

Guest Book

Dave and Gina · Dec 24, 2014

Mike, what a wonderful collection of photos, thanks so much for doing that, Anne was special, so peppy, and we knew Anne and you since 1975, WOW!!

Do come to SLO this spring, I will contact you, now in DC, our love, Dave and Gina

Vonnie Varner · Apr 9, 2014

Dear Mike and family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember Anne's smile which lite up the space she entered. She touched the heart of us all. We are so glad she and Mike were able to attend reunions of Mission Bay and stay in touch.

Roy Martins and Vonnie Varner, Carlsbad, CA

Nancy (McElvain) Servatius · Apr 8, 2014

It's amazing and sad that sometimes it's only after someone passes that we learn how they blossomed and flew after we lost touch in high school. Anne was a lovely quiet girl and I see by the pictures and the comments that she led an interesting and full life and was well-loved. I sympathize with you on your loss.

Jean Kaufman and Yossi · Apr 8, 2014

Dear Mike and family,

Please accept our condolences. We both admired Anne. What a force of life! In the few days we spent with you both in Israel, we were quite taken by her positive attitude, love of life, enjoyment of it, and the curiosity and interest she had in everything. The perfect, elegant lunches at your house are a memorable testament of her elegance and wonderful taste. I do not think we ever saw her not smiling. She will be greatly missed.

Kate Perrie · Apr 8, 2014

I knew Anne because she and Mike recently attended some of the ballroom dance classes and practice sessions at the Goddard Dance Club. I didn't know Anne long, and you couldn't miss that she was a rare and lovely person . . . inside as well as outside. A gentle, caring and loving woman whose internal beauty shone through in all of her interactions with people. Knowing Anne, if only for a little while, was a true grace note in my life. I will miss her.

William A Lansville · Apr 8, 2014

Anne and I were classmates in the 6th grade. (she was Jean Anne then) A remarkable person, friend, student. Anne is the best of the best.

Bonni Lloyd · Apr 4, 2014

I didn't know your Mom, but her spirit comes through in the lovely pictures you've collected here. What a bright light she seemed to cast. Thank you for sharing with us. I am holding you and your family in my heart.

Judith May · Mar 31, 2014

Dear Mike, Diana and Lesley,
After many years of knowing Anne from support group meetings, Ed Forums, and our wonderful diving trips, I cannot yet accept that she won't be writing or calling. Anne's exceptional spirit and amazing interest in all people as she would ask her many questions are seared in my memory. I have not known anyone like her. It was at your 40th anniversary party that I really learned of Anne's many talents, and your exciting life together. Please know that we are thinking of you, and send our deepest sympathies. We'll talk soon, and have Tampa and Cozumel to look forward to. I can hear Anne applauding and wanting you to continue with the plans.

Catherine Naylor · Mar 30, 2014

I first met Anne at Arnie Smolkler's Support Group Meeting in Silver Spring when we were first diagnosed 17 years ago. I kept in touch with her fairly often over the years, especially after I took over Arnie's job as Support Group Leader, ten years ago. She was a lovely person. I last saw Anne two years ago in Boston and I had a chance to talk with her and you, Mike. My sympathies are with you and the family.

Carrick Pierce · Mar 30, 2014

For as long as I've had memories, I've known the names Anne and Mike Greene. Friends of my parents since before I was born, I grew up hearing of them often like they were my own relatives, and so I was very sad to hear of Anne's passing. I send Mike and family my sincerest sympathies. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Margo Kingston · Mar 30, 2014

Anne was not only creative and generous with her time, but brought an aura of sunshine as she worked with us at THIS. She opened her lovely home to meetings, and she was always ready to lend a hand to organize events. She planned an excellent visit to the National Academy of Sciences that was greatly enjoyed by the diplomats who attended. My last contact with her was a written apology that she could not bring refreshments to an event and this was a few days before we lost her. Anne's bright smile will long be missed. And, I will always think of her joyfully diving among corals and fish.

