



Ann Lovell

June 22, 1948 - March 28, 2020

Elizabeth Ann Melton Lovell, lovingly called Annie, of Old Bridge, NJ was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven on March 28, 2020.

Annie was born on June 22, 1948 to Evans and Mollie Jane Melton in Mobile, AL. She graduated from Foley, AL High School in 1966 and went on to earn her BS in Elementary Education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, followed by her MA in Early Childhood Education at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, AL. She always had a noticeable love for others, especially children, and used this passion to serve as an educator for most of her career.

Possessing a joy and positivity that came from daily living out her faith in Jesus Christ her Savior, Annie earnestly desired for others to know Him as well and shared the gospel with people wherever she went. A favorite verse was Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" She had a heart for encouraging others and was a reflection of Christ to family, friends, and strangers. Mentoring women in her church, helping busy mothers with their children, serving in the church's children's ministry, organizing prayer groups, and leading Bible studies were just some of the ways that she served others. She also shared God's love daily through scripture, encouraging messages, songs, and sermons through her online ministry, "God Moments by His Amazing Grace". She worshipped her Lord joyfully, unashamedly, and powerfully whether with her spiritual family at Calvary Chapel of Old Bridge or alone at the beautiful ocean that she loved so. A quote from her final online post reads: "He did it all, we did nothing. Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

Annie was preceded in death by her parents, Evans and Mollie Jane Melton and her sister, Rosemary Melton Robinson (Gerry). She is survived by her sisters, Barbara Jane Melton Turner (Charles), Carolyn Sue Melton Stewart (Johnny) and her brothers, Michael E. Melton (Magda) and Gerald E. Melton (Bebe), as well as nine nieces and two nephews.

Memorial services will be held in New Jersey at a date and place to be announced and in Alabama at Pleasant View Baptist Church, her childhood church, where she will be interred. Please check the website at Old Bridge Funeral Home near the end of April for more information.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a passion of Annie's, the Children's Ministry at Calvary Chapel Old Bridge, where she served for many years. You can send your gifts to:

Calvary Chapel
123 White Oak Lane
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Please indicate "Children's Ministry" in the memo field.

Comments



“ My Dearest Annie,
Bella and I will forever miss you. I wish I could just say good bye and give you one long hug. Thank you for your infectious joy, beautiful smile, your lite heart, your amazing faith and love for Jesus, and your love for life. You are home now. You are with Jesus now. We will forever love you. One day we will see you again. At the table we will all gather together and laugh and rejoice. Thank you for teaching us to deeply love one another, forgive one another, and no matter what, to see the good in people and always have true joy. You were the definition of joy and love. You loved. We love you. Say Hi to Jesus. See you at that table Annie. Love you forever, Mojgan and Bella



Mojgan Bruzios - April 24 at 08:39 PM



“ Annie you were my mentor, my loving friend and my sister in Christ. You were the one I relied on for Godly advice. So many things came about in my life because of you. You watched out for me and my family. You prayed for us. You truly loved us. When I think of you home now and dancing with Jesus I am so happy for you! A bright light in a dark world will be missing here on earth. Annie is where she longed to be! Home with her Heavenly Father! I will so much miss you Annie until I see you again.



Deborah - April 10 at 09:09 PM



“ Annie was special!

I had the honor of serving alongside her for years at Calvary Chapel. Starting with the Children's Ministry, where I saw her genuine love for these little ones.

I also had the privilege of traveling to Israel with Annie in 2018. What a joy she brought the 75 of us on that tour. We had the most awesome fellowship in the holy

land with our beloved sister.

But my greatest memory of Annie was last year leading up to our Christian radio festival known as Bridgefest. As the church finance guy, Annie dropped by my office to ask a favor. I was very busy that day, but I always had time for Annie. Oh that southern drawl!

Annie wanted to start a Facebook fundraiser for our radio station. Since Bridgefest coincided with Annie's birthday, she asked me if I could figure this out.

I had no idea how to do this, but with Annie's insistence, we figured this out together. In my heart I thought her idea would raise maybe \$100. The Bridge raised \$1,061 - thanks to Annie!!

That was to be her last birthday this side of Heaven.

Annie was such a giving person. She spread the love of Jesus in so many ways...

Annie was special indeed!

