



## Ann M. Sorey

August 25, 1961 - December 12, 2013

Ann Sorey was born on August 25, 1961 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was a loving and dedicated friend, the glue that kept her family together, and a single mother who gave the world to her son.

The middle child and only daughter of Darrell and Lillian Sorey, Ann attended school in Las Vegas and later received an associate degree in hospitality management.

When she was 3, the family bought Cass Bay Cottages in Arnolds Park, Iowa where she became the cabins' official people greeter during the summer season. When she wasn't socializing with the cabin guests, she spent her summers on the lake swimming, boating, and water skiing.

During the winters, Ann would return to Las Vegas for school, escaping the cold. At a very young age, she was able to determine her line of work: serving happiness. For her first job at age 14, she would walk up the hill to the Red Rooster and wait tables for fun. To her - this meant plenty of people to talk with and an opportunity to make friends. This was a career path she loved and stuck with until her final days.

Determined to maintain her free spirit as a young woman, Ann would frequently hop on the back of a friend's motorcycle, ride around the West Coast, jam out to Janis Joplin, and focus on the beauty of life's happiness. In 1987, Ann gave birth to her son, Frankie, and settled down (somewhat) in Arnold's Park. The single mom of an only child, Ann was truly a superwoman - always accomplishing what to many seemed impossible. In 26 years, Ann

never missed one of Frankie's countless sporting, music, or school events. Since moving to Arnolds Park, Ann worked at several restaurants around the lakes, making friends and creating memories with countless people throughout the community. Outside of work, nothing brought her more joy than spending a summer day in the boat with her nephew, Darrell and great-nephew, Riley; grilling out at the "hide out" with her brother, Dell; reminiscing on old stories over a nice dinner with her mom and dad; or hanging out on Smith's Bay with her dog, Maxie.

Ann is survived by her father and mother; two brothers, Dell and Jay; nephew, Darrell, and his mother, Charlotte and son Riley; as well as many cousins and friends, who shared their own unique and special relationship with her. Ann's legacy, smile, and unfettered optimism of life will live on with her son, Frankie. A memorial service will be held at 11:00A.M. Thursday, December 19, 2013, at the Schuchert Funeral Home. A memorial visitation will be held Wednesday, from 4:00P.M. until 6:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *DAMMIT ANNE.you were my true friend it sucks your not here. think about you everyday you were special. if you only knew how valuable you were to people... guess we should have told you more often.*

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**burrito boy** - February 26, 2014 at 11:22 AM

MB

“ *Anne & I were boating one day and she was at the helm, having cocktails of course and heading towards the barefoot, when Anne said I don't know how to dock too well and I said you'll be fine. so she slams head on into the dock, we went flying! after we collected ourselves she says.. I guess that's one way!!and we started laughing again. one of many many fond memories of our Anne. Im writing this through tears, Im just sick. I loved you Anne.*

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**Mike burrito boy** - December 20, 2013 at 01:00 PM

KG

“ *I am a part of Ann Marie's extended family. I have fond memories of Ann Marie! I remember her as a "shy" girl with long, dark, wavy hair and always having a twinkle in her eyes. We always sought out each other during my family summer vacations. We spent many summer weekend afternoons, in the lake floating on inner tubes or rafts, while soaking up the warm sunrays at Cass Bay Cottages. At my Mom's visitation service, she found me in another room and gave me one of her "famous" hugs. I hope, I told her how much that meant to me! I send hugs of love to Lillian, Darrell & her brothers. May God Bless you and Keep you, May his face shine upon you, be gracious unto you and give you peace!!!  
Love, Karen Guse-White*

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**Karen Guse-White** - December 20, 2013 at 07:25 AM

C(

“ Ann M. Sorey

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**carol schlake (Andersen)** - December 20, 2013 at 07:05 AM

MH

“ *There is a hole in my heart the size of Texas. Anne became mine and Vicki's first friend when we moved to the area and opened the Burrito Hut in 2003, the same year she and Troy opened up PB's Pub across the parking lot and we all hit it off immediately. (Birds of a feather, as they say!). We decided to take Mondays off, us from the Burrito Hut and Anne from PB's Pub, we rented a boat and out on the lake just about every Monday. She loved the water and we loved our toddies, never a dull moment, we had a ball. I would consider Anne one of my best friends. A piece of me will always be missing, can't imagine the Lakes without her, she was our nightcrawler.*

