



Anne Betts Coxhead

February 20, 1923 - March 6, 2021

Anne Betts Coxhead died early Saturday morning, March 6, 2021, and is now enjoying the presence of her Lord Jesus Christ and her loved ones in Christ forever.

She was born in Brunswick, Georgia, February 20, 1923, and reared in Rome, Georgia, with her sister, Jane, by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Betts. She graduated from Cooper Hall School for Girls and Shorter College in Rome in 1943. For the next year, she helped build B24s for the Army at an airplane factory in California. Then she went to New York City and earned a Masters Degree in dance at NYU. (She was in Times Square on VE day in 1945!) She taught dance at the University of Illinois for 2 years and LSU for 2 years before moving back to Rome to teach at her alma mater, Shorter College, in the fall of 1949. There she met her husband to be, George Coxhead, who was working for Sears and Roebuck. They married in the Presbyterian Church in Rome in October 1950 and moved to Burlington, NC, as George went with the Burlington Mills. After moves to Galax, VA, and Greensboro, NC, and the births of their first 2 children, they moved to Chapel Hill, NC, in 1955 as George started a career with New York Life. There they had 2 more children and Anne spent the next 48 years in Chapel Hill, rearing children, teaching children's dance classes, teaching dance in the UNC physical education department, serving in their church and participating in many community and university activities. After George died in 1988, she continued to teach a ladies exercise class in her home studio, to play tennis, and to be active in her church, the Chapel Hill Bible Church. In 2003, she and her sister, Jane, moved to a retirement home in Auburn, Alabama. There she became an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Opelika, AL. In 2008, she moved to a retirement home in Lagrange, GA, where she lived for 9 years. Due to declining health, she finished her life on this earth in assisted living in Atlanta. She was a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, a diligent student of His Word, and she lived out those gospel truths as a faithful mother, sister, wife, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. Her gifts of hospitality and encouragement affected all who came in contact with her. The Fruit of the Spirit, particularly love, joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness and gentleness was evident in her life, and inspired countless numbers of people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Betts, her sister, Jane Betts

Higgins, her husband, George, and her daughter, Anne Coxhead Warner.

She is survived by her son, George Coxhead, Jr. (wife, Margaret) of Rock Hill, SC, her daughter, Jane Goggans, of Atlanta, and her son, William J. Coxhead (wife, Lori) of Peachtree Corners, GA.

She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Memorials in her name can be given to any of her favorite ministries: Key Life Ministries, Langham Partnership, Young Life, or European Christian Ministries International.

There will be a graveside memorial service at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery, Saturday, March 20th, at 2pm.

Events

MAR **Graveside Memorial Service**02:00PM

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Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery

GA, US

Comments



“ My sweet “Aunt Mimi” as we called her, was my only aunt. Oh how special she was and how I loved her! She had a quality about her to make everyone feel loved and special. I will miss her smile and generosity, but take joy in knowing she is with our Lord Jesus where I’ll see her again! Betty “Higgins” Daniel

Elizabeth Daniel - May 04, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ Anne and her sister Jane were first cousins of my mother, who lived with them during her high school years and when they were young children. Throughout their lives the three of them shared very deep love. Anne often attributed her career in dance to her first lessons in a class taught by my mother.

I greatly loved Anne and enjoyed talking with her on the phone every few months. She and Jane always sent me birthday and Christmas cards, as I did with them. It was so wonderful that they both came to my mother's memorial service and told meaningful stories of their times together. They have been a huge part of my connection to the Akin side of my family.

Anne was extraordinarily full of bountiful love. I will hold her love dearly in my heart yet miss hearing her sweet voice on the phone. Sadly I cannot be at Saturday's service but send my deepest sympathy to Anne's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. May they find comfort in knowing how much she was loved by her Akin relatives to whom she was very devoted. With my love and prayers--Downing Akin Cless

Downing Cless - March 17, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ Anne was one of the dearest people I have ever known. I loved her very much! With love, Jane Akin Brasch

jane brasch - March 12, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ An amazing life. My life was blessed tremendously by the gift of her teaching me dance--such an admirable and honorable woman of unflappable strength.

Eleanor Altman - March 12, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ Such a blessing she was. She raised some amazing children and had a beautiful life. She was the epitome of a wonderful Christian woman. Although we weren't blood, she was my great-grandmother all the way. She never treated us any different. She remembered birthdays and sent goodies and made everyone feel special and loved. She was such a bright light in this world. She made a mark and will always be remembered and loved.

Sarah Donahue - March 11, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ I never had a chance to meet this sweet lady. But it sounds like she lived a life of loving to help others. I know George and Margaret and they are the sweetest people you will ever meet. Blessings and prayers to this family.

Lisa Duggins - March 11, 2021 at 08:41 AM