Sally and Rick Manning · Mar 30, 2014

We enjoyed many fun moments with Anne and Mike during their visits to see Lesley and family in Ithaca. I was always inspired by Anne's vivacious, adventurous approach to life. And I see her spirit in her beautiful daughter Lesley. We are thinking of you Lesley - and Mike and Diana today and wish we could be there to honor Anne.

Laura Elashewich · Mar 30, 2014

I met Anne many years ago when we both attended the support group meetings in Silver Springs, Maryland. We hit it off right away and had a lot of good conversations over the years. The past few years neither of us got to attend any of those meetings. Between travel and the ups and downs of our Waldenstrom's when we did attend meetings we both sometimes weren't there at the same time. It was an honor and a pleasure to have known Anne. She will be missed. Our deep sympathy to her husband Mike and the rest of Anne's family for their loss.

Carol Stern · Mar 30, 2014

As part of Anne's sewing community, I was treated to her vivacity, humor and caring for several years. She had a way of making you know how much she cared for you and of how special she thought you were. We saw her through bathing suits and Indonesian outfits, each more dramatic than the last.

I particularly enjoyed being with you Mike, and Anne on your 50th anniversary trip to Cuba. You both added so much to the group and it was a pleasure getting to know you both better.

My sympathy to you and your family. How we will miss her.

Chieko Miyazaki · Mar 29, 2014

It's been 16 days since I heard of her passing, but I still can't believe that, Anne, that I can't see you any more on earth. We were just about to meet again in more than ten years, and how much we were excited to look forward to it! I miss the opportunity so much, but I miss you more than everything I can imagine. I vividly remember the memories we shared in Jakarta and in Maryland. You never failed to celebrate my birthday and never forget to call me "the sprite", but to me, you are the sprite itself, inspiring, active, intelligent, thoughtful, compassionate, positive, loving and loving and loving.

From now on, I try to think of you being always with me, sharing experiences and feelings with me and encourage me to live my life.

Thank you for all you gave me, Anne.

Mike, please accept my deepest condolences and please take good care of yourself.

Mary Goettelmann · Mar 29, 2014

As a member of Anne's sewing class it was a pleasure to know such a caring, selfless and wonderful person. I so looked forward to seeing her and chatting with her each week. Her absence will leave a huge void in the class. I hope the fond memories you have of all those wonderful trips and great times together will sustain you during this very sad time for the family.

"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Helen Keller

Marguerite Regan · Mar 29, 2014

I met Anne at Arnie Smokler's support group when it began, although we corresponded only sporadically through the years. She was an inspiring and spirited woman and a loss to all of us. My condolences to your family.

Marcia Klepac · Mar 28, 2014

It was such a pleasure to meet Anne during our journeys with Waldenstrom's, a rare disease that we both had in common. Anne and I shared our personal highs and lows as we navigated through various treatments, including being participants in the same clinical trial. Anne offered me much support in her caring, thoughtful and spirited style. I will miss her dearly. Anne will always remain an inspiration to me. My deepest sympathy to Mike, Diana and Lesley.

Harriet Rogers · Mar 28, 2014

Mike...I'll never forget spending time with you and Anne as you celebrated your 50th wedding anniversary in Cuba. The love and respect the two of you had for each other was evident to all who met you. Anne possessed a very special spirit that touched all who knew her in a positive way. Her kindness and loveliness will remain an inspiration for all of her sewing friends. My condolences to you and family for your loss.

John Paasch · Mar 27, 2014

Sometimes it takes a long time to learn how special a person is, sometimes you know it after meeting them once or twice. Anne was the latter. We met at a couple of Waldenstrom's forums but many times we exchanged emails on our group's Talk List. She would be seeking our thoughts and I always tried to share all that I knew about our disease and treatments. She always responded to my emails. One of her last emails to me was very short but she gave me a "Thank you" and words of encouragement to continue to help others. This was Anne, special, gracious and thinking of others even in a time when her condition was worsening. She will be missed.

Michael, so sorry to hear of Anne's passing.

May you and your family be well.