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**Mike and Vicki Hansen** - December 20, 2013 at 12:23 AM

PC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Darrell, Lillian, and Dell with the passing of Ann!! She always had a smile on her face, and would take the time to say hi. May it give you strength to know you are highly thought of by us, and we are here for you. Polly Connors and her family*

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**Polly Connors** - December 19, 2013 at 09:46 PM

CM

“ *Dearest Lillian, Darrell and family-My heart goes out to each of you. I remember Ann when she was a little girl and didn't have the pleasure of knowing her as a woman but after reading the tributes, I wish I had. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers, with my deepest condolences..Colleen*

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**Colleen McDonald** - December 19, 2013 at 08:00 PM

AH

“ Being a relative, of course I knew Ann since very small. Such a darling girl with such beautiful hair and smile and personality. She was always friendly and fun and cared about others so much. I happend to be in Okoboji some years ago and had the opportunity and priviledge to play golf with her. We had a hard time finding the golf course, which was a barrel of laughs, but finally did find it. She played real well, and purely we just had a lot of fun and laughs. She had a happy spirit. I call it God's gift. She was good at her career because of it, she was a good mom, and she had a loving family. She was special.

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**Allene and Ray Howell** - December 19, 2013 at 06:06 PM

SS

“ To Ann's family - I first met Ann when we worked together at the Red Rooster Cafe. She always had a twinkle in her beautiful eyes & a beautiful smile. I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Sally Scheib

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**Sally Scheib** - December 19, 2013 at 03:25 PM

CN

“ We were not lucky enough to know Annie well but the times we spent with her was something we will cherish. She lit up our lives with her contagious smile and remarks about Frankie who know our son well. Annie was a special person whom we feel lucky to have know. We will miss her deeply along with our conversations on the "patier" as Annie called it. Our thoughts go out to Frankie, your mom was very proud of you and we reminisced about the day care often. I hope you can find peace in your memories. Gus and Conni Noble

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**Conni Noble** - December 18, 2013 at 07:05 PM

LG

“ Ann was a beautiful person. We were friends in high school in Las Vegas when she and her family lived there back in the 70's. I have so many good memories of Ann that I will always hold in my heart. My deepest sympathy to her family. She will be greatly missed but remembered forever.

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**Lisa (Howard) Godsey** - December 18, 2013 at 12:22 PM

FA

“ Ann was the first neighbor I got to know back in '94 when I moved to Arnolds Park and I loved her instantly! The way her eyes twinkled when she smiled or laughed will stay with me Always! Truly a gift from God for all who knew her. She will be missed~Franki, Billy & Brittany

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**Franki Andersen** - December 18, 2013 at 09:08 AM

CA

“ Darrell, Lillian and Frankie: I met Anne when Frankie was a student at Okoboji High School. She was a wonderful, caring mother who always put Frankie's needs above her own. Take comfort in your wonderful memories. I will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Cheryl Aumer** - December 18, 2013 at 09:03 AM

DB

“ Ann was a great soul. I met her in church, got to know her through working with her at Tweeters first (among other places), and have become friends with her over the years as neighbors. Man she gave good hugs! I will most definitely miss those. She had such a big heart and was always so kind to me. I will miss her greatly. My condolences go out to anyone who knew her, especially her family. The world lost a good one with her passing, but her memories will continue on in me and many others that knew her.

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**Dan Boettcher** - December 18, 2013 at 02:29 AM

MW

“ *Ann M. Sorey*

Michelle wemark - December 17, 2013 at 07:13 PM

MI

“ *Ann M. Sorey*

Michelle - December 17, 2013 at 07:13 PM

SE

“ *To Ann's family.... I had the honor of working with her many years ago, as a waitress...we had many wonderful conversations and laughs...I will miss her beautiful smile, twinkly eyes and positive outlook....So sorry for your loss....you are all in my thoughts and prayers!*

Sharon Eriksen(Dake) - December 17, 2013 at 06:24 PM

CS

“ *Ann M. Sorey*

Chad Schuchert - December 17, 2013 at 06:23 PM

JH

“ *Frankie,Lillian ,Darrell ,Dell, and Jay we are so sorry for your loss. Ann was such a special friend to kevin and I. She could light up a room with her smile. We will all miss her so much .*

Joy and kevin Hieber - December 17, 2013 at 05:18 PM

JD

“ With sympathy to your family and to you Frankie. I have enjoyed visiting with your mom ever since junior high when you, Brad and all the guys were in sports together throughout high school. I recently saw Ann and she always mentioned how proud she was of you Frankie, and what you are doing with your life. I will always remember your moms smile and bubbly personality. She always asked about our family and would start the conversation with "What's up with Brad?" With thoughts and prayers -

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**Jody Derner** - December 17, 2013 at 11:51 AM

LL

“ All of the Sorey's have our sincere sympathy at the loss of a beautiful person from your family. We have such fond memories of Ann growing up near Cass Bay Cottages. We are thinking of you. Dick & Lynn Lund, Laurens, IA

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**Lynn Lund** - December 17, 2013 at 11:36 AM

DC

“ Uncle Darrell, Aunt Lillian, Frank, Del, and Jay  
We are truly saddened by the loss of Ann. She always had a beautiful smile, caring word(s), and great sense of humor! She loved, and was so very proud of Frankie and all his accomplishments.  
Even though I didn't get to talk or see her as much as I would've liked, I thought and prayed for her often. She is now at rest and may peace be with her on her new journey. God bless you all.

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**Dennis & Lucinda Costello** - December 17, 2013 at 07:45 AM

LB

“ Ann M. Sorey

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**Lynn Bourne** - December 16, 2013 at 10:51 PM

DD

“ I always will remember Ann with a smile. She loved talking about you , Frankie! She would tell me how proud she was of you and then ask me about my children . We would just talk and talk about all the hopes and dreams we had for our children. Rest in peace, Ann! My love and sincere sympathy for your loss! She will be greatly missed!

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**Diane Daws** - December 16, 2013 at 07:38 PM

ML

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Ann's passing. I worked with Ann at Minerva's for several years and she was one of my favorite co-workers I ever had. She loved Frankie and life so very much! We had a lot of good times and I hope you have found the peace you so deserve. You will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family at this very difficult time.

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**Mary Little** - December 16, 2013 at 04:57 PM

ML

“ Ann M. Sorey

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**Mary Little** - December 16, 2013 at 11:32 AM

DW

“ Frankie and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Ann's passing. Her smile and eyes lite up a room. I enjoyed getting to know her through church as our boys took confirmation together and working together at several jobs. She will be looking over us. My prayers to you and your family.

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**Deb Wilcox** - December 16, 2013 at 10:31 AM

KF

“ darrell lillian frankie del and jay, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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**kim griffel and family** - December 14, 2013 at 02:03 PM

DL

“ Hi Frankie ...

*I doubt you'll remember me, but several years ago we were matched in the "Pen Paul" program at church. You have no idea how often I think of you and wonder how you are doing.*

*My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Please know many thoughts and prayers are with you. And more importantly, as you need help to get through this difficult time, look up:*

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord." Psalm 121:1-2*

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**Dawn Ludwig** - December 14, 2013 at 08:06 AM

TD

“ Ann M. Sorey

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**Tony Lickiss & Lee Dobbs** - December 14, 2013 at 07:29 AM

LR

“ Ann M. Sorey

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**Lynda Lu Rademacher** - December 13, 2013 at 08:51 PM

TB

“ Darrell, Lillian, Del, & Jay,

*This still just shocks me. I can't believe this is all happening to our family in such a short amount of time. The one memory that really sticks with me about Annie was when I was about 17 and working at the amusement park. Annie had come into the park and had spotted me working at the mirror maze. She walked up to me and chatted with me for a bit and then leaned over and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I didn't really think anything about it, but all of a sudden every guy in the park was surrounding me and asking me who that was and how I knew her. They were practically drooling. I just shrugged and said that it was my cousin Annie. They were standing there shocked into senselessness by her beauty and to me, she was just cousin Annie. I will miss her terribly.*

