



Jana Bowman Annas

February 22, 1931 - December 3, 2017

Jana Lorene Bowman Annas, 86, of Salisbury passed away Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the Laurels of Salisbury.

Born February 22, 1931 in Alexander Co., she was the daughter of the late Dexter Odell Bowman and Daphna Blankenship Bowman.

Mrs. Annas graduated from Granite Falls High School in 1949 where she was Homecoming Queen, and Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory in 1962.

She was a teacher for 35 years before retiring serving in the Rowan County, Haywood County and Buncombe schools. She was known by her students as Mrs. "A".

Mrs. Annas was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, the Gold and Silver Club, the Children's Ministries and the Red Hat Society.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John Guthrie Annas on September 4, 2012.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Michael Annas of Salisbury, grandson, Miles Annas of Wilmington and her sister, Kay Schmucker and husband Jim of Hickory.

A Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Annas will be held at a later date.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Annas family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

“ Firstly, Michael Myles and all the Annas family, please accept my immense condolences on your loss. I missed it as I myself was quite sick in December and still in the hospital. I apologize immensely for missing both Jana and John's funerals due to my inability to read the daily paper more often.

As you know, I first met John through the country cupboard, and he became a mentor of sorts in life and in peppers. I don't think I knew more happier kind warm soul. Then you see his eyes light up when he would tell stories, and I saw him almost every day so I heard a lot of them. Many included mention of his wonderful wife Jana. I would soon meet her during a routine stop by his house, and helping her with some simple computer problem. I tried to do that a lot whenever I was over.

I believe of all the interactions I had with Jana, besides being amused every single time I saw the flippers photos, was the time for printer was on fire. Now, strictly speaking it really wasn't on fire. That printer gave us something fierce problem wise, so it catching fire would have been true for the course. However, in this instance it was just a minor toner explosion of sorts, very very warm toner, that led Jana to believe it had suddenly erupted into flames. It did feel like something may have caught fire briefly, but by the time we got to the trouble, the fire had gone out.

I believe that Jana was a special kind lady, as she always had great supportive kind and generous conversation, regardless of anything she may been going through that day. Her and John were couple a marriage success to look toward with happiness, hope, and always a large now. Thank you for allowing me to share time with them. For anyone that doesn't know who I am, I'm the guy with the beard who brought hot and spicy food to all of John's birthday parties I attended. Thank you.

Ray Porter, Catawba College Library

Ray Porter - February 14, 2018 at 01:13 PM

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Hayden

“ *The Annas' was my favorite clients, like my own parents in a way. I would come over for lunch and hang out with John and Jana. Cool people ! I will miss them on earth.*

Mark E. Hayden, LTC(R) and former New York Life agent

Mark Hayden - December 11, 2017 at 03:39 PM

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“ *I loved this woman with all my heart since we taught at WRMS together. What a hoot and a sincere woman. We dressed as twins on twin day and she came to my house for lunch whenever I invited staff over later at CLMS. She loved her students like no other and tried to teach life lessons as well as her business/keyboarding expertise. I can remember her trying to teach them sales tax using the price of her large diamond ring when she was subbing later. I am so heartbroken we lost touch the past few years. (I left messages on facebook earlier this year for who I thought were family but never found her after she moved.) See you in heaven Mrs. A.. Please let me know when remembrance service is. My prayers for family. Sharon Edwards Sharonclms@aol.com*

Sharon Edwarda - December 06, 2017 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Bob Wood lit a candle in memory of Jana Bowman Annas*



Bob Wood - December 05, 2017 at 12:25 PM

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“ *I'm sorry about Jana's passing. I worked with her at East Rowan High School. Jana was an excellent teacher and enjoyed helping students. She made a difference in many lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bob Wood - December 05, 2017 at 12:22 PM