the mailbox. We will miss her friendliness as a neighbor and the way she always shared her faith. She always made me feel loved. What a gift she was and I'll miss her!

Margaret and JP Sexton

Margaret Sexton - July 18, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jan DeWese - July 18, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ LOVE YOU SO, ANNE HANNA-NEWELL, MISS JAN

Jan - July 18, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 18, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 18, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ I met Anne through SALT at clc in 2010
Her and mike.
We both discovered that we had bn First ladies of Fayetteville Me in the mid

1980s when we still had. City council and city manager until june 1991.
Then our government changed to alderman and elected mayor.
She became First lady of Fayetteville.
What a great gracious loving caring woman of God.
She got me to join the Red hat society.
We had great trips to branson and other places.
What a great life she had and what a gift she was to her family friends and church members
No one can ever fill her void.
But i am sure she is busy in heaven and definitely an angel.
Prayers for mike stephanie the boys and all the grand and great grandchildren



Andrea linebaugh - July 18, 2021 at 04:59 AM



“ Andrea Linebaugh lit a candle in memory of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell



Andrea Linebaugh - July 18, 2021 at 04:25 AM



“ David and Roberta DeRossett purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



David and Roberta DeRossett - July 18, 2021 at 01:42 AM



“ Anne was one of the most memorable friends that meant so much to me in Little Rock before I moved away to Monroe, LA. She taught me to dance at West Side, and was one of the most popular and outstanding girls in the entire school. I'll never forget my amazement that she would pay attention to and help me. But, that was the hallmark of her personality throughout her wonderful and caring life. Roberta and I became re-acquainted with Anne and Fred during the LRHS Band re-union of 2000. After a 2nd LRHS Band re-union in 2003 we drove up to visit them in Fayetteville. It was a delightful visit for Roberta and me. Mayor Fred and vivacious and ever friendly Anne showed us around town, and we toured the University of Arkansas. We have all been so close and have visited in each other's homes several times since 2000. They first visited us in Baton Rouge, and we've all been so much like family ever since. After she and Mike married he also became like a close brother to us, much as he has been so close to Anne's wonderful family throughout the area and the world. As Anne is happy to be free of sickness and at home with her Jesus, our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike in losing his wonderful loving wife. We grieve with all of you who have lost Anne. We have felt through these years like she was one of our family too. All of us who love the Lord and look for His appearing can rejoice that Anne is in her Heavenly home, and that one day we will all see her again. Much love and sympathy to you all.

David and Roberta DeRossett

David and Roberta DeRossett - July 18, 2021 at 01:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 17, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ I first met Anne and Fred in 1970, she was a delight to know. She was a great Mother to her children as well as a great friend to everyone.
She was at one time my children's (Kevin & Mailea) Sunday school teacher when they were small, and they both loved her.
She will be missed but I know she is more at home now with her Jesus.
I Pray for the family left behind, may God comfort everyone of you.
Cindy (Poling) Strawser

Cindy(Poling)Strawser - July 17, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ Anne was my close friend and neighbor. She and I had many talks and she gave me excellent advice. Once when I was worried over something, she said, "Mary Jo, you just CAN'T control everything." I repeat those words frequently. When I was wondering whether it was time to give away items in my home, she told me that as long as the items gave me joy, I shouldn't worry about clutter. Anne wrote me lovely notes in her beautiful handwriting. The sentiments were heartfelt, and she knew just the right words and the right Bible passages. She had an incredible memory. She remembered the names of our children and grandchildren and asked about them frequently. Often I opened our front door to find a bouquet of her beautiful roses. She remembered us on holidays and special occasions. When she returned from a trip to the Holy Land, she gave me a mezuzah for our front door. When I was contemplating what to wear to my son's wedding, she got out items from her closet that I might borrow-- including her mink coat! We had tea together in her home and in her beautiful backyard. I know that she helped countless friends through difficult times, patiently and without judgment. Anne had her priorities straight: her family and her faith were first. She got such joy out of her children and grandchildren. I know her passing leaves her family without the matriarch who encouraged you, who loved you unconditionally, and, perhaps most importantly, led you by example. I will miss Anne, and I will also cherish memories of her kindness, wisdom, and love.

Mary Jo Schneider

Mary Jo Schneider - July 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ We remember Anne as a high school friend who was fun and vivacious. We rejoice that she was a child of God and a follower of Jesus.

Charlotte Hunter Sewell, '50 and James Sewell, '51.

James Sewell - July 17, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Rejoicing that She knew Jesus and told others!!! What a treasure!!! May the Lord comfort the family and give them peace.

Denise Marshall - July 17, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Anne’s vivacious personality always brightened the room! She made things fun. But the best part of her was her unashamed love of Christ! If you met Anne you would most certainly hear about Jesus and the sacrifice He made for you. I miss you my dear stepsister!



Rod Cameron - July 17, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ I never saw Anne without a smile. Sending healing thoughts to your family!