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**Thomas L. Bruns** - December 13, 2013 at 08:40 PM

LM

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Annie's passing. She was such a very special person. When she would come to the laundromat we had such wonderful visits. She would pick up a sheet of "bounce" if it were on the floor -- encourage the little ones who were bored! Loved every time I saw her after the "laundromat days". She always had a smile and a story to tell! A wonderful caring person*

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**Lynne Moeller** - December 13, 2013 at 07:00 PM

BA

“ *We remember Ann when she was a beautiful little girl playing in the water at Cass Bay Cottages and continued to know her through the years. She was always so friendly to us and willing to visit. She was a proud mother and caring person. Our sympathy to Frankie, Lillian, Daryl, Jay and Del. We will be thinking of you.*

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**Bill and Cathy Abbott** - December 13, 2013 at 05:05 PM

AS

“ Annie and i met long ago when we worked together, and quickly became friends. She was so funny and always lifted my spirit. We shared our laughter, frustrations and tears-she was so special to me. I am sending my love out to all others who loved her.

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**Autumn S.Irizarry** - December 13, 2013 at 12:08 PM

KH

“ Lillian and Darrell and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. I was so lucky to get to spend time with Ann sunday and her memories when we were kids i will have them forever.we spent alot of time together growing up and then after our boys were born I will treasure all those memories. Ann was a beautiful person inside and out. I will miss her. Frankie she was so proud of you Her eyes lit up when she talked about you. If there is anything your family needs please let me know. Love you All.

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**Kris Rickman Heitner** - December 13, 2013 at 08:47 AM

JS

“ Our hearts go out to all of Annies family! She was a beautiful person inside and out and will be greatly missed by all. Another Angel looking over us all.

*Dean and Judy Sitzmann*

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**Judy Sitzmann** - December 13, 2013 at 07:51 AM

MS

“ Frankie & Lillian, I was so shocked to hear of Ann's passing! Please know that you guys are in our thoughts & prayers!! Ann was such a JOY to know, every time that I saw her she had a smile on her face! My mother (Leanne) enjoyed her so much too! Frankie I remember when my sister & I babysat you when you were a little boy. RIP Ann!!

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**Mandy Sykes** - December 13, 2013 at 07:50 AM

SH

“ I will love and miss you forever Annie ! So proud to call you FRIEND. Frankie she loved you so much and was so proud of you !! Always remember that. Lillian I am her for all of you any time. Only a phone all away.. Love u

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**Sally Haas** - December 13, 2013 at 07:34 AM

NR

“ Frankie, Lillian, Darrell, Dell, and Jay We are shocked and very saddened for your loss. Annie was such a wonderful person. We have so many memories, that date back to childhood. We will cherish them forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to ask.

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**Nancy and Bryan Rickman** - December 13, 2013 at 06:38 AM

MU

“ Annie will be missed by many.... she had such a beautiful smile and twinkly eyes.... loved talking to her. Prayers for all your family....

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**Marlys Unrau** - December 13, 2013 at 06:29 AM

BW

“ Frankie, Lillian, Darrell and family, I am so so sorry for the loss of your mom, daughter and sister, Ann. She had a beautiful caring soul. My friendship with Ann started when you and Jeff were in church Sunday School at Immanuel, Frank. That is a long time. I pray for peace as you navigate through her loss. Just had lunch with her and Sal six days ago. We had a great time. She will light heaven up with her great spirit.

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**Bev Wittler** - December 13, 2013 at 12:26 AM

BW

“ Ann M. Sorey

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**Bev Wittler** - December 13, 2013 at 12:14 AM

JK

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss...Ann will always be remembered by me for her zest for life, her beautiful smile and twinkle in her eyes. I was lucky enough to share a lot of good and some bad times with her.....man I am gonna miss her.....hugs to all of her family...

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**Julie Kaatz** - December 12, 2013 at 10:19 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss, Franky Mamo. I hope you realize how proud of you she was. I always remember a twinkle in her eye when she talked about you. She loved you and her dog Max so much.

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**Tonya (Hatland) Cole** - December 12, 2013 at 06:41 PM