



Anne MacRae Bouton

March 31, 1925 - May 15, 2020

Anne MacRae Bouton, 95, died on May 15 2020, in St. Augustine Florida. Anne was born on March 31 1925 in Glen Ridge New Jersey. She grew up in Harford County Maryland, living with her father Duncan MacRae, her mother Rebecca Kyle MacRae, and her older brother Duncan MacRae, Jr. While living on post at Edgewood Arsenal, Anne enjoyed riding horses and made life long friendships. She graduated from Bel Air High School in 1941 at the age of 16 having skipped a grade. Her older brother Duncan mentioned in his autobiography that “Anne received an IQ score of 150 at Bel Air High, on which [he] had received only a 148....[He] felt that she should be able to get as good a job as a man.”

Anne attended Mary Washington College in Virginia for one year and graduated from Northwestern University in Chicago with a BA in English. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and kept in touch with some of her sisters for years. Her first job was at New York based Penguin Books as a childrens’ magazine editor. This position reinforced her strong interest in reading and her love of children her whole life. During this time Anne boarded at the Trinity House in Brooklyn. She shared many stories of life there and kept in touch with friends there throughout their lives. Anne MacRae met her future husband Edwin Harry Bouton at Trinity House, and they were married in 1947.

Anne and Harry moved to the country near Bel Air Maryland when he obtained a job at Edgewood Arsenal. They raised seven children in a large old

house on 85 acres. Anne provided for everyone's needs in the busy household which included a large garden, several cats and large dogs, and some chickens. Her love of music was always on display with her breaking into song while working around the house and she encouraged/required each of the seven children to learn to play a different instrument by practicing every day — sometimes at the same time.

Anne was active at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bel Air, MD which she attended with her children. She was very sociable, and always in contact with friends and relatives, frequently playing bridge with her friends and entertaining.

Beaches had always appealed to her. For several years before retirement, she spent months each summer with her family in Bethany Beach, Delaware. This provided her children with wonderful memories and experiences. She also held several jobs while residing in Bel Air, MD. Her last position was as a Paralegal in the State's Attorney's Office.

After retirement, in 1982, Anne and Harry moved to St. Augustine Florida. Anne and Harry settled in a house on the beach next to their daughter Rebecca and her family. They loved their retirement, and spent their time biking, boating, entertaining, and travelling the world. They also travelled around this country since their children and grandchildren were scattered. The grandchildren, especially, enjoyed these visits with Anne, since it meant games of Parcheesi, Monopoly, Scrabble, treats, reading aloud books, and endless attention. Anne was blessed with endless patience for grandchildren and an abundance of a truly fun spirit which they appreciated. The children and their spouses, also all enjoyed her visits because of her witty conversations and straight-shooting remarks and funny quips. It was great to be in her company.

After Harry's death, Anne spent a few years in Southern Maryland, residing near her daughter Rachel, but in 2013 returned to the beach at St. Augustine where she lived with both her daughters and their families for the past several years.

Her family will sorely miss Anne and their wish is that wherever she is now, she is at peace, sitting in her chair on the beach, completing a crossword puzzle, looking out to the waves and saying as she did many times, “Isn’t this a wonderful place?”

Anne is survived by seven children: Edwin Jr. (Susan) of Punta Gorda FL; Rebecca Price (David) of St. Augustine FL; Rachel Hiller (Patrick) of St. Augustine FL; James (Joanne) of Red Lion PA; Art (Jacinda) of Lone Tree, CO; Thomas of Ocean Pines MD; and George (Chris) of Yulee FL; Anne’s former daughters in law include Helen Bouton in Salisbury, MD; Susie Smith, in Colorado Springs, CO, and Gail Bouton in Burke, VA. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also remain, including Amy MacRae Brown (Gary) in Missouri, and the George Bouton contingent from Ohio— Jill, Richard, Susan, David, and Jim and Anne’s beloved sister-in-law Elizabeth Bouton, age 94.

Funeral plans are pending but will most likely include a service at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Abingdon, Maryland at a much later date. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Anne’s family is extremely grateful for their years-long support.

