



Ann T. Kates

June 14, 1953 - July 10, 2025

Ann T. Kates, 72, of Estero, FL, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025, in Naples, FL. Born on June 14, 1953, in Manhattan, New York. She was the daughter of Doris (Frankel) Tulcin, who survives, and the late Robert Tulcin.

When Ann was born, she was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis and given less than a year to live. But her mother, Doris, found that prognosis unacceptable — and got to work. In 1955, Doris joined a group of determined parents to co-found the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, an organization that would go on to revolutionize care, treatment, and research for those living with CF. Thanks in large part to her courage and persistence, life expectancy for children born with the disease has risen from 19 years when Ann was married in 1976 to a median age of 65 for kids born from 2020 to 2024, according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation registry. Ann's life became a powerful and personal testament to that progress as her determination and strength sustained her for 72 years.

Ann was raised in Scarsdale, NY, and graduated from Scarsdale High School before earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity College in 1975. In 1976, she began her career as a special education teacher at the Eagle Hill School in Greenwich, Connecticut. After the birth of her second child, Douglas, in 1983, Ann stepped back from the classroom but continued her passion for education as a private tutor until her retirement in 2018. She was

deeply appreciated and loved by her coworkers and students.

Outside of her professional life, Ann found joy and friendship as an active member of the Corkscrew Shores community. Throughout her life, she loved being outdoors: swimming, playing tennis, and more recently, pickleball. Her favorite daily delights were ice cream, sweet treats, and her West Highland Terriers. She also remained closely involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation throughout her life, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration for families navigating life with CF.

Ann is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, David C. Kates; her devoted mother, Doris F. Tulcin; her daughter Erica E. Powell and her husband Cmdr. Jonathan Powell, USN; her son, Douglas L. Kates and his wife Erin, and four adored grandchildren, Hunter Kates, Emma Kates, Abigail Kates, and Brynnleigh Powell; her brother, Roger Tulcin (and his late wife Gail); her many loving nieces and nephews, and the family and friends that loved her.

A celebration of Ann's life will be held in Estero, Florida on August 2 at the Corkscrew Shores Clubhouse at 2:00 p.m. An additional celebration of Ann's life will be held in Greenwich, CT on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 12:00 noon in the Community Room at Eagle Hill School 45 Glenville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831 She will be laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Hawthorne, New York in a private ceremony.

To sign her guest register or leave condolences online, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home — Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Corkscrew Shores Clubhouse
14700 Corkscrew Woods Pkwy.
Estero, FL 33928

Celebration of Life

SEP 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Community Room at Eagle Hill School
45 Glenville Road
Greenwich, CT 06831

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I've never met Ann, but she served as a source of hope and inspiration for me (as a fellow person with CF). I am incredibly grateful for her and her family's selfless dedication to improving the lives of those with CF. My hope is to live a life as full and beautiful as Anne's, and to leave a similar legacy of love, hope, and determination.

Meg Murray - July 22, 2025 at 03:51 PM

PN

“ How sad I am today to hear about the passing of Annie. She was such a sparkle. When you talked to her, it was if you were the only one in the room. I was so lucky to teach with her at Eagle Hill. Her sparkle turned to a flame when she talked about her children, Erica and Doug, a flame full of love and joy. She will be missed by so many whose lives she touched.

Patti Clark Nietsch - July 18, 2025 at 02:31 PM

LS

“ I remember Anne with great fondness and respect. No doubt her memory will be a blessing as was her wonderful life. Lydia Soifer

Lydia Soifer - July 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM

CO

“ Cathy and Bob O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Ann Kates



Cathy and Bob O'Brien - July 12, 2025 at 04:42 PM

JL

“ My sincere condolences to David and family. Never did I encounter Ann where she wasn't just as sweet and grateful. We're never ready to be called to join our creator but he only calls the best. Many hugs and prayers during these difficult times. Julie Lee former corkscrew shores resident.

julie lee - July 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

MH

“ I ran into Annie right after we moved into Corkscrew Shores. We each had four little white dogs, and we chatted over tangled leashes and their antics. Turns out we're only months apart in age, and she's the only other person I've met in 20 years of living in Florida who grew up a mile from me in our hometown of Scarsdale, NY. She taught in Greenwich, near where I went to school. We had an immediate connection, because of her warmth and kindness. She taught me how to play pickleball, both of us having retired our tennis games to hit the smaller court. We grieved the eventual loss of a few pups over the years together, and we both agreed that upon leaving this earth, our first stop was over the rainbow bridge, because we both knew it ain't heaven without our pups. Dave, Erica and Doug, and kids, my heartfelt sympathy at your loss. I just know she's up there with the pups, running around heaven. God bless. The CS Outback won't be the same without her.

Margot Hill - July 12, 2025 at 02:10 PM

CF

This is a wonderful memory of Annie! She was such a strong person and that probably had a lot to do with how long she lived. And of course her pups - oh how she loved her pups! We had that in common - big time! I imagine her over Rainbow Bridge galavanting with all her pups and it's a soothing thing.

Catherine Falvey-Herzig - July 15, 2025 at 02:55 PM

MH

“ Annie was the first friend I made at Corkscrew Shores when I ran into her while we both walked our dogs. I kinda knew I was going to like her immediately when her four little white dogs greeted my four little white dogs, but when we started talking, I discovered she had worked near a school I went to in Greenwich. But what really cemented it was we discovered we grew up in the same town at the exact same time, about a mile away from each other in Scarsdale. Then she taught me how to play Pickleball during Covid, and she and Dave have been special friends since then. Our Outback dog gang has lost an integral member, and we are all bereft at the loss of Annie. But I know for sure she stopped at the rainbow bridge to pick up a few pals to ease her journey into heaven. God bless Dave and the Kates clan.

Margot Hill - July 12, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann T. Kates.



July 12, 2025 at 10:11 AM

MA

“ Mike and Karen Andaloro purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ann T. Kates.



Mike and Karen Andaloro - July 12, 2025 at 09:01 AM

LD

“Annie was both family and a friend. She gave me my first job as a mother’s helper when I was 12. I so enjoyed spending time with Erica and Doug at the beach and around town. Anne was an incredible role model for raising children and teaching- she is one of the main reasons I became a teacher. Also her discipline and love for nutrition and exercise and her fight to live a long life. I will miss her hugs, her warm notes and conversations. Love you Annie and my love goes out to all of you during this time of mourning.

Lisa Rapp Daur - July 11, 2025 at 05:58 PM

BI

I just can’t imagine a world without Annie. We didn’t see each other often anymore, but she made such an impression on me as a young trader at Eagle Hill. She continued to stay in my life with her positive posts and comments on Facebook. I know you will be so very missed. Much love and hugs to Dave and all who loved Annie!

Biz - July 12, 2025 at 01:56 PM

RL

Rick and Janet Lavoie

Annie....

Valued colleague and cherished friend.

It has been said that “...the greatest gift that an adult can give a child is the gift of reading.”

Annie gave that gift to countless kids over the years. We’ll done.

Sending best wishes to Dave, Erica and Doug at this difficult time.

“Heaven is the place where you’re greeted by every dog you ever loved”

Rick and Janet Lavoie - July 14, 2025 at 12:46 PM

EM

Dear Annie, RIP, The Moore Family

Ed Moore - July 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MQ

Dave, I am sorry for your loss, we loved Annie. She was genuine, kind and loving. My girls are forever grateful for all of the support they got over the years. We will be with you to celebrate her life in September.
Big hugs,
Mary Quick

Mary Quick - July 18, 2025 at 01:20 PM