



Anne M. Brace

October 7, 1968 - November 10, 2019

Anne Brace was a beacon of love.

Anne met the love of her life, Brian, while she was a freshman at Dearborn High School. They married on a beautiful August day in 1992 and their true love was an inspiration to all.

Their love strengthened even more as their family grew. Anne's beacon of love continues to shine through her amazing children Drew, Megan and David, of whom she was so very proud. She also had a comfort puppy, Lucy, that gave her snuggles throughout the last year and half.

Anne cultivated a community of love through her friends and family. She was adored by her mother-in-law, Marie Brace. She had a very special relationship with her two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Greg Klask and Kathy and Dave Hodges. Her in-laws were near and dear to her heart – Frank Brace, Rick and Anne Marie Brace, Kim and Jon Kondo, Michael and Amy Brace. She was so proud of her nieces and nephews and made each one feel special and cared-for... Stephanie, Kim, Michael, Danielle, Caitlin, Morgan, Julian, Mariko, Cameron, Carson, Ethan, Amanda, Quinn, Chase and Sally. Anne's friends were also tremendously special to her; she made every friend feel like a best friend. If you met Anne once, you had a friend for life.

Anne's light came into the world on October 7, 1968. On November 10, 2019 she joined her parents Kathy & Paul Williams, her brother Scott Williams and her father-in-law Frank Brace in heaven.

Anne was passionate about her work with children in education and taught so many to believe in themselves and reach goals that seemed unattainable. She loved volunteering at school and serving as manager and board member for hockey and lacrosse. She cherished her times with her friends and was always up for an adventure. Her belief in Hope and Healing never faltered, her courage never wavered and she was always hopeful for a positive outcome.

To know Anne is to know love.

Visitation will take place on Thursday November 21st from 2pm – 9pm at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home @ 46401 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. A celebration of life service will take place on Friday, November 22nd at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N Territorial Road in Plymouth. Visitation at the church will be held from 9:30am – 10:30am and the service will begin at 10:30am.

Pastor Jeff Nelson of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church was a super hero to the entire family throughout this journey. In lieu of flowers, the family strongly suggests donations to Pastor Jeff's church: Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, 320 West 7th Street, Royal Oak MI 48067 or visit the website: <https://www.rofum.org/giving/>

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

In state

NOV **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Plymouth First United Methodist Church
45201 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Plymouth First United Methodist Church
45201 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ *Anne M. Brace*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Anne M. Brace.*



November 21, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to your and your family, Brian, for the loss of your wonderful wife. I'm sorry I never met her but it seems she was a loving, beautiful person who will be missed by many. May your memories help you through this difficult time.*
Linda Lavanco

Linda Lavanco - November 21, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ *Deb and Paul and the Show Ready Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anne M. Brace.*



Deb and Paul and the Show Ready Team - November 21, 2019 at 09:13 AM

LW

“ There are no words that seem big enough to convey my sorrow for The Brace Team and their extended family. Anne truly had a light that made me an awe of her. I remember feeling shy around her as she seemed to be able to juggle so many balls in the air at once. Her inspired parenting so easy to see through her kind and talented kids. Her loving sisterhood to her family and close friends, evident in every photo I have enjoyed admiring. The special and beautiful partnership with Brian, truly the epitome of Soulmates. Anne’s leadership and commitment to community was felt in every email sports update and enthusiastic cheer at events her kids were not even on the field for. I was privileged and honored to know her just for a little while! Like a championship coach Anne has left a mark that stays on the field after big wins and great losses. Her legacy will be long lasting

licia williams - November 21, 2019 at 12:41 AM

AV

“ One of the endless fond memories I have of Anne was on a freezing winter morning when I was volunteering at the Smith Elementary drop-off zone. I was knee deep in snow and she pulled up with a hot coffee for me. That famous giggle of hers poured out of the van (red?) and she warmed me right up. Those twinkling eyes and high cheeks! She always said the right thing. I have admired her and loved being by her in a room. I will continue to hold those thoughts of Anne and keep her close. So thankful for what she brought to a day.

Amy Vollick - November 20, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anne M. Brace.*



November 19, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Anne M. Brace.*



November 19, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne M. Brace.*



November 19, 2019 at 07:41 AM



“ *Robin Rumpf purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Anne M. Brace.*



Robin Rumpf - November 17, 2019 at 08:19 PM

RA

“ I first learned of Anne when I met Brian at a work meeting and he told me she was home in Michigan expecting the birth of their third child, David. I instantly knew that Anne had to be a very independent and capable girl. As the years progressed and Brian’s and my work friendship grew, I continued to hear about Anne and their beautiful children. When Brian shared the news of Anne’s diagnosis, I started reaching out to her through cards and text messages. In August this year Brian made sure I had the opportunity to finally meet Anne in person. What a special moment that was, she emanated warmth and upon hugging her I knew everything I believed about her was true. Brian’s version of Anne did not disappoint. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to meet a very rare and special person who shines a bit more brightly than others due to their innate goodness, Anne was one of those people and she will be sorely missed by anyone who was lucky enough to come in contact with her. I will always hold dear my memory of Anne’s smile and shining spirit.

