



## Ann Sorenson

February 12, 2015

Ann Sorenson, age 62, of Kensington, MN, died Thursday, February 12, 2015. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM Saturday, February 21, 2015 the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria, MN. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery near Holmes City, MN. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 AM Saturday at the funeral home.

### OBITUARY

Ann Paula Sorenson was born March 11, 1952 in Pipestone, MN to Boyd and Phyllis (Krick) Sorenson. Ann grew up on a farm along with her three siblings. After graduating from Pipestone high school in 1970, she spent time working in Yellowstone National Park prior to beginning nursing school in Faribault where she earned her degree in 1973. Ann began her career working as an LPN at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

Ann's sense of adventure, curiosity and love for landscapes and architecture fueled her travels beginning in 1976. She rode a wagon train from Oregon to Minneapolis in a Bicentennial commemoration of the Oregon Trail pioneers. In 1977 Ann and a friend packed their bags and set-off for Europe to see England, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden visiting places important to her ancestry.

Known for being the keeper of traditions and history, Ann honored her

heritage through an interest in genealogy. Preserving and taking photographs, holding onto items passed from one generation to the next and sharing stories meant a lot to Ann and to her family. She was equally devoted to helping other families preserve their heritage by being the founding member of the Find a Grave project at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Upon returning from Europe, Ann took a job at a nursing home in Morris, MN. While working in Morris she met a local, Steve Mahoney. The two were married in 1982 and made their home southwest of Kensington, MN. Ann and Steve were blessed with two sons, Nicholas and Daniel. After their births, she worked from her home helping with record keeping for St. Luke's Hospital in Alexandria, allowing her to dedicate time to her family. Ann began working at West Central Area Schools where she cherished meaningful relationships with co-workers, students and their families for nineteen years until the fall of 2014.

During the summer months, Ann enjoyed working in her expansive vegetable and flower gardens. She preserved fruits and vegetables which she shared with family and friends. Acting as a matriarch and teacher maintaining traditional family activities such as knitting, crocheting, cooking and baking, including lefse and other Scandinavian foods.

Ann's love for family and travel brought her to many places within the US and Canada, as well as southern Africa. She loved camping and the diversity that nature has to offer. Ann found beauty in everyday life by fishing in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter.

On Thursday, February 12, 2015 Ann died at the age of sixty-two years. She was preceded in death by her mother, Phyllis Sorenson and her son, Nicholas Mahoney. Ann is survived by her husband, Steve Mahoney of Kensington; one son, Daniel Mahoney and wife, Leah, of Minneapolis, MN; her father, Boyd Sorenson of Alexandria; two brothers, Eric Sorenson and wife, Caroline

Seume, of Karlsruhe, Germany and Tom Sorenson and wife, Nancy, of North Mankato, MN; one sister, Linda Podvin and husband, Rick, of St. Cloud, MN; three nieces whom Ann thought of as daughters, Michelle, Jen and Angie, and several other nieces and nephews; and Ann's co-workers and friends.

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Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral.

# Cemetery Details

**Rose Hill Cemetery**

Holmes City, MN

# Tribute Wall

PO

“ (((((Ann's family)))))) I'm so sorry for your loss (((hugs)))... ((Ann)) and I were very good friends in Jr High... so much time gone since then - but one thing about (((Ann)))... if you loved her once-you loved her forever... May God hold you close at this difficult time



Peggy O'Neill - February 28, 2015 at 12:52 PM

DW

“ Dave and Doug Wilson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ann Sorenson.



Dave and Doug Wilson - February 20, 2015 at 09:54 AM

LH

“ Larry Hudson lit a candle in memory of Ann Sorenson



Larry Hudson - February 20, 2015 at 08:20 AM

JR

“ John and Roger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ann Sorenson.



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**John and Roger** - February 19, 2015 at 08:23 PM

DK

“ Dede Kirkpatrick lit a candle in memory of Ann Sorenson



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**Dede Kirkpatrick** - February 17, 2015 at 09:37 AM

LB

“ Steve and Dan,  
I am so sorry for your loss! I have so many fond memories of Ann and the rest of your family at ballgames. Every December 21 I think of Nick and his bright smile and say a prayer for the rest of your family. Ann was such a loving mom and took such joy in her children! She truly did enjoy being a mom and she was so great around kids. My kids all loved her and she had a great impact on their lives! Praying for comfort and peace for your family during this time.

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**LaVon Beseman** - February 17, 2015 at 08:01 AM

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“ *Ann Dubbelde McFarland lit a candle in memory of Ann Sorenson*



Ann Dubbelde McFarland - February 17, 2015 at 05:18 AM

AM

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Ann Dubbelde McFarland*

Ann Dubbelde McFarland - February 17, 2015 at 05:19 AM

GS

“ *Gene Spicer lit a candle in memory of Ann Sorenson*



Gene Spicer - February 17, 2015 at 04:52 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Sorenson.*



February 16, 2015 at 10:03 AM

GW

“ *My memory of ann Sorenson is every time I went to the grocery store I always ran in to her and her dad shopping*

gabby wipper - February 14, 2015 at 11:01 PM