



Anne McCartney

October 23, 1959 - December 9, 2024

Anne McCartney (née Hickok) of Kansas City Missouri was known by many different names throughout her life--Mrs. McCartney, Auntie Anne, cuz, Miss Anne, white-water Annie, Anne-mama, but to us she will always be mom.

In some ways, "mom" is such a homely expression for a woman of such enormous complexity.

She spent 30 years as a Montessori teacher, helping students navigate the perils of the golden beads, the broad stair, and early phonics. She was a portrait artist, an equestrian, a Shakespearean actress, and a musician. She was a published author and a traveler, having extensively explored Asia, Europe and Africa in her youth.

However, to us she was the reader of stories and the maker of "lovely dinners." She taught us The Peacemaker Pledge and never failed to sing the boo-boo song. She was the KC Star's 1999 winner of the Wackiest Mom award for her tutu/cleaning antics, where she alleged that it was better to do chores in costume because "tutus are glorious and housework is not." Each night, without fail, she asked us how our day was and to share five things for which we were grateful before reminding us of the family values--treat all people with love, manners, and respect.

When we were older she was the sender of soups and cookies and was a devoted grandmother. She knew how to speak to her children in the languages they each needed: in Chiefs games and Broadway plays, in book shares and pedicures, in Sunday phone calls and Movies with Mom.

She died on December 9th at St. Joseph's at age 65. She is survived by her husband, John McCartney; her brother, Tim Hickok (Colleen Hickok); her stepmother, Gloria Hickok; her daughters, Lora Hawkins (Teshale Byan) and Jane Hawkins (Dustin Hudgens); her son, Jack Hawkins (Castille Ritter); two stepsons; three step-siblings; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elaine Darnell, and her father, Bill Hickok.

Whether she was called Anne-mama, sister, wife, teacher, or mom, she made our lives richer and will be missed.

We will be gathering to share stories and remembrances on Sunday, December 22nd from 2-4pm at 9805 Belleview Avenue, KCMO 64114.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert Porter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anne McCartney.

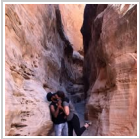


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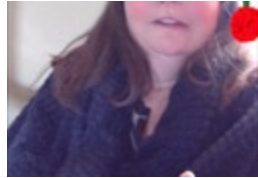


“ Robert Porter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne McCartney.

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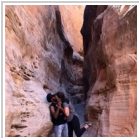
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“ *She was always the bright in the dark the funny in the grim the truth when we needed it she was a true gem she will be missed but remembered forever*

Debbie Gardner - December 16, 2024 at 02:44 PM

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“ *I first "met" Anne on-line when she Posted the most heart-warming Message on my late Dad's Facebook Page in 2014, as she had worn one of his POW/MIA bracelets for years, and wanted to fulfill her pledge and return it.*

We started corresponding, and became fast friends. I finally got to meet her in 2018, when she was in nearby Las Vegas visiting her son Jack. What a lovely human being she was. I was devastated to learn she had passed. I recently sent a card/letter to her daughter Lora, the letter being too long/personal to copy here, but I will state one sentence from it now, as I believe, at least for me, best describes the Anne I knew: "Of all the souls I have encountered in this lifetime, her's was the most ... beautiful." Rest in peace, my dear friend.



Tom Finney - December 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM