



## Anne Rogers Russell

April 5, 1948 - February 7, 2021

Anne Rogers Russell was born on April 5, 1948 and passed away after a brief battle with cancer on February 7, 2021. The only child of John and Marjorie Rogers, Anne grew up on Peabody Avenue and was a lifelong Memphian. She attended Idlewild Elementary, Bellevue Middle, and Central High School. During this time, she also graduated from the DeShazo School of Music, where she developed her love and talent for music. She studied organ at Southwestern (Rhodes) College, where she was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority.

On August 31, 1968, Anne married Bill Russell, and they shared a 52-year-long loving marriage. Anne's love of music defined her entire life. She served as organist at Lamar Heights Baptist Church, Cherry Road Baptist Church, and Kingsway Christian Church. She played with the Germantown Symphony, the Memphis Redbirds, the Sara Beth Causey Chorale, and the choir at Ridgeway High School. She could be heard from the pit playing for many musicals at Theatre Memphis, Playhouse on the Square, and numerous schools throughout the Memphis area. She also taught piano to hundreds of students both privately and in city schools. After she retired from teaching, Anne's entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and she owned and operated Tinker Tunes and Balloons for 15 years. Anne loved traveling the world, entertaining friends, and mostly spending time with her family.

She leaves behind her husband Bill, children Amy Russell Lindeman (Henry), Dr. Andy Russell (Nancy), Ashley Russell Fowler (Scott), and Dr. Tim Russell (Suzi). She also leaves nine grandchildren, Henry and Russell Lindeman, Morgan and Natalie Russell, Grant and Will Fowler, and Gibson, Cash, and Harper Russell. She also leaves her dearest friend, Dr. Jeff Brewer.

Visitation will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 9, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and the service will be held Wednesday, February 10, at 10:00 AM also at Memorial Park. Anne requested donations be made to Kingsway Christian Church music fund or MIFA.

Click here to view the webcasted service:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/47625>

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

**FEB** **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery** - February 08, 2021 at 06:33 PM

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“ A lovely woman and a lovely family ...  
She will be remembered.  
In sympathy,  
Helen and Bruce Erskine

**Helen Erskine** - February 14, 2021 at 03:40 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of Anne's passing. I'm sorry we didn't find out about the visitation or funeral in time. Anne was always so welcoming and patient with our son and we loved having Tim in our home. What good times we had with them and their friends. Anne was always so upbeat and a joy to be around. We send our heartfelt condolences to your family.....Andy and Pam Cobb

**Pamela Cobb** - February 11, 2021 at 01:13 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Anne's passing. I did not know her very well, but from what I did know of her, she was a very kind and lovely person to be around. I know she will be greatly missed by many. Love and prayers from Amy and Michael Amidei.

**Amy Amidei** - February 10, 2021 at 08:55 PM

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“ Anne, you were as beautiful on the inside as you were outside. Your sweet, sweet spirit will be missed here on earth but I know that it will be shining brightly in heaven.



**Sallye Dillard** - February 10, 2021 at 08:04 PM

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“ What a precious woman she was and touched so many lives. I bet the music in heaven is amazing. May you dance with angels

**Haley Annable** - February 10, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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“ Sweet Anne you touched so many lives. I am honored that God put you in my life. You will be missed by all. Love you.



**Ginny Vann** - February 09, 2021 at 06:10 PM

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“ We'll miss waving to her and hearing her beautiful music all over Memphis. I loved looking into the pit at Theater Memphis and seeing her wave back and say hi. She was a wonderful neighbor. Anne, we'll look after Bill for you.

**Deedee and Ron Perel** - February 09, 2021 at 03:39 PM

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“ Anne enriched our lives with beautiful music, her sweet spirit and her example of faith. Gifts we will long cherish.



**Olga Page** - February 08, 2021 at 09:26 PM

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“ The perfect lady!!

**paul mccarver** - February 08, 2021 at 01:51 PM

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“ A very dear, caring, beautiful and talented woman. Anne loved her life, her family, and her music. Such a special person who I was privileged to know. God bless her family.

**Barbara Frederick** - February 08, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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“ Nancy Howell lit a candle in memory of Anne Rogers Russell



**Nancy Howell** - February 08, 2021 at 11:41 AM

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“ A truly amazing woman! Wife, mother, grandmother, musician. A kind and graceful soul! I am lucky to have known her. Thank you for sharing her with me. I will never forget taking piano lessons from her or when she played for my wedding. Rest In Peace.



**Deanna Phillips** - February 07, 2021 at 06:13 PM