



Ann Marris

August 12, 1950 - January 16, 2022

Big Stone Gap, VA

Ann Hathaway Marris, 71, unexpectedly passed away at home on January 16, 2022.

Ann was a resident of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, where she was born and lived most of her life. She graduated from Powell Valley High School in 1968, and from The College of William and Mary in 1972. Ann taught English and Spanish at Robert E. Aylor Junior High in the Winchester, VA area, from 1972 to 1976. When she returned to Big Stone Gap, she worked at the Westmoreland Coal Company's Bullitt Mine office until its operations ended in 1994. She was with SPS in Gray, TN., from 1995 to 1998, and then took a position with Crutchfield in Norton, VA., when the office opened in 1998. She retired from Crutchfield in 2016.

Ann was active for many years in the Trail of the Lonesome Pine outdoor drama, both on stage and behind the scenes. She was an avid NASCAR fan, traveling with her camper to the races. When she reduced her race attendances in favor of large screen TV and a subscription to pit crew radio, she continued camping, staying often at the Four Paws Kingdom Campground & Dog Retreat, in Rutherfordton, NC with her dogs Molly and Maggie Maybelle. When at home in Big Stone Gap, Ann attended many of the mountain music classes at Mountain Empire Community College, studying

dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, ukulele, and string band – and at one point she began teaching dulcimer. Recently she had traveled to performances of her new favorite: the Home Free a capella group. Ann served on the board of the MECC Buccaneer Scholarship Fund, which annually awards scholarships to deserving local students attending MECC. Ann organized many of the 1968 P.V.H.S. class reunions, and most recently, with her brother Bob, organized and ran the annual Big Stone Gap high schools reunion at MECC.

Ann was predeceased by her parents; Walter and Evelyn Marris, and sister-in-law Sharon Carter Marris.

She is survived by her brother, Glenn Robert (Bobby) Marris of Bethel Park, PA, her aunt, Nelle Hathaway Thomas and cousins; Barbara, Bob, and Jerry Thomas of Knoxville, cousins; Anne Nickels, Alice Marris Stump, Mary Beth Stump, and Melissa Stump Bowman, of Norton, and cousins; Karen Marris Roop, Robert Keith Roop, Sara Roop Tassone, Susan Carty Gilley, Holly Lusby Holt, and Cheryl Mcguire.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date by Holding Funeral Home.

An online register will be made available for the Marris family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

This obituary was written by her brother Bobby Marris.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Buccaneers Scholarship fund at Mountain Empire Community College in Ann's memory. (3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219)

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap, is honored to serve the family of Ann Marris.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Marrs*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Barbara Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ann Marrs*



Barbara Thomas - February 16, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Ann's family. She and I were Phi Mu sorority sisters at William and Mary and shared many good times and lifelong memories in our house when we lived there together. It's so sad to think of her no longer enjoying her time camping with her dogs.*

Linda Meyer

Linda Meyer - February 13, 2022 at 12:58 PM

BP

“ Wishing and praying for Ann’s brother, Bob, whom she adored. I am still in shock that she has left us too early. She was one of the top stars in our school from kindergarten til graduation from Powell Valley in 1968. She organized our members and kept us in touch online. I am so thankful for her writings and love for Big Stone Gap. She was a leader, brilliant and talented. Many friends will miss her and her unique outlook on life. Her sense of humor was a wonderful attribute. Rest In Peace, Ann.

Betty Lynne Pond

Betty Lynne Pond - February 09, 2022 at 05:56 PM

HK

“ My sympathy to the family of Ann Marrs. I am not a fan of social media but I did receive her Facebook postings. Not only was she No. 1 in the Class of '68, she was the #1 Viking fan and the glue that kept the class together and informed. Thank you Ann. You will be missed. Regards, Henry Kedzierski.

Henry Kedzierski - February 02, 2022 at 08:42 PM

GB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Ann's passing. She was a wonderful woman, that I was blessed to get to know while working with her at Crutchfield. She was wise, witty and above all, very kind. I hope that you know how very much you are loved and missed here in this earthly realm, Ann! I pray that all of your family, friends and furbabies find comfort and peace.



Gwen Brooks - January 26, 2022 at 12:08 PM

LH

“ Mike and I met Ann met Ann and Molly camping at 4 Kingdom around 12 years ago. She was always a great friend to us and we were always excited to be camping at the same time. Luckily we camped this past Thanksgiving and was able to spend time together. She will truly be missed and fondly remembered.



Landon and Mike Hardy

Landon Hardy - January 21, 2022 at 10:01 PM

ML

“ Margaret And Bob Lile lit a candle in memory of Ann Marrs



Margaret and Bob Lile - January 21, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ I knew Ann from high school and band. Though I haven't seen her in years, I always enjoyed following her sense of humor and her camping travels on Facebook. She will most certainly be missed by anyone who was lucky enough to have known her!

