



Ann E. Kantra

December 6, 1936 - January 15, 2024

Ann E. Kantra, 87, passed away Monday, January 15, 2024 at Whitney Center. She was the beloved wife of Andrew E. Kantra, Jr. and the beloved mother of Andy Kantra, Julia Kantra Glynn, Suzanne Kantra and Michael Kantra (deceased) Ann Kantra was born in Norwood, MA on December 6, 1936, devoted daughter of the late John and Veronica (Brennan) Sullivan, she was a 40-year resident of Weston, Connecticut. She was a dedicated fulltime mother and wife for her three children, her husband, and their extended family. Before getting married, she graduated from Smith College and then earned a Masters in English from Yale University. After raising her children, she went on to get a Masters in Counseling from Fairfield University and a Masters in Social Work at Columbia University. She worked as a therapist for 25 years and ultimately had her own private practice until she retired in 2013. She achieved all of the goals she identified years ago in her Smith Yearbook when she wrote "I want to obtain the best education possible as a base of connection and contribution to the world; to expand that base throughout my life and to find a loving partner with whom I can grow." Ann will be remembered for her love of life, her ability to laugh in even the toughest times and for the beautiful dignity with which she approached the world. Ann was a wonderful listener, and a great conversationalist. She encouraged a sense of adventure and saw the potential in others, even when they could not. She had a sense of wonder about the world around her and she loved the beauty of the outdoors and the peacefulness of gardening.

Ann is survived by her best friend and husband of 64 years, Andy, her children: Andy Kantra (Malaine Reed), Julia Kantra Glynn (Dave Glynn), Suzanne Kantra (Josh Kirschner), and her grandchildren: Alanna, Zach and Max Kirschner, and Grace Kantra. She is also survived by her sister Ruth Sullivan (Ralph Titus), her brother, Charles Sullivan (Ellen Watters Sullivan), her nephew Brennan Sullivan (Harish Kandaswamy) and her niece Catherine Sullivan (R.K. MacLean) and family. She lives on in all of us and therefore will never truly leave us.

A funeral service will held Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Calling hours will be held Friday from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 am A reception will follow at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden, CT, 12:30-2:30pm. Burial will be private and will take place in Medford, Massachusetts on Saturday, January 20.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ann name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, <http://www.alz.org> or 800-272-3900 The funeral will be live streamed starting at 11:30 AM. Please reach out to the family for the Zoom link.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral service

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ Pam and Phil Archbold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann E. Kantra.

Pam and Phil Archbold - January 19, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ Pam and Phil Archbold purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ann E. Kantra.



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“ Dear Uncle Andy, Suzanne, Andy, and Julia,
I am very sorry to learn of Aunt Anne's passing. She was such a beautiful spirit. I remember her as being incredibly gracious and welcoming whenever we visited. I know that even when a loved one has been ill for a long time, you are really never ready for the grief of losing them. Uncle Andy and cousins, I sincerely hold all of you in my heart as you grieve. Sending much love, cousin Pam.

Pamela Archbold - January 19, 2024 at 11:17 AM

AC

“ My memories of (Aunt) Ann mirror those of my cousin Virginia. Beyond her beauty, I admired Ann's intelligence and curiosity, both her depth and her easy laugh, and the way conversing with her, even as a young adult, felt enlivening and special – no matter what the subject. Her superpowers! That she also shared a “secret” family recipe with me back then was a small, wonderful touch I’ve never forgotten. Wishing you all comfort and peace at this difficult time. With deepest sympathies for your loss, and with love,
Adrienne Ciuffo

Adrienne Ciuffo - January 18, 2024 at 11:26 PM

CA

“ I remember Anna as a young woman. My sister and I shared a memory of her today - how we thought she was so beautiful - a quintessential New England beauty. I especially loved her laugh - I remember it well. Wishing you all peace and comfort. Carla

Carla - January 18, 2024 at 03:11 PM

PK

“Ann, Trudy, and I married Kantra brothers. We bonded over the scramble to live up to Mom Kantra’s expectations. You had to clean as if you were going to fry eggs on the kitchen floor before Mom came to visit. Once Ann got ready by hiding her less-than-perfect pots and pans in the basement! We laughed over that one. But whatever she had to do, and however little notice Bob and I gave her when we flew in, Ann was always an excellent hostess and cook. I have lovely memories of getting together with her and Andy at Cape Cod, and I still have recipes she shared with me.

She is in my thoughts and prayers, and you are, too.

*Love,
Phyllis*

Ann's Mankas Babies

4 large eggs

1 C flour

1 C milk

3-4 T butter

Add butter to a 10” skillet or pie pan in the oven at 425o and let heat for at least 5-10 mins.

In a blender, zap together eggs, flour, and milk until smooth and frothy.

Pour batter into very HOT pan (butter should be melted and starting to brown).

Bake for 20-25 mins, until puffed and golden.

Squeeze fresh lemon over the pancake and dust with confectioners sugar.

Serve with fresh berries.



Phyllis Kantra - January 18, 2024 at 02:37 PM

MW

“ *Ann and I became close friends at a time when I, and many other women, was struggling with the challenges of blending family life with a concurrent wish for a professional life. The communicative skill she shared with me in our discussions was later used to the advantage of others in her career as a psychotherapist.*

Mimi Wessling - January 18, 2024 at 11:45 AM

VK

“ *I admired my "cool Aunt Ann" so much when I was growing up. She was so smart, so politely interested and interesting, and then this great laugh would peel out of her. My first year of college, I visited your family over the summer. Ann and Andy rolled me into family games and canoeing like one of the kids and then took me out to dinner (just me, at a French restaurant!) and listened to me like an adult. Heady stuff. Thank you for those memories. Mike and I are so very sorry for your loss. Wishing you all grace, strength, and comfort in the days and months ahead. With much love, Virginia Kantra*

Virginia Kantra - January 18, 2024 at 10:03 AM

SO

“ *Pat has special memories of shared times in Midland. Sending our sympathy as you honor a life well lived and shared. Pat and Sharon Oriel*

Sharon Oriel - January 17, 2024 at 03:20 PM