



Anne M. Limbaugh

March 10, 1930 - September 20, 2017

Following a lengthy illness with Parkinson's disease, Anne M. Limbaugh died September 20, 2017 at her home in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born in Joplin, Missouri March 10, 1930 to Augustus James and Lucille Pennington Mesplay. Her high school education was completed in May 1945 at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, Missouri.

Immediately on graduation, Anne and her mother moved to Honolulu, Hawaii to join her father who had been stationed there following the Pearl Harbor attack. Her father was a civilian engineer who, with others, helped to build Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu. After living there for two years and attending the University of Hawaii, she came to Columbia, Missouri to attend the University of Missouri and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in January 1951. At Mizzou, she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. She did her practice teaching with Dr. Mary Jesse, the daughter of the University President for whom Jesse Hall was named and she received a teaching certificate for grades K through 9.

Shortly before graduation, Anne and Stephen N. Limbaugh were married and that union would have spanned sixty-seven years on December 27, 2017. In the spring of 1951, Anne was a residence hall counselor at Stephens College while her husband was completing law school.

Anne and Steve located in Cape Girardeau during the summer of 1951 and continued to live there until 1983 when they moved to St. Louis. Not content with rearing three sons and substitute teaching, Anne was heavily engaged in community service in Cape Girardeau from 1951 to 1983. She and others organized the Cape Civic Center, which provided a place for under-privileged young people to use for recreation as a pre-head start program. Forming a well-baby clinic, she solicited two doctors, a nurse, acquired a facility, and obtained the serum to provide free inoculations for over 5,000 infants and young people. As a charter member of Southeast Missouri Hospital Auxiliary, she started the snack bar, which today has grown into large food, beverage and lounging areas for hospital visitors. Using the hospital facilities, she started the first Meals on Wheels program providing nutrition meal to home-bound recipients.

Anne also organized and was the first President of the Auxiliary of Mid-America Teen Challenge, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, and she formed the affiliate Teen Challenge thrift store to obtain funds for the center. She served as vice-chairman of the Housing Committee of "Cape-Go", a community betterment organization. Early on, she was named Outstanding Young Woman of the Year by the Cape Jaycees.

She served as a Cub Scout den mother, was on the Red Cross Board of Directors for six years, served for ten years as a director of Southeast Missouri Council on the Arts, operated the nursery school program at Centenary United Methodist Church for six years and was a member of Chapter BI of PEO.

Her involvement in Republican politics was substantial. She was a co-director of the Cape Girardeau County Republican Headquarters for four Presidential elections and three Senatorial and three Congressional races. She helped organize ten Lincoln Day banquets and many other political rallies.

While in St. Louis, she was co-chair for the spouses' activities for the annual meetings of The Missouri Bar in 1990 and 1991, and the meeting of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1988. She also served as a member of the Missouri Governors Council on Aging for four years. In 1992 and 1993, she co-chaired the Annual Justice for All Ball of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, and she and Sue Voorhees organized the first auction for the Ball. In addition, she became a member of the screening team for the Delta Gamma Center for children with Visual Impairments.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen N. Limbaugh Sr.; three sons, Stephen N. (Marsha) Limbaugh Jr. of Cape Girardeau, James P. (Benita) Limbaugh of Cape Girardeau, and Andrew T. Limbaugh of St. Louis; five grandchildren, Stephen N. (Jennifer) Limbaugh III of Los Angeles, California, Christopher K. Limbaugh of Cape Girardeau, Katherine D. (Steven) Foristal of St. Louis, James P. Limbaugh II of Houston, Texas, and Margaret E. (Joseph) Mills of San Diego, California; three great-grandchildren, Steven J. Foristal Jr., Hudson J. Foristal, and Jack A. Foristal of St. Louis; one brother-in-law, Manley O. (Mary) Limbaugh of Chester, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau. A funeral service will be held at the Church on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., followed by interment at the New Lorimier Cemetery. A memorial service will also be held in two weeks at Salem United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, Mid-America Teen Challenge, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri or the church or charity of your choice. Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements. Online

condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church
300 N Ellis St
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-5524
(573) 334-2869

Service

SEP **23.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

OCT **7.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Anne was a gracious and beautiful person inside and out.
I have fond memories working on Lincoln Day Banquets with her.

