

Anna E. Anderson, age 85 of Fridley, passed away July 6, 2021. Preceded in death by parents Lewis and Anna; brothers Donald, Lloyd, Louis, John and Harold, sisters Margaret, Bonnie and Martha. Survived by brother Robert, husband, Lars Anderson, daughter Sheryl Andersson, son Erik Anderson and grandchildren David, Daniel and Noah.

Born in Minneapolis, Anna enjoyed all that Minnesota had to offer. She was an athlete, coach, referee, friend, wife, mother, grandmother and true outdoorsman.

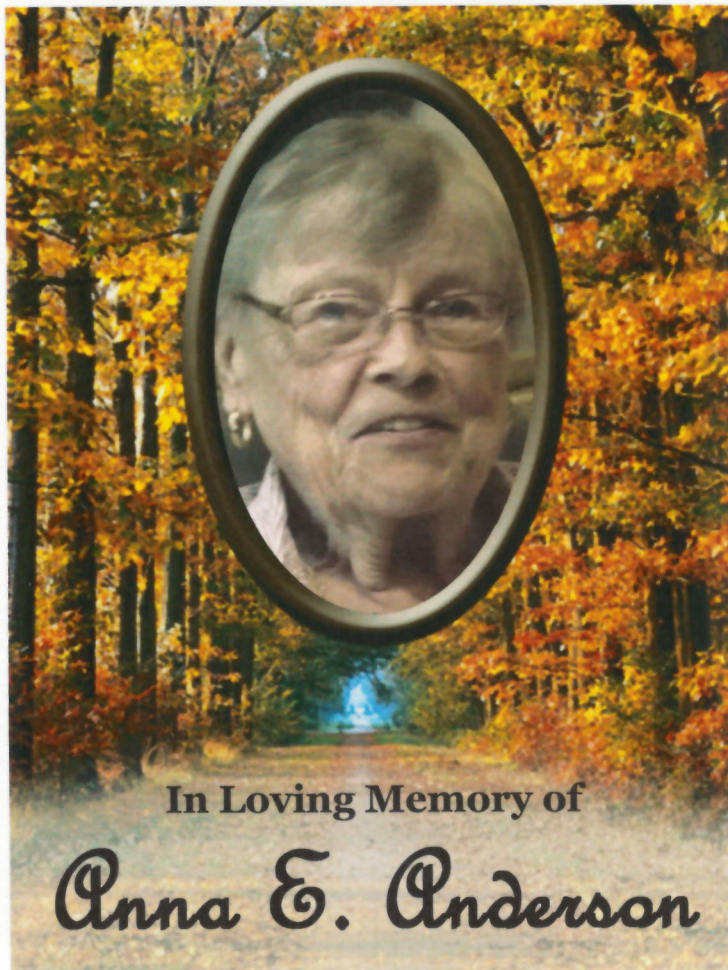
She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS Degree in Physical Education and a minor in History where she was a three sport athlete; volleyball, basketball and softball.

After graduating from the U she began her teaching career in the Roseville school system. Later she met and married Lars "Gus" Anderson whom she had two children with, Sheryl and Erik. She retired from teaching and became a full time mom while still playing golf, bowling, officiating basketball and volleyball; and starting her own business scheduling volleyball officials for twin cities high schools and community colleges. She even had a short-lived career coaching collegiate softball at both Inver Hills and North Hennepin Community Colleges. As her children got older she began coaching Fridley youth softball and basketball for several of Sheryl's teams.

As her officiating career progressed she was on the MSHSL rules writing committee, was a rules interpreter and became the head official at the Minnesota HS Volleyball State Tournament. In 1991 she was inducted into the inaugural MSHSL Hall of Fame for her contribution to Minnesota women's athletics. Around that same time she also became a Big 10 volleyball official. Anna volunteered for the International Special Olympics when it was held in St. Paul as well.

When Anna wasn't coaching or officiating she loved spending time outdoors, especially at the cabin. She enjoyed canoeing, fishing, hikes through the woods and campfires with s'mores and a big glass of wine. The winter months at the cabin consisted of snowmobiling, cross country skiing, ice-skating, cribbage, puzzles, board games and enormous indoor fires.

Anna was a lover of life and her family, strong-willed, determined and tough as concrete, right up to the end.

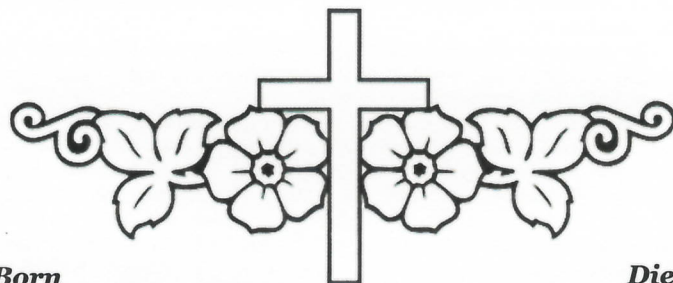


A Mother Gone

*Gone is a mother loved by all,
Her soul is now at rest.
She'll sleep in peace her work is done.
A mothers work is the best.
She'll know the joy of perfect rest
In heaven up above,
Where she may dwell contentedly
Protected by God's love.
Our hearts may grieve that she must lie
Beneath the sacred sod,
And yet we know that she lives in peace
Within the house of God.*

Forever In Our Hearts

Anna Elizabeth Anderson



Born
September 9, 1935
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Died
July 6, 2021
Fridley, Minnesota

Memorial Service
Redeemer Lutheran Church
61 Mississippi Street Northeast
Fridley, Minnesota
Saturday, August 7, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Miller Funeral Home ~ Fridley, Minnesota