Martha Dress Bean

Martha Bean - January 21, 2022 at 03:10 PM

SA

“ Ann will be greatly missed by her 4 Paws Kingdom family. We are very fortunate to have so many fond memories of her many visits to the campground. She met everyone with a warm smile and an interesting story. On game nights she was a Giant Jenga beast and a master at trivia - making it very hard to come up with topics that could stump her. We will miss our chats around the firepit and hearing her play her dulcimer while sitting outside her camper. Rest in Peace, Ann. We know that Molly was waiting your arrival in Heaven ready for some long walks again. Love, Connie and Sandy



Sandy Abbey - January 20, 2022 at 09:36 PM

KM

“ Karen Maggard lit a candle in memory of Ann MARRS



Karen Maggard - January 20, 2022 at 03:04 PM

KM

“ I would be remiss in not mentioning the all women's mine first aid team from Westmoreland. Ann was thrilled, as we all were, in winning West Virginia's meet back in the late '80s. We all traveled together throughout the season and Ann kept us all in line as captain. She was a great friend to have. It's such a shock to loose her so soon. I too loved hearing about her retirement adventures. Hoping Maggie will adjust to a new home. I know Ann would worry about that.



Karen Maggard - January 20, 2022 at 03:03 PM

PC

“ I remember meeting Ann two years ago. In that brief time, I could tell she was someone special. She loved camping, an interest of mine also, and it seemed we had several things in common. I was hoping to get to know her better, but that was not to be. I am so glad she lived such a full life of what she enjoyed. RIP Ann.

Patsy Cress - January 20, 2022 at 01:37 PM



I was shocked when I heard about her passing. Ann was a talented person and will be greatly missed. RIP.

David Cress - January 21, 2022 at 10:04 AM

JF


“ Ann was great. I knew her at the coal company. She did so much for everyone and the community. Her mom taught me kindergarten, Her grandmother worked in my store, Fullers in Appalachia. This is the kind of family that makes America great!

John Counts Fraley - January 20, 2022 at 12:10 PM

CM

“ Missing my friend Ann and sending good wishes to her family. I feel I know them too since Ann shared stories about each Christmas at her cousins' in Knoxville. Ann was herself a gifted storyteller. I still laugh about the time a possum got into her house and her efforts to get rid of it. We should all live life like Ann. Learning new things and just having an enthusiasm for life. Carleen M

Carleen Mullins - January 19, 2022 at 09:38 PM

 Jenny Snapp

“ Lifting up Ann, praying for her family, and wishing the best for her current love, Maggie Mae. Ann was one of a kind! She loved life and certainly lived and learned as much as she could while she was here. Above all, I remember Ann for the love of her Mom and Dad and especially her brother, Bob—who pretty much hung the moon, as I understand! Her cousins and the many close friends she made over the years also meant the world to her and I feel certain she will miss them as much as ice cream!
Hope she is hugging some dogs and listening to some good music with a group of friends around a camp fire. Love and thanks for being you, Ann! Love and peace Marrs family.

Jenny Snapp - January 19, 2022 at 08:25 PM

DM

“ Was so sad to hear of Ann's passing. She was a great friend and coworker. Ann will be missed dearly by all her friends in Big Stone Gap and at Crutchfield. God Bless Ann and prayers for her brother Bob and family and friends during this difficult time. It was such a pleasure and an honor to get to know Ann over the years.

Dan Minahan - January 19, 2022 at 04:33 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dan Minahan - January 19, 2022 at 04:30 PM

RI

“ Ann was like a family. It hurt when I heard the news, and it hurts now typing this. Kind, happy and adventurous. She told it like it she saw it. And don't worry Ann, I'm reaching out to the newspaper about the typo for this link!

Richard - January 19, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JH

“ Judy Huffman lit a candle in memory of Ann MARRS



Judy Huffman - January 19, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JW

“ *Ann was a wonderful neighbor to my parents. My mom and dad thought a lot of her mom and dad. May prayers be with Bob and family. In our prayers. Janet Hall Wilson*

janet wilson - January 19, 2022 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ *A positive person who loved her community.. Prayers of comfort for family and friends.*

Lee Mumpower - January 18, 2022 at 07:19 PM

KH

“ *I was so sad to learn of Ann's passing. We were in the same class at PVHS; we were not best friends, but we were friends. We recently reconnected after so many years, through her mountain music, and I did so enjoy getting to talk to her every week.*

Kathy R Hamilton - January 18, 2022 at 02:32 PM

TA

“ *Tinker Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ann Marris*



Tinker Anderson - January 18, 2022 at 11:59 AM

SP

“ Susan Pennington lit a candle in memory of Ann Marrs



Susan Pennington - January 17, 2022 at 08:45 PM

MQ

“ So sorry to hear of Ann’s passing. She was a great community volunteer, including many years with the “Trail of the Lonesome Pine.” And she always had a smile.

Marcia Quesenberry - January 17, 2022 at 06:38 PM