



Anne Rochelle Sensenig

April 26, 2020

Anne Rochelle Sensenig, 59, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Born in Harrisonburg, VA, she was the daughter of Donald Myers Sensenig and Doris Jean Mellinger.

Anne graduated from Eastern Mennonite University. While in college, she spent a semester abroad in France, and another in Costa Rica where she learned to speak Spanish. After college, she met the love of her life, Daniel R. Erdman while abroad in Nicaragua; they lived in New Mexico where Anne worked for a legal firm helping immigrants and as an assistant librarian with Bandelier elementary school.

Anne loved books, music, singing, and playing the guitar. She was active with different choruses and “conjuntos.” In 2012, Anne and Daniel moved back to Lancaster and were involved with Community Mennonite Church as well as environmental concerns. Anne worked in an employment law firm.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband of 30 years, Daniel Ray Erdman; her two sisters, Lynne Marie Sensenig Brubaker, Jean Louise Sensenig; her brother, Kent Allen Sensenig, husband of Jennifer Davis Sensenig; her brother-in-law, Daryl Snider; along with three nieces, Brianna Sensenig Brubaker, Amber Sensenig Brubaker and Chelsea Sensenig Brubaker.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Citizens' Climate Lobby, 1330 Orange Ave. #309, Coronado, CA 92118.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Anne Rochelle Sensenig*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

“ I met Anne about a decade ago through the Citizens Climate Lobby and I always admired her wonderful spirit and her strong dedication to working to make the world a better place. I always wanted to get to know her better because I could sense she was a remarkable person. I wanted to be more like her. She was inspiring.

She seemed to have boundless energy and enthusiasm, always positive and encouraging to others and full of good ideas when we were fighting an uphill battle to save our planet. She passed away while I was in Colorado for the past year, where I still am, so I only just now stumbled upon her obituary.

At first, I thought there was some mistake. She was much too young to be the woman referred to in the obituary. She rode a bike everywhere. I thought she dressed like a kid and it suited her. Maybe she was named after her mother and it was her mother who died. But then I saw the pictures of her online.

It was, indeed Anne. And what a great picture of her it was. It really captured the essence of her joyfulness and her youthful enthusiasm. But when I saw it, it felt like I'd been punched in the chest and I wanted to scream, "No!" like you do if you suddenly realize someone you love is dead, feeling how unfair is, wanting not to believe it.

I can't explain why I felt this strong connection to her. I can't think when I've felt that way about anyone I didn't know that well. But there it was. For the past decade, whenever I thought of her, it made me feel good, just knowing she was probably out there somewhere doing good things for the world. And now she was suddenly gone.

I only wish I wasn't such a shy person, that I was better at making friends, or at least telling an extraordinary person when I know one how much I admire her. Now it's too late. I think at least she knew I liked her, just not how much. But I hope it will be some small

consolation to those who loved her to know she touched many other people's lives, people they probably never knew about, and those people will miss her too.

Lynn Goldfarb

Lynn Goldfarb - January 23, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BA

“ *I didn't know Anne very well, but every time I ever came in contact with her whether on the phone or in person at her office, she was nothing but kind and always had a smile on her face. Even after she became sick and was back to work, she was always smiling. She was a special person. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories of your loved one during this difficult time.*

Betty Arnold

Betty Arnold - May 12, 2020 at 08:32 PM

TG

“ *Daniel and Ann lived upstairs from me and fortunately for me they were also part of Music for Everyone Lancaster choir. The walks to and from choir were a treat since Anne's interests were wide ranging and her questions pointed which meant the conversations were unpredictable and always interesting. The year Daniel and Ann moved away they left a space that was hard to fill. And now the space is even larger but the memories are wonderful. Bless you Daniel as you find your footing in these new times.*

Tina Glanzer - May 05, 2020 at 06:44 PM

LH

“ Who knew when she first walked into Bandelier Elementary School in Albuquerque to apply for a job so many years ago, that Anne would have such an enormous impact on my life and that of so many others. She was the best library assistant I could ever have dreamed of having, and together I think we did make the library the heart of the school. I would read books with songs in them, and she would sing -- what special times! We dressed in costumes for Halloween. came up with schemes for RIF distributions, author visits, lunches and teas, words and images poetry projects, and Battle of the Books. She was always available to help translate in the office in Spanish and Vietnamese. Many of our library volunteers became lifelong friends. Anne and I were not only co-workers, but best friends, continuing in frequent contact even after I retired and Anne and Daniel moved to Pennsylvania. For my 70th birthday what I wanted most was a visit from Anne, and my husband made that -- and a concert with Anne and Daniel and Los Otros, possible. We shared outings in many beautiful places in New Mexico -- we lost her too soon.



Linnea Hendrickson - May 04, 2020 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ Nothing but good memories of Anne. A great smile, a kind word, always compassionate, always loving. We have love a real treasure.

Jim Sandoe - May 03, 2020 at 10:17 AM

LS

“I remember Anne and Daniel from Lancaster days long ago and am sorry to hear of Anne's death. She lived a beautiful life and shared it freely with others. Blessings to all of you as you grieve the loss of her life here on earth!”

--Linda Shelly

Linda J Shelly - April 29, 2020 at 10:40 PM

LG

“I learned to know Anne when she came to Albuquerque Mennonite Church. We connected as church musicians. She cared deeply for music, spending many hours planning and preparing for Sunday worship services, gathering musical resources, and helping to shape the musical repertoire of the congregation. Her smile, amazing voice, energetic spirit, authenticity, prolific mind, and love for creation and beauty blessed the world. Anne was a treasure, who made the world a better place.

- Leona Gingerich

Leona Gingerich - April 29, 2020 at 03:59 PM

PC

“I knew Anne only for a short time (VoCE woman's chorale group) however her loving spirit and cheery smile will be missed. May she rest in peace. My sympathy to her husband and family. Pam Currie

pam currie - April 29, 2020 at 03:52 PM

GM

“Anne and I were teens and young adults at the same church. We sang together in a small church group. I really like the picture you chose for Anne. It captures her spirit and ready smile so well. My heartfelt sympathy to the family. She left too early.

Galen Martin - April 29, 2020 at 01:53 PM

FC

“ Anne always presented an inspiring beauty of spirit and song. She spread joy and good whenever she was present. As she endured her treatments, I remember seeing her at a church age-group meeting being more concerned with others well-being than sharing her own troubles. She will be so missed.

Frank Carano - April 29, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JP

“ I tried out for a solo and Anne was chosen. She apologized! I had to laugh. It was so easy to be taken in by her elfin features, her hearty laughter and her enthusiasm. Although I am now settled in Washington state, I still will miss knowing she was helping the world no matter where she lived.

May you remember all the good times and may that comfort you during these sad days.

With Love, Joan Pompei (an alto with MFE)

Joan Pompei - April 28, 2020 at 08:22 PM

RK

“ I was a fellow soprano of Anne's in the MFE Chorus and although I did not get to know her well she was a bright spirit with strong opinions and a ready laugh! You could tell how smart and fierce she was. I will miss her. My heart goes out to her family and friends.

Rebecca Kopp - April 28, 2020 at 05:44 PM

RM

“ I'm so sorry. I know you will miss Anne so much. Blessings on your mourning
Becky

Rebecca Thatcher Murcia - April 28, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne Rochelle Sensenig.*



April 28, 2020 at 09:36 AM