Ann Ternes Rosso - July 17, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Anne touched my life over and over each time I met her anywhere then she touched my children and then she touched my grandchildren by laying her sweet hands on us and praying for us. Thank you Lord, she made the world a much better kinder place.

Ann Baker - July 17, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ Anne always had a big smile whenever she talked to me; she especially loved to tease me.

Sue Madison - July 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ Anne was my precious, gracious, joyful friend of five decades. She encouraged me when I struggled with the doubts that came with difficult circumstances. She rejoiced with me in the moments of celebration. God put her in my path when I struggled with some major decisions. She offered wise counsel, but never told me what to do. Rather, she shared a Bible verse that pointed me in the right direction. She was and will continue to be my role model for living life as a godly woman.

I am not by nature a sentimental person. However, I have some notes from Anne that I use as bookmarks in my Bible. These gracious words remind me of her joyful, Christ filled spirit, and her blessed assurance.

On July 14, Anne heard these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Susie Stewart - July 17, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ Mrs. Anne was an inspiration to any mother or grandmother. I loved running into her when we were neighbors for a short time. Always smiling, so precious! She raised wonderful children and loved her family fiercely. I will miss seeing her and what hat she was wearing :) She and as special to anyone that had the honor of knowing her or any of her children.

Carin Evans - July 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Precious Anne is healed and dancing in Heaven and I picture her jumping right into the arms of Jesus with every ounce of joy she always exhibited here on earth.



Pam Cameron - July 16, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ Instead of waiting sedately on His throne as God does for newcomers; for Anne He must have been right at the gates jumping up and down like a little boy with excited open arms for her!! He Knut her in her mother's womb and so excited that she turned out the best of human nature. Love to know she is with Him! Evelyn F

Evelyn Fritz - July 16, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Anne personally, but I do know her sons Thad and Burt. They are exceptionally kind and thoughtful people and reflect highly upon Anne. She was obviously a wonderful person and an even better mother. She has left behind a wonderful legacy. Rest in peace Anne

Dustin Thompson - July 16, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Dustin Thompson lit a candle in memory of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell



Dustin Thompson - July 16, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ In 1968 Bob Treat, my husband, was a 27-year-old senior at the UofA and funding wasn't available for the summer of 1968. He went to Hanna Marine and asked Fred if he could use help during the summer because of his experience working on Bull Shoals boat dock and Flippin Auto Parts. Fred gave him the job and right away had to be away from his family for several weeks. Ann would come by with her 4 stair-step little boys to check on the business. Bob kept the business going and even delivered a pontoon boat to Cherokee Village. Reading Ann's obituary I see Ann came to Christ that year. I like to think God provided a summer job for Bob which he so appreciated, and He provided for the Hanna family during a difficult summer. Prayers for the Hanna family.

Donna Treat - July 16, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ Sweet Anne....embodied CHRIST like no other. Her smile...her hats! I met her through my grandmother, Grace Deaton. I've seen her from time to time throughout the years. She remained the same joyful oneproud to have known her. Thankful we will share eternity. She'll probably be a greeter!

ann striegler. - July 16, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ I've known Anne since I was 13. She was probably the most wonderful, genuine person I've ever known! I used to clean her house and she would always be singing gospel songs (loud and off key) but I never heard joy coming from anyone like I did her!! We went to Trinity temple and womens luncheons together. She was instrumental in leading me to the lord and was on a first row seat when I was baptized. She was wonderful to me and my children and when she was pregnant and bed ridden with Brown I was pregnant with my daughter. We talked weekly and encouraged one another! She adored her husband and children but her greatest love was her savior!

I cried when I heard about her passing but not out of sadness. No, my heart was full of joy because I Know without a shadow of doubt she is beholding the face of her savior and king!! And she is at his feet singing loud (and a little off key) with the angels of heaven and all the saints!! And I'm a little jealous.

Thank you for everything Anne and put in a good word for me please!

Becky Sayre - July 16, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Anne and I met in our schooldays in Little Rock. We became close friends. When our husbands were in the military we lost touch but both ended up in Fayetteville and renewed our friendship. She was my comfort and support when I lost my son and my co hort in playing with dolls as we grew old. I will miss her.....but know we shall meet again soon.

Carolyn Duty Banks - July 16, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ My dear sweet friend & mentor, Anne. You guided me along through some really rough patches, during my days as a baby Christian. You were my "firecracker friend". You made everyone you met feel really special. I can't wait to see you again, sweet sister. I love you.
Betsy Reynolds

Betsy Reynolds - July 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Anne Dougan Hanna-Newell.



July 16, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Thank you, Anne, for always being a bright shining ray of sunshine. Thank you for your support, prayers and advice throughout the years. You, Sweet Lady, are one of the reasons Frank and I made it to our 50th. Thank you for your guidance. We will meet again with the praise of our Lord in our hearts and voices. I love you dearly,
Linda Nickle

Linda Nickle - July 16, 2021 at 11:15 AM