



## Anne Gray

November 2, 1944 - May 26, 2017

Anne Gray, 72, of The Villages, FL, passed away Friday, May 26, 2017, from the side effects of the radiation treatment she received 10 years ago for lung cancer. Anne was treated successfully at Moffitt Cancer Center and had been cancer free for 10 years. She was a strong woman who beat the odds. Anne and her husband Roger Kass were married in British Columbia, Canada and were together for almost 45 years. The last 10 years were an added blessing from God. They both enjoyed the wonderful bonus years to the fullest - traveling, cruising, enjoying life and working part-time for the Properties of The Villages as Lobby Hosts. She was Roger's partner, companion, friend and rock. She was a friend and inspiration to her many friends, colleagues and neighbors; their condolences, expressions of loss and support are appreciated.

Anne was born and raised in Ottawa, Canada by her mother Ruth Gray, however she was very proud of her American citizenship. She attended Carlton University and received a degree in Education. After working briefly as a High School teacher in rural Ontario, she attended the University of British Columbia where she received a degree in Library Science. She worked as a librarian for the University of Calgary, the National Library of Canada and the British Columbia Teacher's Federation. Anne and her husband were fortunate to have lived and traveled throughout the world. They moved to The Villages from Atlanta, GA but they have lived in The Villages longer than anywhere else in their adult lives.

Anne and Roger were active in the VHA, politics and instrumental in the founding of their Neighborhood Social Club. Anne was a founding member of the neighborhood ladies club called, "The Honey Buns". She is survived by her husband and a niece and nephew, Yvonne and David Kass as well as cousins Carol Safier and her sons, Robert and Billy.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Beyers Funeral Home, 134 N US Hwy 27 / 441, Lady Lake, FL 32159.

#### Memorial Donation

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorial contributions be made in Anne Gray's name to Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation for the funding of Lung Cancer Research. Donations can be made by mailing a check to 12092 Magnolia Drive, MBC-FOUND, Tampa, FL 33612, or by calling 1-800-456-3434 ext. 1403 or online at [www.moffitt.org/giving](http://www.moffitt.org/giving). Please make a note that the donation is in memory of Anne Gray.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Roger, I was very saddened to hear of Anne's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family at this difficult time.

Jana Chronerberry - June 18, 2017 at 02:27 PM

DM

“ Roger, we are so sad that Anne has gone to be with the Lord. Anne was such a pleasant friendly person. I know she will be missed by all who knew her. God bless and be with you as you cope with this loss.

Don & Sue

Don & Sue maddox - June 13, 2017 at 09:15 PM

AK

“ Roger, our hearts are heavy with the sadness in the passing of Anne so suddenly. Wrap yourself in the memories of your life's journey with Anne, find comfort as you continue forward.

Believe & feel Anne still walks beside you, until you meet again.....

Arlene King - June 12, 2017 at 11:35 AM



NM

“ Dear Ann was a light to us all....we will never forget her unfailing optimism in light of all the health challenges she faced. She was always a bright light to us all who knew her..we will miss her terribly.

Nedino and Roxie Merino - June 11, 2017 at 05:12 PM



JH

“ Anne, YOU will be missed. YOU were an incredibly strong woman who blessed many people her in The Villages. What a pleasure to work along side you at Properties of The Villages.



Jan Hickerson - June 11, 2017 at 10:50 AM

BE

“ An amazing lady, always willing to help and always had a smile for you. We were blessed to know her and will definitely miss her. Our prayers are with you Roger. God's got a special angel with Him.



Bob and Sharon Everett - June 11, 2017 at 08:43 AM

MM

“ Dear Roger,  
You and Anne moved to Pittsburgh and were the best next door neighbors! You watched a family of 10 grow! a I will always remember Mother and Anne sitting at the bottom of the driveway, on the curb chatting and supporting one another! It has been an honor staying in touch, embracing your advise on living the "Expat" life, and remaining friends. Anne will be missed, but please know, you will always be family!  
Much Love,  
Moira and Chip Morton

Moira Morton - June 10, 2017 at 09:29 PM

BB

“ Roger, you have my deepest sympathy and prayers, You also have my full support in the grieving process. You can be assured that all of us in Cameron Villas will be with you all the way. Your faith in God will get you through it all. Byron

---

**Byron Bond** - June 10, 2017 at 03:00 PM

SR

“ Roger, losing a spouse is a hurt that doesn't go away...only our memories ease the pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Anne will be missed by all.

---

**Sharon Rieve** - June 09, 2017 at 09:46 PM

DP

“ Roger, our hearts go out to you. Unfortunately, I didn't have the opportunity to really get to know Anne, but I was so excited when I met Anne a year ago to hear she was a 'fellow' Canadian! Not only was she one of our closest neighbours, location wise, but I also discovered that Anne was born in the same hospital in Ottawa from which my mother received her nursing degree! It always gave me such a source of comfort when I would chat with Anne, knowing we shared that special connection!! May you find comfort in knowing that Anne touched all of us in her own special ways. Good bless, Donna & Mark

---

**Donna Pattermore-Rhodes** - June 09, 2017 at 02:22 PM

JR

“ On my first day at Carleton University, I met Anne, born and raised in Ottawa ,and from that day forward a friend. We shared our love of history, humour, politics, and her mother Ruth also became a close mentor. Throughout our lives we kept in touch, both of us moving every few years, in the days of address books we were the ones who were "pencilled ,rather than inked in by our family and friends. I know we both appreciated our lives and our partners, how lucky we were. My condolences Roger, and to all Anne's friends, we lost a most wonderful person , her memory rests with us to honour her passing. I know I will.

Judy Rossiter - June 09, 2017 at 01:14 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear of Annes's passing. She was doing so well, and enjoying life again. Our sincere condolences to you, Roger, and may sweet memories help to ease your pain.

Sandy & Paul Solomon - June 09, 2017 at 11:08 AM

RB

“ Anne will be remembered in my daily prayers..  
She was a woman who always had a sweet smile and a gentle voice that made you feel special 🙏  
I only knew Anne for two years, and I am bless to have known her. Her struggle never kept her down . She truly was a fighter. Roger and Anne were Bless with many wonderful years together and may her spirit shine on him with the guidance to carry on all the wonderful memories that they shared in there life..  
Rest In Peace 🙏



Roseann Benussi - June 08, 2017 at 11:07 PM

BD

“ Roger, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your dear Anne. It was always a pleasure to pass her in the corridors at work, and see her beautiful smile and hear her friendly hello. My thoughts and prayers are with you.,  
Bev Durand, lobby host.

Beverly durand - June 08, 2017 at 10:36 PM

MB

“ You will be deeply missed. Rest in peace.



Maria and Bob - June 08, 2017 at 10:17 PM

EO

“ We will miss Anne very much. She was always a positive uplifting lady. Quick with a smile a kind word of encouragement to everyone. She just seemed to know when it was needed.



Ed and Marlene O'Toole - June 07, 2017 at 07:31 PM

AN

“ We are thinking of you. I wish there were words to comfort you and your family at this sad moment.



Andre Nacaxe - June 07, 2017 at 10:55 AM

RP

“ *Always missed* ”



---

**Roger, Anne's life partner** - June 06, 2017 at 04:47 PM