



## Ann Bevan Robbins

April 28, 1932 - March 25, 2021

Ann B. Robbins

O Lord, you alone are my hope.

I've trusted you, O Lord, from childhood.

My life is an example to many,

Because you have been my strength and protection.

That is why I can never stop praising you; I declare your glory all day long. Psalm 71: 5, 7-8

Ann Bevan Robbins, born April 28, 1932 in Thomasville, North Carolina, peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home on March 25, 2021. A most gracious Christian lady, Ann (Mom) is predeceased by her parents Robert Douglas Bevan and Mamie Rogers Bain, brothers Robert Douglas Jr and Joseph Paisley, husband John D. Robbins, Jr, daughter Elizabeth Robbins Molter, and her only nephew Robert Douglas Bevan, III. She is survived by children J.D. Robbins, III (Beth), Susan R. Eliades (Elliot), R. Douglas Robbins (Leigh), Carol L. Robbins (Ed), grandchildren Laura (James), Jack (Julia), William (Emily), Hannah (Evan), Frederick, Ashley, Nick (Lauryn), Ann Audrey (Elliott), Thomas, John Bain, Joseph, Layne, Ella, Jayden, Jacob, Hayden, Clinton, and Ann Catherine. Additionally, she was blessed with great grandchildren: Dylan, Tyler, Bryson, Breanna, Ellie, John, Claire, Beckham, Peter, Lillian, Raleigh, and Henley. She is also survived by her dear friend, college classmate, fellow teacher, and neighbor Nancy Byrd.

Growing up in NC, Ann's father was a professional bird dog trainer and her mother a school teacher. Attending, UNC Greensboro, first as a music major, she changed course to primary education before graduating and in December of her senior year married her true love, John Robbins.

Teaching second grade at Enon Elementary School for 36 years, she influenced hundreds of young students, even instructing the children of former students. The community in which she lived and served is known as "Enon." The significance of this toponym is not lost on her life's work as, biblically, "Aenon" is the spring where John was baptizing after his encounter with Jesus. Our mother not only formatively taught students in the community but instilled in her own family (children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren) strong Christian values and an understanding and reverence for the God of

our Creation. As a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hopewell for 66 years, across the river from "Enon", she served as deacon, elder, choir member, choir director, circle leader, an Enabler for churches in the Presbytery of the James, Area 5, Sunday school teacher, and bible school teacher. She also received the Honorary Life Membership of Presbyterian Women. She was a true pillar of the Church. Ann served as a member of the Historic Hopewell Foundation Board where she worked tirelessly in various officer capacities, as a docent and for many years planned, directed, and facilitated the Summer Lecture Series attended by hundreds at the library. She was a 51-year member of the Hopewell Woman's Club, a member of the Frances Bland Randolph Chapter of the NSDAR, and a member and officer of the Wonder City Investment Club. She also delivered Meals on Wheels to shut ins. However, her enduring legacy will be her character. Teaching and sharing scripture, readings, and books with her children, our mother emphasized living a life of gratitude, kindness, and grace. She lived unconditional love, preached forgiveness, and exemplified service for others and community. She urged us to "walk in His footsteps", "make the world a better place", live properly and work hard. She instilled a desire to be lifelong learners in true Presbyterian tradition and lectured "know where you come from." Her favorite hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", will surely be sung at her memorial service which will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made to First Presbyterian Church, 1107 West Broadway, Hopewell, VA 23860. We will greatly miss our mother, teacher, friend, but she will be remembered for generations. "O God, our help in ages past Our hope for years to come Our shelter in the stormy blast And our Eternal Home." Condolences can be registered at <http://www.jtmorriss.com>

# Events

---

**APR 18** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

---

Weston Manor  
400 Weston Lane, Hopewell, VA, US, 23860

**APR 18** **Reception after service**

---

Weston Manor  
400 Weston Lane, Hopewell, VA, US, 23860

# Comments

---



“ A tribute video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - April 16 at 01:03 PM

---



“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - April 16 at 12:59 PM

---



“ 73 files added to the album LifeTributes



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - April 15 at 05:15 PM

---



“ Mrs. Ann was a beautiful lady, everytime she walked into Lisa's Cafe she glowed, I do not care how sick she was or what she went through she had a glow and sparkle in her beautiful blue eyes., she will be greatly missed. I sure did love that lady so gracious. My thoughts and prayer with the whole family. You fly high beautiful Angel

Lisa Postic - April 01 at 10:50 AM

---



“ Ann was one of the first people I met in Enon. I substituted in her class. She always gave me excellent advise. She taught my son in second grade and was a wonderful teacher and friend over the years. I appreciate all the lessons she taught me and the wonderful Christian example of a life well lived. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.



