



Anna Laura Rainwater

August 25, 1942 - September 17, 2020

Anna began her journey on August 25, 1942 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Anna moved to Temple Texas in 1972 where she worked in Banking and Education for many years. In 2006, she moved to Huntsville, Texas where she met the love of her life, Wayne Rainwater. She and Wayne were smitten from day one and were married later that year. One of their favorite past times was watching The Virginian and other westerns.

Anna loved to spend time with her family and friends. She loved playing games such as 42 and Hand and Foot. She is known for her sweet nature, but was surprisingly competitive when playing games. She is well known for her delicious sweet potatoes. It was always her job to make the sweet potatoes and dressing at Thanksgiving, because no one makes them quite like her.

Anna was an avid reader and loved to lose herself in a good book. She enjoyed scuba-diving in her younger years and loved going square dancing. She even made all of her own square dancing dresses. Anna was generous beyond words and loved to buy gifts and presents for people. She was as beautiful inside as she was out, but she never went anywhere without her lipstick. Anna was a devoted Christian, a member of the Huntsville Church of Christ, and was re-baptized in 2004. Anna had a heart for connecting with others. She never met a stranger and loved others deeply. Anna loved life and it loved her right back.

Anna was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. She showed bravery and strength while fighting her long battle with cancer. She never missed an

opportunity to help others. Her courage, determination, and compassion were an inspiration for many.

Anna was preceded in death by her father James William Aldrich and mother Fannie Bell Aldrich. She is survived by her husband Wayne Rainwater, daughter Laura Lee Green, son-in-law Glenn Green, granddaughter LeeAnn Michelle Green and her fiancé, Chris Garcia, along with one of her best buddies, Cooper. Anna also is survived by a daughter by marriage, Dene Swearingen, son-in-law Ross Swearingen and granddaughter, Nikki Howry. Other loved ones include numerous cousins, family and friends.

She met Jesus on September 17, 2020.

A visitation will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020 from 5-7pm and the funeral service will be at 10am on Tuesday, September 22. Both services are at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. She will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple, Texas.

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Temple, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Funeral Service

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
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Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Laura Rainwater*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We have a new Angel in Haven you will be missed!
You are the sweetest kindest lady with a heart pure and kind.
I was blessed to have you as my Oklahoma Cousin!*

Elaine Baker - January 22, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Sandra Pitts lit a candle in memory of Anna
Laura Rainwater*

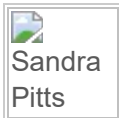


Sandra Pitts - September 22, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Oh how will make as my friend: prayers, talks and laughter. Fly high
my sweet friend. Til we meet again.*

Sandra Pitts - September 22, 2020 at 06:54 PM



Oh how I will miss my sweet friend.

Sandra Pitts - September 22, 2020 at 06:55 PM

WD

“ Dear Laura, Mr. Rainwater, and the entire family:

We are so sorry for the loss of Anna. It was a beautiful funeral service today honoring her legacy. You are in our prayers at this difficult time. May God be with you all.

Very Truly Yours,

Will & Kathy Durham

Will & Kathy Durham - September 22, 2020 at 12:28 PM

KT

“ *Such a beautiful person, mother and grandmother. We are praying for the family.*

Ron, Kimm & Kimmron - Dixie will welcome her!

Kimm Thomas - September 21, 2020 at 12:56 PM

KD

“ *She was truly a beautiful lady and ALWAYS had a smile on her face! We are thinking of you all; Laura, LeeAnn and Glenn at this difficult time. Wishing you lots of love and peace during the days to come.*

Karen Denman and Robert Lindemann

KAREN M DENMAN - September 21, 2020 at 11:01 AM

CJ

“ I remember the day that Ann received her first cancer diagnosis. We worked together, and every day, Ann would leave to take a treatment. She never quit caring for others even if she felt tired and less than her best. For the years of clear reports, we celebrated. Each time a new site was identified, she shifted into her fight mode. Ann kept saying, “God isn’t finished with me yet.” Even in her pain, she always shifted the conversation to talking about me because she was more concerned about my happiness than her illness. I miss her. I will miss our conversations. I am grateful that she is pain free. I extend my sympathy to Wayne, Laura, Glenn, and LeeAnne. Oh how she loved you. May you be comforted. Cindy Kirby Jackson



Cindy Jackson - September 21, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Anna Laura Rainwater.



September 21, 2020 at 09:09 AM

JF

“ *The way I first met Anna was at the Elkins Lake pool. I was in a wheelchair, using the pool lift chair. Well, Anna said Hello to me & said I know someone to has an extra motorized chair you could have. It would make getting around so much easier for you! Now this was the first time I had EVER seen her!!! She was wanting to help a perfect stranger! And she did!! She was such a BLESSING to so many people! Just knowing her brought so much joy to your life!! I am BLESSED to have called her my friend!
God Bless You Laura, Glenn, Leann & Wayne. God's perfect peace & HIS strength when yours is gone.*

*Love & Prayers,
Janet Frazier*

Janet Frazier - September 20, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Laura Rainwater.*



September 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM

SD

“ *Ann was such a sweet woman, always with a smile on her face and willing to do whatever was asked. She showed such bravery and courage throughout her battle with cancer. She will be missed by many. Sending love to the family.*

Sally Dowis - September 19, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RM

“ I’m so very sorry for your loss.



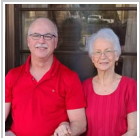
Rhonda Mauldin - September 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Mark Powers purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Anna Laura Rainwater.



Mark Powers - September 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Anna has always been a beautiful special lady, mother, and friend.

Mark Powers - September 19, 2020 at 12:22 PM

SC

“ Shana Cross sent a virtual gift in memory of Anna Laura Rainwater



Shana Cross - September 19, 2020 at 11:43 AM

MW

“ *I am sorry for your loss.* ”



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - September 19, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anna Laura Rainwater.* ”



September 19, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anna Laura Rainwater.* ”



September 18, 2020 at 07:23 PM

DH

“ *Wayne and Dene: May prayers are for you and family.* ”

David Henderson - September 18, 2020 at 06:47 PM

TS

“ I can remember the day I met Ann officially for the first time. She made a great first impression and continued to make good impressions for as long as I have known her. Gracious, funny, beautiful, a wonderful mom and grandmother and friend.

Tonie Sikes - September 18, 2020 at 01:12 PM

GA

“ Her love and kindness in flying with my mother to North Carolina and her phone calls of support for the past five years meant so much to her. Even though we knew she was going through much suffering herself she was as an angel to Mom and Norma and I came to love her like family. She was to us the perfect example of what a Christian Sister should be.

Glenn & Norma Allen - September 18, 2020 at 12:18 PM

DM

She was definitely an ANGEL on this earth.

Dolores Moreno - September 18, 2020 at 12:23 PM

AM

“ Anne M. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Anna Laura Rainwater.



Anne M. - September 18, 2020 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Anna
Laura Rainwater*



M. Hyvl - September 17, 2020 at 08:15 PM