Tribute Wall



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Rachel Hiller - June 09, 2020 at 09:21 AM

“ Thank you so much for sending me the news about Anne. I have so many memories of her during our youth! I wish that we could have been able to keep up during the last few years, but I am so glad that she was with her daughters!! The memories are just dancing around my head now. Your Mother was the most beautiful girl ever! She was smart!! You know, I didn't realize that she was the same age as I am....Because she skipped into high school a year ahead of me, I thought she was older. She was tall and beautiful and bright and full of good humor. I don't think there was a boy in the whole school that didn't want to date her. And she was friendly and not snobbish about things..which was really what made her popular . After she graduated, I didn't see her much when she was in college and then when she came back to Harford County with Harry, it was wonderful!

We had fun.... Ross and Peggy and Anne and Harry...and our kids. They always had a dog or two to go with the little ones. We used to visit often back and forth. We lived in the new houses next to where the new Elementary School is now. Ross was involved in St.Mary's and was even in charge of the new Parish Hall being built. We were also teaching Sunday school. I think you were in our class when you were about 5 or 6? I know that your Mom was involved in things going on at St. Mary's too. Your grandparents were very much part of the church. I remember them well too.

Then we moved off to Reading, St. Louis and Philly and lived in Rowayton, CT. for about 30 years before retiring here at Kendal-Crosslands a year ago. I can remember when your Mother started to work and your Dad had retired (I think), and he fixed dinner for us all that evening when we visited. I think it was remarkable to have such a big family and still have the sparkle and fun and joy which seemed to emanate.

Peggy Ballew - June 08, 2020 at 07:06 AM

VL

“ I think the last time I saw you was when you and Ann visited my Mom when she wasn't doing so well. I remember that visit really cheered her up! Mother really loved Ann. They got along so well. I also remember Ann staying with her when Harry was so sick and in the hospital. I think they shared more than a few glasses of Rebel Yell mint julips.

I always loved your mother. She seemed to always know what was important and what wasn't. She was always so calm and she had a great sense of humor. Just a wonderful person and I am sure you all will miss her terribly. The fact that she lived to be 95 is such a testament to the level of loving care provided by you and Becky. She certainly had a life well lived.

The last time I saw Ann and Harry was when George and I sailed up the intra coastal waterway in I think 1996. We had dinner at their house and they asked where we were going to be anchored the next day. I'll be damned if they didn't show up in a little skiff with Becky on board too! I have the pictures to prove it. What terrific people they were! We all have such good memories of visiting your family in Belair. Big family chaos and your mother just seemed to float above it all. I only remember Harry being out in the garden poking around. It seems so strange all of their generation is gone now. I'm afraid we are "that generation" for our family now. That thought is really strange!

I hope you and the rest of your family are all healthy and as happy as you can be at a time like this. My thoughts are with you.
Love,

Ginny

Virginia "Ginny" (Wilson) Leonnig - June 05, 2020 at 08:22 AM

EB

“ A fond memory of my dearly departed Mother was her joie de vivre. When we kids were growing up, Anne would cook a big dinner for Sunday noon. After the kids and she attended church (Harry said that his "communion" occurred in his great vegetable garden, where he spent Sunday mornings). Harry and Anne would mix some nice Beefeaters martini's and relax with their progeny basically raising hell and tearing the house down around them. Anne as always was oblivious to our fights which usually involved me picking on Jim and other brothers and sisters who got in the way. She and Harry would nevertheless enjoy their martinis as if they were back in Trinity House, Brooklyn, or some dive bar, when they first met and fell in love.

So Ma ... in memory of you and the wonderful life you led and the irreverent, FDR Democrat views you consistently espoused throughout ... here's my "Toast" to a mother like no other. You were the best. I miss you and loved you so much.



Ed Bouton - June 04, 2020 at 05:29 PM

GB

“ I am so sorry. You guys were so lucky to have your parents. I have nothing but sweet memories of them. I thoroughly enjoyed all of the time I had with them. Mom and I reminisced about them. My parents absolutely loved yours.