*Brian, Drew, Megan and David,
I am holding you all in my thoughts and heart. Remember, together you are not alone.*

Robin Andrew - November 16, 2019 at 02:08 AM

AW

“ I met Anne on July 10th 2018 at 4:45. I know this because I've looked back at all of our texts, messages, and appointments listed on my calendar. Anne was so much more than a client to me, she was a dear friend. We started every message with "I miss you," and that is certainly how I'm feeling right now- she will be missed dearly. My sadness runs very deep for her family because they loved each other so very much. I heard about it, felt it, and saw it with my own eyes. Anne fought her battle so hard for them. It was absolutely fierce in the way she approached the fight against her diagnosis. She tried every approach imaginable and discovered so much along the way. She couldn't wait to share all that she learned with others faced with the same challenges. I was so incredibly impressed by how smart she was. She did her research, made the calls, and never took no for an answer. I last saw her on 10/16, and even then, she was so positive and full of hope. What a beautiful, marvelous soul she is. I love her so much and her memory will absolutely live on in my heart forever and ever. I will help others in her name and carry on the light that she shared with me. If love could have saved her, she would have lived forever ♡

Angela Walsh - November 14, 2019 at 11:06 PM

BM

“ Brian, I know it's been years since we've seen each other, but Anne was always such a kind person. Her light was easy to see. I'm sorry for the loss you, your children and the family are enduring but know that she is remembered fondly.
Rebecca (Anderson) MacDicken
DHS '86

Becky MacDicken - November 14, 2019 at 08:56 PM

PK

“ Graceful and cheerful are the words that come to mind when remembering Anne from Junior High School and High School in Dearborn, Michigan.

She was a kind and gentle soul and I have wonderful memories of her smiling face.

Our profound loss here on earth is heaven's tremendous and eternal gain.

Phil Kain - November 14, 2019 at 05:24 PM

MM

“ Brian and Family,

We are so sad to hear about your loss. Anne will be missed by many and our neighborhood won't be the same without her bright smile and overall happiness. She brought so much joy to all of us and we will remember how welcoming she was to our family and how much she truly cared for all of us.

Love and prayers from The Murphy's.

Mike Murphy - November 13, 2019 at 01:36 PM

PK

“ Brian. Kids. Sisters. Friends. I am so so sorry. You are correct. To meet Anne you have a friend forever. She did make us feel so loved as do you all. Love and hugs. I am so sorry.

Penny Kazmierski - November 13, 2019 at 12:57 PM

BC

“ I can't even put into words the sadness that I am feeling for your family. I will always remember Anne as the fun hockey mom with the bright smile. The Chumley's are praying for you.

Beth Chumley - November 13, 2019 at 12:51 PM

DD

“ Anne, your bright light will be desperately missed but we know it will be shining through all you have touched in your life. Your smile and personality lit up the room. I wish for comfort and peace for Brian, Drew, Megan, David and the rest of your family and friends. Much love from our family to yours. Love, Dawn Dillon and fam

Dawn Dillon - November 13, 2019 at 09:59 AM

DK

Brian my heart is heavy for you and the kids. I only met Ann once and I feel we bonded. I really liked her and thought she was a great person. Love to all the family and friends because she will be truly missed.
Diana Kirk

Diana Kirk - November 13, 2019 at 10:56 AM

CW

Brian and family you all have my deepest sympathy and condolences. She was so kind and sweet to me when we met. I am so very sorry for your loss Brian. My heart goes out to you all. May God be with you all.

Carmella West - November 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM

LB

Brian, Drew, Megan and David- Keeping all of you in our prayers and thoughts. Anne was one of our original hockey moms that we loved so much. She always had a smile on her face and I love joking around with her. Always made everyone feel welcomed. She was always someone I looked for in the stands or whenever there was a gathering. What a beautiful picture of her and that captures all she was. Beautiful, kind and fun. She will forever be in our memories and in our thoughts. We are so sorry for your loss and know we are always here for you if anything is needed. Love you guys much and sending hugs. Linda and Mike Baldwin, James Timmy and Jillian

Linda Baldwin - November 13, 2019 at 12:43 PM

PR

Brian, so sad to hear this news. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pat Ruddy - November 13, 2019 at 09:43 PM

KW

Brian, Drew, Megan, David

It is hard to find words at this difficult time. Anne was an incredibly special person whom I feel so grateful and fortunate to have had in my life. By the grace of God, our last names landed us next to each other with our lockers in ninth grade. Since then, she has been one of my dearest friends and I am missing her so much. She had a heart of gold and was an amazing advocate in her work and with her friends in all circumstances. No matter where I was or what I was doing over the years, she was always there with advice, understanding and an interested ear. I am remembering her wonderful voice and the laughs and love we shared. Her deep love of her family gave her courage, conviction and positivity which never let up. Her strength and joy for life that she shared with all of us taught me so much. I have you and all of your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Kim Wisner - November 18, 2019 at 06:25 AM