Sally Pool - September 25, 2017 at 08:24 AM

MR

Our heartfelt sympathy to Judge Stephen and their beautiful family everywhere. We had the pleasure of knowing Anne and she will be terribly missed. May you always be comforted by so many happy memories you shared.
Friends, Marvin and Marlene Rosengarten

Marvin and Marlene Rosengarten - September 25, 2017 at 11:18 AM

BP

My thoughts and prayers are with the Limbaugh family in this time, my your mother and Wife rest in peace at this time.

Bob Pollack - September 25, 2017 at 07:45 PM

CH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the
Limbaugh family. May Great Aunt Anne rest in
peace. Your memory will live on in my heart
and memories.



carolyn waldrop highwood - September 24, 2017 at 08:34 AM

CM

“ Our prayers are with your family. Gene and Carolyn McCalister

Carolyn McCalister - September 23, 2017 at 09:46 PM

JD

“ I was seven years old when we met. I'll never forget her telling me to call her "Anne" after all the years of politely using proper manners and respectfully calling her "Mrs. Limbaugh"--it was hard to make that adjustment after 25 years! She was always so kind and gracious; a true lady. I will always remember Anne with fondness. My prayers are with the entire Limbaugh family at this difficult time.
With Love,
Jane Rader DeBoe

Jane Rader DeBoe - September 23, 2017 at 01:45 AM

JG

“ May the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon you and your family during this difficult time. My most sincere condolences.

Julius Graham



Julius Graham - September 22, 2017 at 10:41 PM

AS

“ What a truly great lady. We will all miss her. Condolences to her family.

Judge A. J. Seier, Retired Panama City Beach FL

A. J Seier - September 22, 2017 at 04:59 PM

GM

“ Remember Ms Anne fondly and her kindness and generosity. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

Glendella May - September 22, 2017 at 12:19 PM

JQ

“ *In your time of sadness and loss, we pass along our prayers and healing wishes for the entire Limbaugh family, and we too will carry Anne in our hearts. She was a kind and loving person, and one could see, in the midst of a busy, service-oriented family, where a big part of that drive and compassion came from. She was wise, with a wry wit, and to all within your family's orbit, she was gracious and welcoming. As your pain subsides, we know she will live on in your hearts and will not leave you.*

God Bless Her and Her Loved Ones Today and Forever.

Peace

Lois and Jack Quinn

Jack Quinn - September 22, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne M. Limbaugh.*



September 22, 2017 at 10:31 AM

DB

“ *Our sympathies to Steve and the Limbaugh families at the time of Anne's death after a life of contributing to her family and the communities where she lived. Our memories of her work and smiles survive.*

Don and Carolyn Beimdiek - St. Louis, MO

Donald Beimdiek - September 22, 2017 at 09:55 AM

RF

“ Steve and Jim,

Susie and I are traveling, but saw your mother's obituary in the newspaper and wanted to send our condolences to you and your family. When you lose someone, you lose not only who that person is, but who they were and would've been. We have lost all four of our parents, but find, as the grief begins to recede, that they live in our dreams, memories and stories.

Please accept our sympathy.

Russ and Susie Felker - September 22, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anne M. Limbaugh.



September 21, 2017 at 04:03 PM

DC

“ Dot and Leon Combs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anne M. Limbaugh.



Dot and Leon Combs - September 21, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Anne M. Limbaugh.*



September 21, 2017 at 12:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anne M. Limbaugh.*



September 20, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Anne and Steve hosted our first dinner in Cape Girardeau in 1978. Anne and I shared sorority from Mizzou as did my husband and David with Steves frosty. Anne was active in giving me advise and Cape Girardeau activities. Always gracious and a hug when they visited Centenary. Soo sorry to miss her service. Hugs and condolences to Steve and family 🙏*

Jackie Clark-Otto - September 20, 2017 at 01:49 PM