Gail Bouton

Gail Proctor Bouton - June 04, 2020 at 02:11 PM

DM

“ It is very sad, another torch passing. I so loved the gatherings at Anne and Harry's chaos and fun, they were unflappable no matter what. Their house was amazing, as kids, the elevator knocked us out! I also remember them visiting in Valley Forge and how we regularly ran into them at Ocean Pines, when they were on walks or morning bike rides. It always was a treat to see them and the conversations were always filled with laughter. My Mom spoke so fondly of the many times she spent with Anne, through out her life. My Dad and Harry loved talking about travel and all the places they had both visited.

Dale Murphy

Dale Murphy - June 04, 2020 at 02:09 PM

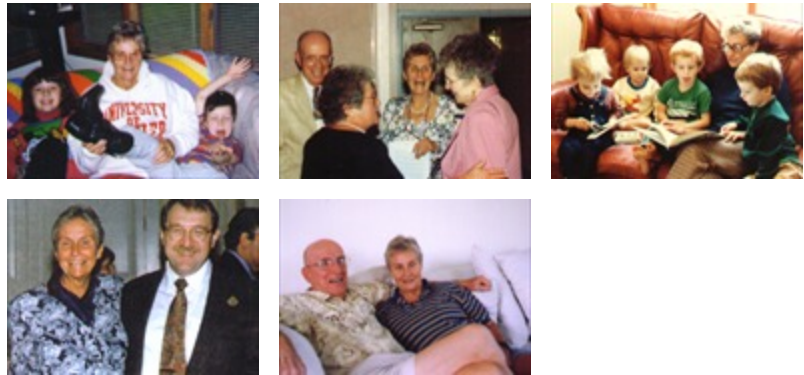
JM

“ I also remember wonderful times with Anne and Harry. Everytime I eat 'fresh' corn I remember them saying that corn was not worth eating if it was picked more than an hour before! And what tomatoes! I also remember how much Mom loved the time she spent with Anne when Harry was so sick. They must have shared so many memories of their youth together. The pictures are just wonderful. What smiles they had. Love to you all, Jay (Wilson) Monroe
monroe@berkeley.edu

Jay (Wilson) Monroe - June 04, 2020 at 02:06 PM

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Rachel Hiller - June 03, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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Rachel Hiller - June 03, 2020 at 11:46 AM

RW

“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing your dear mother Anne. The news brought a flood of memories of the Bouton and MacRae family.

One of the highlights of my childhood summer was an annual week spent at Uncle Duncan and Aunt Rebecca's house. For a city kid it was such a big deal. I remember the hammock, visiting the sheep in the field next to their house, going to church and looking at the ivy growing inside the sanctuary, afternoon naps and the walk through the woods to your house. The difference between the quite of Duncan and Rebecca's and the lively chaos of your house was remarkable. The Bouton's was no Entropy Forrest. And in the middle I remember Anne, who seemed at total peace with the nonsense of her family. In later years I remember several large family gatherings at your new house, with an elevator of all wonderful things. The warmth of your family, Anne and Harry's geniality and Rebecca and Duncan's gentle quiet hold a special place in my heart.

Mom loved Anne's visits to Merrymount Road. They were filled with so much laughter, and not a small amount of drinks. Anne visited Mom for the last time when she was fighting cancer, and brought a bottle of 'the brown stuff', which was perfect. I may be wrong but I believe Anne was the last of her generation in our family.

Anne was blessed to have lived a long, happy life and to have the loving care you, Becky and the rest of her family have provided. Please extend my condolences to your sisters and brothers.

Beccy Wilson

R MacRae Wilson - May 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

RH

Thank you so much Beccy for sharing your memories. We were all lucky to have her as a mother. Right up until the end of her life, she was making us smile every day.

Rachel Hiller - May 31, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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Ed Bouton - May 29, 2020 at 11:09 AM

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Rachel Bouton Hiller - May 20, 2020 at 08:33 AM

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Rachel Hiller - May 19, 2020 at 10:37 AM