



## Ann Louise Brady

February 22, 1956 - August 26, 2020

Ann Louise Brady, formerly of Alexandria, VA, died at home in Fort Valley, VA on August 26, 2020. Born in Joliet, IL on February 22, 1956, she was the daughter of Wade James Brady, Jr., and Catherine Janet Brady (nee McCarthy). She spent her early childhood in Joliet, Illinois and then moved to Kailua, Oahu, which she often reminisced about throughout her life. When Ann moved with her family to Alexandria, Virginia, she attended Fairfax County Public Schools, and graduated from Fort Hunt High School, where she distinguished herself academically and in extracurricular activities, such as working on two student newspapers, Frontline and Katharsis. Always having an enthusiasm for education, and having wide interests, Ann took classes in a variety of subjects at Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, the University of Virginia, and then, when she lived in Bellingham, Washington, Western Washington University. Upon relocating back in Alexandria, Ann worked for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and Claritas Solutions. She became a successful real estate agent, working throughout the Northern Virginia area, the housing market of which she came to know very well. In retirement, Ann and her husband, Gary Farrington whom she had known since childhood, moved to Fort Valley, Virginia to live in the home that Gary constructed almost entirely by himself. Ann and Gary welcomed friends and family on a regular basis to their home in an idyllic setting in the country. These get-togethers, during which she enjoyed the company of friends and family, became highlights of her life.

Ann had a great affection for the cats she rescued when she lived in the Del Ray section of Alexandria before moving to Fort Valley. Not long after moving to their Fort Valley home, Ann once again had a precious pet to love, when she and Gary were adopted by a beautiful and friendly long-haired tuxedo cat who entertained them with his zest for life, giving Ann great joy throughout the rest of her days.

Throughout her life, Ann was always interested in being with others, joining in activities with them, hearing what was important to them, and helping whenever she could. Her beautiful smile lit up any room she entered and made all within feel comfortable. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and her family. Survived by her husband, Gary Farrington; her brothers Jim Brady (Lorell) And Tim Brady (Donna) and her sisters Mary Brady (Dave Holland), Patty Cleaves and Kathy Brady (Paul LaDue) Four nieces, eight

nephews six grandnieces and two grand nephews

A celebration of her life will take place in the future. Her family requests that in lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Comments

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“ Gary, Jim, Lorell, Tim, Donna, Mary, Dave, Patty, Kathy, Paul and everyone else:

I don't know where to start except to extend my deepest sympathy. Ann is part of my fondest memories from Junior High (when we met) through High School, our weddings and beyond. I will miss many things about Ann--but perhaps the most obvious is her infectious and joyful laugh. She brought an amazing sense of humor to every situation--helping others to see humor in the ups and downs of life. She couldn't do enough for you--no matter what the situation.

She thought the world of her brothers and told anyone who would listen about how smart AND beautiful her sisters all were (inside and out). Moreover, I don't think I EVER heard her say something bad about anyone--even a few of those folks in High School who might have actually deserved it. It just isn't how she rolled.

I know there were some wonderful people welcoming Ann to heaven (all to soon for those of us still here on Earth). So while I have tears running down my cheeks thinking about this, it gives a little comfort to know that she was welcomed into such open arms.

With deepest sympathy to all who knew her,

Barbara (Heibel) Senich

**Barbara Senich** - September 02 at 06:16 PM

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“ Ann, you've been so much more than a sister-in-law to me for the 40 years I've known you. You've been the dearest and closest friend I could have hoped for. Having you as a bridesmaid in my wedding party and allowing me to help you select your beautiful wedding gown are wonderful memories that will always remain with me. I so miss our nearly daily phone chats, in which we talked about everything or nothing, depending on how the day was going. I pray that your friends' and family's happy memories of you will help us all to get through this difficult separation from you. Rest in Peace now, in the arms of the angels in Heaven with Our Lord, Our Blessed Mother, and your dear parents. I love you, Annie. Your friend, Lorell

**Lorell Marie Brady** - September 02 at 01:47 PM