



Annabelle Palka (Olmstead) Preston

May 3, 1927 - July 7, 2016

Annabelle Palka Preston, age 89, of Brodhead, passed away with all of her family present on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital. She was born on May 3, 1927 in Brodhead, WI, the daughter of Helmer and Margaret (Johnson) Olmstead. She married John Palka on February 12, 1949 at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Brodhead. John passed away on May 24, 2001. She later married Bill Preston, who predeceased her. Ann graduated from Brodhead High School in 1945 and attended Spencerian Business School in Milwaukee. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ and the American Legion Auxiliary, both of Brodhead. She had worked for a time at the Milwaukee Sentinel Newspaper. Ann then moved to Chicago and worked at the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company where she met her first husband John. They met during a golf outing the company sponsored. They married in February of 1949 in Brodhead and many of their guests arrived by train at the Brodhead Depot from Chicago and stayed at the Shorb Hotel. For many summers, she worked and played golf at the Decatur Lake Country Club, which her parents managed for approximately 23 years. Following her marriage, she lived in Chicago, Glen Ellyn, IL and Boulder Junction, WI, before moving back to Brodhead in 1984. Ann enjoyed playing poker, swimming and working out at the fitness center, happy hours and dinners out, all with a group of amazing friends. She also loved spending time at the cottage on Decatur Lake, boating and spending time with her family. She is survived by her daughters, Peggy (Ron) Phillips, Brodhead,

Wendy (Jack) Schultz, Galena, IL; grandchildren, Sally (Mark) Gulden, Andrew (Anna) Jubie, Erik (Marika) Wasmund, Matt (Carrie) Wasmund, Peter (Frayah) Wasmund; and 12 beautiful great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, and a sister, Kay Fricke Wraight. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, July 15, 2016, at the D.L. NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, BRODHEAD, WI, with Pastor David Frey officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, WI. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Green County Humane Society or to the DLMRA (Decatur Lake Mill Race Association).

Tribute Wall

DK

“ A candle was lit by Doug and Janice Knight

on July 8, 2016 8:03 PM

Doug and Janice Knight - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

GS

“ A candle was lit by Gregg & Lisa Sutherland

on July 8, 2016 8:09 PM

Gregg & Lisa Sutherland - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DW

“ A candle was lit by Dean and Nancy Walters

on July 8, 2016 8:56 PM

Dean and Nancy Walters - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DW

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ann's passing. What a lovely lady and beautiful smile. Hold on to the many wonderful memories of your Mother, they will help ease your sorrow during this difficult time.

Dean and Nancy Walters - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

ES

“ A Ceramic Dish Garden was sent on July 8, 2016
Remembering all the great times! Hugs to you all!
Much love,
Jeannine Brrinkman-Harper

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

AO

“ *A candle was lit by Allen and Donna J Olson*

on July 8, 2016 9:34 PM

Allen and Donna J Olson - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

GD

“ *So sorry to hear of Ann's passing. The neighborhood just won't be the same,*

Gail and Denny - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing*

Carolyn Bernstein - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JN

“ *She can never be replaced ..She was one in a million .have known her for many years ..always the same friendly smile..and maybe a joke... We will all miss her at " Happy Hour" but your memories will remain dear friend*

Joyce Nipple - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

EH

“ *A candle was lit by Ellen Hughes*

on July 9, 2016 11:58 AM

Ellen Hughes - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DF

“ Peggy, sorry to hear about the loss of your mother, you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Debbie and Glen Foley - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KF

“ Thinking of your family at this time of sorrow. Grandma Ann was such a lovely and sweet lady. Please accept our sympathy.

Kirk and Brenda Douglas Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

M(

“ I have great memories of times spent with both your parents. My grandfather also worked at Chgo. Bridge & Iron and every summer we attended their picnic together. I was a shoe-in at the three legged race and they gave \$\$ prizes. Your mother was beautiful and a great woman. You are all in my prayers.

Marilyn (Joblecki)Lee - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

ES

“ A RAY OF SUNSHINE was sent on July 10, 2016
We send our deepest love and condolences. Our thoughts are with the family.

Much love,

Amanda (LaBarre) Duda and Julian and Carter

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JT

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ann's passing. I have such happy, always fun-filled memories of her & Kay and the rest of the Olmstead clan across the lake! Sending my sincere sympathies to your family.

Jane Ties - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DP

“ A candle was lit by Dean Pawlisch

on July 11, 2016 10:35 AM

Dean Pawlisch - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KG

“ George and I were so sad to read of Ann's passing. We have such fond memories of all the Olmstead cousins' reunions – the room was always filled with laughter and love.

With deepest sympathy,

Karen Silness Grimsrud

Karen Silness Grimsrud - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DF

“ A candle was lit by Deb Fitzgerald

on July 11, 2016 10:16 PM

Deb Fitzgerald - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KJ

“ A candle was lit by Kathy and Doug Johnson

on July 12, 2016 9:35 AM

Kathy and Doug Johnson - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ A candle was lit by The Boegli Family, Doran, DeAnne, Brooke and Blake

on July 12, 2016 10:28 AM

The Boegli Family, Doran, DeAnne, Brooke and Blake - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ Ann was a wonderful woman. Her smile was contagious and her spirit will be bright in heaven. Her family was so important to her, I hope you are all able to keep up your strong traditions and live as she would want you to - happy together! We are so sorry for your loss. Hugs to all. Cheers Ann!

The Boegli Family - Doran, DeAnne, Brooke and Blake - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

TF

“ Peggy and Wendy,
Growing up with our parents as such good friends will forever be our bond. There are so many great memories!!!
We all loved your mom, her smile, her laugh, her sense of humor and her kindness. We will truly miss her.
Remembering Ann With Love,
Sherry, Nick, Peggy, George and Jim

The Wienold Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

ES

“ An A GARDEN PATH was sent on July 13, 2016
Rest in peace Annabelle and know that we will never forget you

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

ES

“ An AZALEA PLANT was ordered on July 13, 2016

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Ann's entire family. All of us "cottage kids" know and loved her fun spirit. When I think of her it will always be with a smile. Take Care~

LouAnn Harmel - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

AL

“ Ann was an amazing lady. Always a ready smile and laugh. She certainly enjoyed life and was an inspiration. What a blessing to have her for 89 years!

Ann Lewis - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

RJ

“ A candle was lit by Rodney & Betty Johnson
on July 15, 2016 8:18 AM

Rodney & Betty Johnson - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

RJ

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy during this time of loss. She was such a joy to have as a neighbor and loved seeing the many friends she had who would never miss "Derby Day". Her smile and waves were always there for us and she will be greatly missed.

Rodney & Betty Johnson - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KL

“ To the family of Annabelle Palka Preston,
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that
"Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are
crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) With sympathy,

kelsey lee - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DD

“ A candle was lit by Duane and Elli Olmstead's daughters
on August 27, 2016 6:37 PM

Duane and Elli Olmstead's daughters - May 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM