



Annette Lee (Anderson) Crabtree

January 25, 1939 - July 16, 2020

Annette Lee (Anderson) Crabtree, age 81, passed away July 16, 2020. She was born January 25, 1939, in Chicago, IL, to Arthur and Flo (Bettis) Anderson. Annette grew up in San Antonio, TX. She graduated in 1956 from Thomas Jefferson High School. She studied at Stevens College in Missouri, spent one summer at the University of Hawaii in Oahu and obtained her bachelor's degree in music from the University of Texas in Austin. She was a talented musician and taught piano for many years and also played the piano and organ at her church. She married Wilson Crabtree on March 10, 1962, and they were devoted to each other for more than 50 years. Annette was an only child and wanted a big family. Annette and Wilson raised three daughters, Holly, Elizabeth, and Christy, and lived in Dallas, Wichita Falls and Rockwall, Texas. Annette moved to Texas very young, so as a special gift, one year Wilson declared that she had lived in Texas long enough to be declared a Native Texan. Annette loved all things Texas and fervently believed "The Eyes of Texas" were upon her. Her Southern Charm was evident even when being pulled over for speeding in Rockwall, she looked at the officer and declared, "Were you flashing all those lights for me? Why I didn't know my little buggy could go that fast!"

Annette had a sparkling personality and great sense of humor, which made her career as a travel agent a perfect fit. She worked for American Express and Tickets and Tours for a combined 25 years. Because of her success, she was able to travel the world, including Greece, China, Norway, Tahiti, Portugal and Hong Kong. Annette passed her love of travel to all three daughters, and as a family they traveled through Europe and to Hawaii. Hawaii became a special place for Annette and Wilson, and they spent many happy vacations in the islands. Their last trip was in 2008, with their daughters and their families too.

She was also an active member of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization), an organization with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. Among other accomplishments, she helped organize Chapter HE, in Rockwall and her last Chapter was Chapter FA in Plano.

Holly Lake Ranch, TX, was home during her retirement years. Annette had a strong faith

and attended church every Sunday. During their years at Holly Lake, Annette loved evening golf cart rides with Wilson and Bonnie, her beloved Westie. This was affectionately known as “Toddy Time,” because a vodka tonic for each was always required.

Annette lit up every room she entered and was the life of the party. She loved to entertain and was a fantastic storyteller. Her charisma drew people to her, making her part of a large circle of very dear friends. She belonged to the “Jugs” (Just Us Girls) and enjoyed spending time with this special group of ladies. In her spare time, Annette loved to fish, and spent many hours teaching her daughters, who still love to fish today. She was a fantastic bridge player, and an avid Texas Longhorns football fan. Most important to Annette were her family, who will miss her warm, loving spirit.

Annette began showing signs of dementia as early as age 65 and began a slow decline. In their later years, Wilson became her primary caregiver at Holly Lake. In 2016, when he was diagnosed with cancer, they were forced to leave the ranch and were separated, as Wilson needed additional care and their daughters made the painful decision to place Annette in a memory care facility. Holly, Elizabeth and Christy worked very hard to keep their parents as connected as possible, until Wilson’s worsening health made travel impossible. Annette kept her smile, love of music and sunny disposition to the end.

Annette is survived by her daughters: Holly Kelley and husband Randy, Elizabeth McCarthy and husband Sean, and Christy Kaul; grandchildren: Joshua Kelley and wife Brenda, Troy Kelley, Ian McCarthy and wife Becca, Isabel McCarthy, Zoey Kaul and Phoebe Kaul; and great-grandchildren: Nolan Kelley and Addison Kelley, and one on the way. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband: Leroy “Wilson” Crabtree; and by her parents.

The service will be live streamed at 11:00am on Monday, August 3, 2020; please go to www.oneromestreaming.com and click on "watch your service" icon and use Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: HONGLXC

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“ I met Andie in the fall of 1998. She was hostess for the first meeting I attended with P.E.O. Chapter HE. Her smile and warmth made me feel at home. I was blessed to know her.

Elizabeth Simmons - August 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ The obituary is perfect and pictures the Andie I knew. I am one of the Jugs we shared many stages of life. I will just add one story. She had such a sense of humor. We started as a bridge group so one year Andie put together a cook book FOUR HEARTS DOUBLED with something from each of us. Except for me it was a peanut butter and jelly sandwich! I sent her one through the mail. Miss you dear friend. Love, judy

judy foster - August 02, 2020 at 02:26 PM



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Christy Kaul - July 31, 2020 at 10:47 AM



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Christy Lynn Kaul - July 29, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Mom loved her family!!



Elizabeth McCarthy - July 27, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Miss both Andy and Wilson. We had great times playing bridge, Encore, and drama diner parties in costume. They lived life to the fullest!

john and sue wright - July 21, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ I worked with Annette for several years. We traveled to Brazil, Greece, and Hong Kong as award winners at American Express. She was a ray of sunshine and had a way of lifting anyone's spirits if they were down. She was definitely my most unforgettable person that crossed my path in life. I am really sad but happy that she's with her heavenly Father and Wilson. God bless her soul may she rest in peace.

Sydney Millicans - July 22, 2020 at 02:31 PM