



Anne E. Rogers

May 15, 1943 - January 1, 2018

Anne E. Rogers (née Stokes) passed away peacefully at her Benicia home, with her daughters by her side, on New Year's Day.

Anne grew up in New York, studied Fine Art at Parsons School of Design and NYU, and worked in Manhattan before moving to California with her family in 1970, and to Benicia in 1975. She began a fulfilling 25-year career with the Benicia Unified School District in the mid-1970s, first teaching art to children in a learning center at Mary E. Farmar Elementary School. After transferring to the BUSD headquarters to become a personnel administrator, she became a deeply committed advocate in the local chapter of California State Employees Association (CSEA), the union representing school employees. Anne dearly loved animals of all kinds, especially her backyard birds, as well as gardening and literature, and was avidly interested and involved in politics. She was a talented illustrator, painter and calligrapher, frequently adding her loving artistic touch to personal communications, and friends and colleagues came to her whenever creative flair was needed. She was generous with her time and energy, loved people, and always enjoyed a good laugh.

Anne is survived by her loving daughters, Celeste and Jessica Rogers; her dear sister Patricia Stokes; her good friend and former husband, Paul Rogers; and her beloved dog, Daisy, and parrot, Mickey.

In lieu of gifts, Family prefers donations to NRDC, ACLU, or the National Audubon Society.

Events

JAN **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street, Benicia, CA, US, 94510

Comments



“ I first heard of Anne and her wonderful personality from Larry Elrod, a former Superintendent at BUSD who had interacted with Anne on several of his supervisory 'walk abouts'. He raved about her for her warmth and creativity, and wanted to see her in the District Office. So, Anne arrived in the midst of the the famous recall referred to elsewhere It was a tumultuous time and Anne gave it her all in support of the dissident employees. Her many talents were lent to the cause and gave significant impetus for the subsequent victory.

In addition to fulfilling her duties Anne added so much more to the district and was widely known and beloved especially for her very much appreciated interpersonal skills.

She also had a very witty and original sense of humor which was a great gift.

I am sorry that I will not be there today to attend Anne's memorial I would like to send greetings to all participants including friends who will be there.

In conclusion, I would like Celeste, Jessie and Paul to know that I remember them and send my deepest condolences and sympathy to them for the loss of a unique and well loved family member.

Annette O'Connor (Schmidt) - January 25, 2018 at 04:22 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - January 23, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ Dear Celeste and Jessie,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear mother! I'm sure you were the dearest daughters possible throughout her illness. The years just melted away when I heard about her passing. She was such an integral member of our successful CARE recall campaign in the late 1970's when we were a small dedicated group of idealistic parents and teachers working for the best public schools possible for all our children. And then she continued her devotion to the Benicia schools for all of her working life! Amazing! What a creative and intelligent woman with such a great sense of humor. I've been away from Benicia for decades now, but her smile and spirit remain with

me.

Love and Aloha to you both, and to your Dad,

Drucy Hanselin Casburn - Hilo, HI

Drucilla Casburn - January 22, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ Drucy, thanks so much for leaving a note and for the fond memories of my Mom. She loved those days of political activism! I remember all the canvassing and petition-signing and lawn signs well. Such an incredible gathering of like-minded spirits behind all that work. Best to you and your family.

Jessie - January 24, 2018 at 05:37 PM



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Jessie Rogers - January 20, 2018 at 12:55 PM



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Jessie Rogers - January 19, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ I will always remember your mom's voice when she answered the phone at the district office. "Anne Rogers" she would say with such expression. Anne was such a kind hearted helpful person. I feel fortunate to have known her. My heartfelt condolences to your family.

Debbie Golden - January 18, 2018 at 11:05 PM



“ Thanks, Debbie. So many people have that memory of her answering the phone! She loved her job and the many people she met through it.

Jessie - January 19, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ I agree Debbie.. I remember the “song” in Ann’s voice whenever I would call the DO... and I loved it. My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your entire family Jessie. I just learned of your mom’s passing today. I have to tell you ... she was so so very kind and helpful to me when I first started working for BUSD. I will always remember that.. and I’ll always be thankful for all of her care and guidance ..

Kim Raven - January 26, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ We will surely miss dear Anne, her sweet smile, and her interesting conversation.
With much love, Ralph Lint and Susan Gaffagan

Susan Gaffagan - January 10, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ Thank you so much, Ralph and Susan.

Jessie - January 14, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ It was a great lady to work with always helping everybody, the old way everybody care about her , and me also loved her smile and she was funny . I will miss you Anne.
Mariano

mariano - January 09, 2018 at 06:14 AM



“ Mariano, she would be so grateful to hear your kind words. Thank you!

Jessie - January 10, 2018 at 12:58 PM



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Jessie Rogers - January 08, 2018 at 03:19 PM



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Jessie Rogers - January 06, 2018 at 01:46 PM



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Jessie Rogers - January 06, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Anne was truly a sweetheart. She touched many lives with her kindness and beautiful smile. She will be remembered by many.

Kelly Fagan - January 05, 2018 at 06:42 PM



“ Thank you for sharing these sweet thoughts, Kelly.

Jessie - January 06, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ Sweet Anne was a jewel in our neighborhood. Often in her chair with Daisy on the porch, visiting with all the passers by. No topics were off limits, she was truly a wealth of information, and shared freely.

My family would often find a basket of figs, beautiful calligraphy, and thoughtful treats at our door.

She looked forward to every holiday when Jesse, Celeste, and Paul would stay for days and celebrate together. You "girls" brought her so much pride and joy. Truly.

We will miss her laugh and conversations.

Kim Edwins

Kim Edwins - January 05, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ Dear Friends of Anne,

Please do not feel obligated to send flowers or gifts. Our mom was a philanthropist and nature lover. She would love for you to give to the organizations we listed in her obituary if you would like to give something, but your thoughts are far more meaningful to us -- as they would be to her.

With love and gratitude,
Celeste and Jessie

Celeste Rogers - January 04, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ Anne and "Daisy" were neighborhood stars. Anne on a chair on the porch, Daisy by her side, conversing with each passer by, dog or not, loving people and conversations. As her next door neighbor, my family was a recipient of figs, calligraphy, and many other gifts at our front door. Gracious and humble, "our Anne", was a treasure, to all who knew her. A real sweetheart in our community. She was so proud of you, Celeste and Jesse, and Paul, relationships that stood the test of time. Loved you all with all her heart.
Much love from Kim Edwins and family

Kim Edwins - January 04, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ Thank you for the thoughtful reflections on our sweet Mom, Kim. She loved you and Ron and your beautiful family!

Jessie - January 06, 2018 at 01:38 PM



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Celeste Rogers - January 04, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. Anne was a sweet lady.

Linda Ladd - January 04, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ Thank you for the kind words, Linda!

Jessie - January 06, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your mom's passing, Celeste & Jessica. My condolences.
Bette

Bette Gaudinier - January 03, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ Thanks so much, Bette. I can still remember the two of you in your office when I would come to the D.O. after school. You were a great colleague to her all those years.

Jessie - January 06, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ So Sorry for your loss your Mom was a wonderful person .. I remember in some of our conversations we would talk about our girls . We would laugh she was a great friend ...
Patty Kendall

Patty Kendall - January 19, 2018 at 01:20 AM