Marilyn Bandel · Mar 27, 2014

Anne was always very upbeat and freely gave information concerning her knowledge of WM, as well as her treatment/s for the condition. I especially appreciated Anne and Mike's assistance in updating the DC area Support Group's e-mail list. Anne will be greatly missed.

Grete Willow Cooper · Mar 27, 2014

Sometimes, when one person is absent, the whole world seems depopulated. I would have liked to meet Anne but our paths only crossed in cyberspace and our hearts. We connected because of Waldenstrom but found that we had so much more in common. My sincere thoughts go to her family. Perhaps the song is ended, but the melody lingers on.

Marilyn Weiner · Mar 26, 2014

Everyone who had the good fortune to cross paths with Anne knows how very special a person she was. She gave in so many ways. She cared truly and deeply about people. She was modest about her own vast accomplishments and talents. Her loss will leave a big hole in the lives of many. I grieve for you Mike, Lesley and Diana and for myself. I loved her.

Carrie Dike · Mar 25, 2014

It goes without saying that Anne was a remarkable woman - everyone who knew her knows that. Her love of life, things beautiful and people radiated from her eyes and smiling face at every greeting. As her and Mike's gardener I was always in awe of how kind she was to my 2 employees - she would bring out a tray of iced tea and grapes and cookies and then insist we all stop work and enjoy them, speaking to my guys in their language in fluent Spanish, asking about their family and their well being. She was one of the most loving and gracious women I ever met. How missed our Anne will be. My heart goes out to you Mike, Lesley and Diana and family. What a beautiful woman!

Angelina Shumway · Mar 20, 2014

Dear Mike and family,

My deepest condolences to you and your family . My heart aches as I write this. Anne was such a dear friend to me. All of those times we spent together, making music, singing, and laughing, always brought smile to my face and warmed my heart. she had such a spirit and love for music, and the desires to sing well, especially "Quando men vo". She loved her family so much and always talked about her children, grandchildren and you, Mike. She was so proud to share "I eat danger with tea" and wanted to learn that song. I still have the copy she made me. What a lady she was. She was so beautiful, elegant, charming with humor, and a gentle soul that touched so many people. I will always hold her in my heart.

Hague and Lorri Foster · Mar 20, 2014

Dear Mike, Lesley and Diana, we want you to know that Anne is very much in our thoughts. We remember so fondly the times we shared on east and west coasts with children and grandchildren. We regret not having had more of those times, but we did get to know her well enough to appreciate how lovely and caring a person she was. She was always so lively and interested in others even when she was perhaps not feeling her best. We gratefully recall, too, how she thoughtfully remembered us on special occasions in our lives. She was so good at that. Our love and deepest condolences to you and your families. Our hearts will be with you when you get together to celebrate her life on the thirtieth of this month.

Kris and Jerry DeWitt · Mar 19, 2014

Please accept our deepest condolences, Mike, Lesley, and Diana. Anne was my good friend for more than 40 years. We are so sad. Her exuberance; courage; love of knowledge and beauty; and her belief in people ennobled her. I will miss her dreadfully , even as I am grateful to have called her my friend.

Tom Myers, Deep Creek Lake, MD · Mar 19, 2014

I was fortunate to have met Anne and Mike through the IWMF and its Ed Forums. She was a charming woman with many good comments on our common disease. Many thanks to her for her heroic attempts to conquer the disease. I believe that she provided scientists with new information on the disease. I am deeply saddened by her death and send my condolences to Mike.

Regine Drieghe (Belgium) · Mar 19, 2014

In the short time I knew Anne, she was a wonderful lady, always with the smile on her face and always in the mood for a good talk.

Hoping that your memories will bring you to a place of peace in your heart .
Anne , you will be always in my heart and memories. It was good to know you.

Joan Keston · Mar 19, 2014

It is wonderful that you have so many lovely memories to share. Anne was a very special woman with warmth and vitality. She will be missed by all of us at THIS.