Ed Feliciano

Ed Feliciano - April 10 at 05:04 PM



“ Annie will be missed. She was real!

Vic - April 09 at 08:08 AM



“ Annie was always loving, listening, and caring! She had such a wonderful energy and bright spirit that reflected God's love wherever she went! We are so sorry for your loss and continue in prayer for all her loved ones for comfort. We will miss Annie here in our church and community, but we look forward to seeing her again one day!

Betsy Melvin - April 08 at 12:15 PM



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Julie Harris - April 08 at 01:04 AM



“ Anne and I shared a long friendship that started in our single days..she was the best at always keeping in touch and connecting with me when she came to Alabama. Our last sweet visit was when she joined me and Ron in New York City last May for a couple of nights—such a special time. We had that rare friendship that could pic up at a minute’s notice. I shall miss her dearly but I know she longed to spend eternity with her Heavenly Father who she was faithful to..Jean Mitchell

jean mitchell - June 06 at 10:55 PM



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Julie Harris - April 08 at 12:59 AM



“ Annie had such a beautiful heart and soul. She was a dear friend of mine and I was blessed to have been a part of her life. She was always there praying and encouraging me and everyone around her. Yesterday as I was placing rocks in my rock garden, I was crying because I miss her. In the Jewish religion we do not have flowers at a grave and we put rocks as stones of remembrance. Yesterday I placed rocks in my garden in remembrance of her. I will see you on the other side my friend when I will see you and Jesus!

Barbara Sue Friedman - April 08 at 12:24 AM



“ Annie will be so missed by me and my family and so many others. She was randomly wonderful. She Sent me random spontaneous texts and messages about Jesus and raising my kids. She helped with my kids many times this last 2 years and they love her very much. I remember one time I was at work and my In laws were at my house with her and the kids and she orchestrated an entire Christmas pageant. they all had a blast. She exuded Jesus at all times. It’s a rarity to find someone who does that- to be so frequently focusing themselves and entrusting themselves to God. She will be greatly missed



Ashley Mottley - April 07 at 09:33 PM



“ Praying for comfort and peace for your family at this very difficult time. Annie will be missed.



Laura Finlaw - April 06 at 11:11 PM



“ I enjoyed doing Bible study with Annie for many years, she always had a way of making it extra special. There were always times of sweet fellowship and prayer. Annie stopped by to visit me in GA on here way to Foley AL, her home, and invited me to come. I am glad for the good memories of that trip and our adventures together on the Gulf Shore. She truly loved adventure and getting out with her family and friends. I know she is on a long receiving line in Heaven. For there truly is no death in Christ. Until we adventure again.

Proverb 12:28 "In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death."



Julie Harris - April 06 at 10:12 AM



“ Annie was a bright spot in all of our gatherings at Calvary Chapel. But nothing was as precious as traveling with her in Israel a few years ago. She was delighted to be in places where Jesus walked. Her Bible was coming alive, becoming a virtual scratch and sniff Bible.

One morning on the bus we were ready to go. And the rule is if you are not there when the bus leaves we will assume you are taking a day off. For exactly at 8 am the wheels of the bus go round and round we teased her. One last check and we wondered.. where is Annie? Surely she does not want to miss this day down at the Dead Sea area with so much Biblical reference at Ein Gedi..etc...

And as we were wondering we received a call from her that she was locked in a bathroom stall as the door had jammed. We called maintenance and it took a few minutes to remove the door and rescue Annie. We all smiled... it could only happen to Annie! But we know the real reason was, Annie remarked, "The maintenance crew needed to hear about Jesus" Well Annie made sure of that.

We will soooo miss her!!! Pastor Lloyd

Lloyd - April 05 at 07:34 PM



“ Thank you Pastor Lloyd. That was so like her. Barbara Turner

Barbara Turner - April 06 at 09:47 AM



“ Annie was my first ever church discipleship home group leader. She welcomed me with open arms at that time and for years to follow. She always loved so genuinely and deeply. What a compassionate woman who always looked for opportunities to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Annie, your love and joy carries on! May God comfort your family and loved ones. Love, Melissa Vidal

Melissa - April 05 at 12:32 AM



“ Annie: Its been one week and your loss is felt so greatly by so many. But know you have such joy in and with the LORD now. We look forward to meeting again, forever.

lynne valetutti - April 04 at 02:38 PM