**Brenda Reid** - March 31 at 08:43 AM

---



“ The most gracious person I've ever met, My thoughts and prayers are with the Robbins family at this time.

**Joel A Walton** - March 29 at 07:33 PM

---



“ Mrs. Robbins was my second grade teacher at Enon Elementary in the late '60s. To this day, she remains as one of my favorite teachers of all time. Years later when I was in my 20s, I ran into her. She shared the nicest story about what she remembered about me from the second grade. First, I was astounded by what she remembered. Secondly, I was very touched by what she shared, I've never forgotten that. My sympathies to all of her family members. She was truly a great lady.

Warmest Regards,  
Sandy White Bogen

**Sandy White Bogen** - March 29 at 10:55 AM

---



“ Nancy Byrd and Ann Robbins were quick to welcome me at Enron Elementary as the first ever student teacher to the school. This was spring of 1970. Nancy was my supervising teacher but we all worked together. Ann was the dearest person and I was so blessed to have known this lovely, Christian lady.

**Sandra Livesay Hunter** - March 29 at 10:29 AM

---



“ Norman and I adored Mrs. Robbins. We were over joyed when our son Ben had her for a teacher and I loved being a room mother in her classroom. She was an elegant lady that made us all want to be a better person. She was one of a kind and will be missed. Prayers for comfort to the family. Cissy and Norman Buyalos

**Cissy Buyalos** - March 28 at 05:51 PM

---



“ Mary Stuart Goodloe lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Mary Stuart Goodloe** - March 28 at 04:50 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family as you grieve the loss of your Mother, may you find peace in knowing that she is with the Father of us all, until you meet again.

Love, Mary Stuart

**Mary Stuart Goodloe** - March 28 at 04:53 PM

---



“ Hope Vecchioni lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Hope Vecchioni** - March 28 at 04:30 PM



“ She was a wonderful lady she will be missed by many

**Hope Vecchioni** - March 28 at 04:31 PM

---



“ So very sorry for y'all's loss! Thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

**Melunda Webb** - March 28 at 04:15 PM

---



“ Patricia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Patricia Stevens** - March 28 at 01:25 PM

---



“ Such a wonderful and unforgettable lady. I'm so blessed and thankful to have had her as my teacher. She was one of those people you can't forget because of her sweet smile and kind words. My God be with the family at this time.

**Brenda Hill** - March 28 at 12:41 PM

---



“ Ann was one of my favorite humans - such a lady and role model for many. We were blessed that she taught my son Brent at Enon Elementary; her genuine concern and interest in him was over the top. She recognized something special in him and it had a profound impact on him. I later got to know her (clone) sweet daughter Susan who was always so good to my parents. Prayers for the family as you say goodbye to a great woman.

**Donna Vergara Williamson** - March 28 at 10:07 AM

---



“ Martha Goodloe Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Martha Goodloe Buchanan** - March 28 at 08:56 AM



“ My deepest, heartfelt sympathies go out to the Robbins family as you grieve the loss of such an incredible Mother, teacher, and friend. She has left a lasting forever legacy on all whose lives she enriched just by her presence in our world. May your memories give you strength and comfort in the days ahead, and know she will live forever in your hearts as you continue to honor her by living the lives she wanted for for each of you. You are in my heart and prayers. Love, Martha

**Martha Goodloe Buchanan** - March 28 at 09:08 AM

---



“ Judy Crocker lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Judy Crocker** - March 28 at 03:17 AM

---



“ Kathleen Bryant Vincent lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Kathleen Bryant Vincent** - March 27 at 08:45 PM

---



“ Margie Dowden lit a candle in memory of Ann Bevan Robbins



**Margie Dowden** - March 27 at 06:14 PM

---



“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family of this dear sweet lady she will surely be missed and to her family I say Keep your memories of her in your hearts and she will always be with you Rest in Peace my friend Ann and I will keep my memories in my heart and you will always be with me

**Margie Dowden** - March 27 at 06:14 PM



“ Mrs. Robbins was a teacher of mine in the late 80's. She was the sweetest teacher and really loved her students. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was a wonderful role model and helped shapes me to the woman I am today.

**Arien Tucker Hudson** - March 29 at 06:17 AM

---



“ Ann was a very gracious, lovely woman. I knew her for her work on the Hopewell Lecture Series. She was kind enough to give me a chance as a presenter, something I enjoyed doing very much. My sincere condolences to all of her family. She was the epitome of a life well lived. Paula McDonough

**Paula McDonough** - March 27 at 04:43 PM