Riana Syarif, Indonesia · Mar 18, 2014

Rest in peace, Anne. You have inspired so many people with your cheerful smile and positive mind. You keep me going when I face many difficult times during my treatment, you encouraged me to stand up again when I was so down. I miss you, Anne. My mentor, my best friend, my sister. I'm very lucky to have met such a beautiful woman as you. To Mike, Lesley and Diana, and all the families, my thought and prayer are with you during this difficult time.

Mikiko Nihei · Mar 18, 2014

I would like to convey my deepest condolences. I met Anne at THIS. She was always warm, cheerful, active and so lovely. We talked much about Indonesia, because we both lived there long time and we both love Indonesia. I will never forget how nice she treats people, and how frinedly she talks with waiters in restaurants. I miss her since I came back to Japan, and I will miss her forever.

Claudia TP · Mar 18, 2014

My condolences to her family.

Janet Kohlenberger · Mar 18, 2014

It was wonderful seeing Anne's photos and sharing those happy memories. She will be missed by her friends at THIS including the many diplomats whose lives she touched. Peace and comfort to your family.

Tina Bailem · Mar 18, 2014

I had the privilege of working with Anne on a couple of programs for THIS. She was such a fun, easy-going and charming person to be with, I will miss her and I am very, very sorry for your loss. I send my condolences to all of you. Tina

Ed Tanner · Mar 18, 2014

Mike, My condolences to you and your family. Anne was a strong and determined person. I will miss seeing both of you at our periodic visits - I always enjoyed getting updates on your latest travels together. So sorry for your loss, Ed

Ruth Simon · Mar 18, 2014

I've had the gift of knowing Anne through THIS for many years. She was always lovely, warm, and caring. I was shocked to hear the sad news. I send my condolences to all of you.

Anonymous · Mar 17, 2014

Sincere condolences to the family of Anne Greene. It saddens me to lose a member of our WM family and I wish I had known her on a more personal level. The pictures are beautiful and it is obvious she was well loved and her memory will be cherished by many. Peace to you all.

Anita Carton · Mar 17, 2014

Dear Mike, Lesley and Diana, I met Anne through sewing -- lucky always to be greeted by a smile and lovely, elegant conversation. What a wonderful Spirit to keep with all of us!

Paula (Verdun) Gorman along with JT and John Gorman · Mar 17, 2014

Dear Greene family, I can't begin to express my deepest condolences and sorrow for your profound loss. I'm grasping for words to comfort you and to convey my never ending gratitude for sharing your precious and beautiful Anne with my family. When I was five, she altered the course of my life with her warmth, kindness, caring, love, patience, counsel, generosity and energy which she graced my parents with when they immigrated to the United States. With two young children, no relatives, living in a foreign culture and having to learn a new language, Anne eased, soothed and comforted them endlessly. AND she has made all of us laugh along the way! I'm blessed to have witnessed in her and Michael, along with my parents, one of those friendships that "last a lifetime." If I had to pick the most gentle of all souls to walk by my side and hold my hand every day forward, it would be hers. I can just hear her say, "now, Paulita (in her lovely english accent), you can do this!. And you know what? The same went for her..."she DID IT!" In fact, at this very moment, I get what it truly means to "celebrate a life!" Anne was, is, and will forever be the gift that keeps on giving. I send you my love love love and wishes for peace to you all.

Renee Herriott · Mar 16, 2014

Mike, Lesley, Diana and Tom, I am so sorry for your loss. Anne was a gracious lady who had no shortage of smiles, love & encouragement for those around her. Her vibrant spirit, energy and love of life will always be remembered. I will miss very much.

Kriss Larsen · Mar 16, 2014

Thank you for the photos! My tears keep popping out, Anne was so full of love, and she showered all of us with that love.

Robbert van Renesse · Mar 16, 2014

Anne was the best mother-in-law a person can have. The pictures are beautiful. I'll miss her very much.

Rita · Mar 16, 2014

Lesley, Diana, Mr. Greene,

I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you all the time. She was absolutely beautiful!

Love,

Rita