



Annamae Van Doren

August 1, 1919 - March 17, 2018

Annamae Van Doren, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, at Clarehouse Hospice, Tulsa, OK, on March 17, 2018. Annamae was born in Philadelphia, PA to Frank and Kathryn Coffin Koehler on August 1, 1919. She was the adopted daughter of Juliana and William John Barr. She was married to George Washington Van Doren for fifty-three years until his death in 1994.

Annamae graduated from Fountain Hill High School as valedictorian in 1937. Unable to accept a scholarship to Moravian College because of the untimely death of her father, she attended Bloomsburg College for two summers and then started work at Bethlehem Steel Corporation as secretary to the vice president in charge of mining, Merle L. Jacobs. She remained at Bethlehem Steel until the birth of her first child. As her children grew to school age, she began work as a secretary at Lehigh University, first at the admissions office and later for the social relations department. She retired in 1984 to travel with her husband. Later that year, she accepted a part time job as secretary/receptionist at Fritz Memorial United Methodist Church in Bethlehem.

In 1996, following the death of her husband George, she moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to be close to her daughter and her family. There she served as a volunteer at Broken Arrow Neighbors and Saint Francis Hospital South. She was a member of the Daughters of the King, the Christian Women of Broken Arrow, the Newcomers Club of Broken Arrow, and the Red Hat Dapper

Dames. Annamae was a member of Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church. She was a long time member of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Annamae and her husband George were avid dancers in many styles. They were perennial performers in the Lehigh Valley production of the Nutcracker as well as active square and round dancers with the Saucon Squares and Yellow Rockers, among other groups. She also enjoyed traveling in their RV, especially to Myrtle Beach.

Annamae is survived by her son George (Peg) VanDoren of Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania and his two daughters Anne (Tom) Moyer and Margaret (Michelle) VanDiehl; her daughter Jeanne (Sam) Chinnock of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and her daughters Moriah (Michael) Crystal, Elisha (Andrew) Harmon, and Rachel Chinnock; and five great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son David. David is survived by his wife Pam Van Doren and daughters Emily (Nate) Pardue and Beccy Van Doren.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Wednesday, March 21st at 10:30 AM and at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Clarehouse Hospice, 7617 South Mingo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74133.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Church Tulsa
10901 South Yale Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74137

Tribute Wall



“ *Annamae Van Doren*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *My dear aunt Anne; it's been a long journey for you with lots of memories along the way. I will never forget you. Rest in peace. Your nephew, Robert Van Doren.*

Robert K Van Doren - March 25, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *Grandma,*

I love you so much! I have so many happy memories to cherish with you.

Love, Beccy

Beccy - March 20, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Annamae Van Doren.*



March 20, 2018 at 11:34 AM

EN

“ I met Annamae in 2002 at the first Red Hat gathering I went to. Oh, what memories I have of all our fun times together. Loved to talk to her about the life she lived because she really did live every minute of it and even the roughest of times she kept her spirits up. Praying for the family

Erma Newman - March 17, 2018 at 09:18 PM

DR

I met Annamae in 2007 when I joined a Bible Study, I have been through her trials and tribulations with her. She lived a great full life and now she's home!
My prayers are with the family at this time.

Diana Risner - March 18, 2018 at 08:32 AM

RS

Annamae was a loving and dear friend, a Red Hat sister that loved sharing lunch and her memories with our group. She will be missed but never forgotten. Prayers to the family at this time.

Ramona Stanfield - March 19, 2018 at 05:02 PM

CS

I met Annamae when I joined the Red Hat Society. Her warmth and loving spirit welcomed me into this group of wonderful ladies. As the years went on we became very good friends and when our Queen left our group to go to Texas I was asked to step in as Queen. We called ourselves the T-town Red Hat Divas. She loved the name and was loved by all of us. She will be missed. We, as a group would go to visit and have lunch with her at her apartment facility. What fun it was for all of us.
Good by dear sweet Annamae. I'll see you again someday.

Carol Stahl - March 19, 2018 at 08:21 PM

EW

Loved this feisty little lady and look forward to seeing her again someday. Dance on, Annamae❤️

Ethel White - March 19, 2018 at 09:01 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Van Doren family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Annamae.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 17, 2018 at 01:21 PM