



## Ashley Plonk Strachan

July 24, 1958 - July 27, 2024

Ashley Plonk Strachan, 66, of St. Augustine, Florida, went home to be with Jesus on July 27th, 2024. She was born on July 25, 1958, to parents Patricia Anne Neisler Plonk and John Oates Plonk, Jr. She was preceded in death by her parents and her eldest sibling, Anne Hunter Plonk Boone. She is now reunited with her parents, sister, and so many loved ones & friends who dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ashley's childhood was filled with fun and adventure as the middle of five siblings. She and her sisters would often wear matching outfits, yet she was lovingly known as a tomboy who held no qualms about playing ball with the boys. She played clarinet in high school and loved music throughout her life. After high school, she attended Eastern Carolina University where she graduated as a Psychiatric Nurse. Later in her life she would achieve another professional goal, gaining a master's degree in counseling. Ashley's 43-year career as a psychiatric nurse changed lives. She was a highly skilled and passionate psychiatric caregiver who was up for every challenge set forth to her.

During her life, one of her biggest passions was traveling the world. She shared this with not only her children, Ben and Hannah and her first husband, Bob, but it transcended deeply into her 18-year marriage to her husband Dave, with whom she traveled 50 countries and made memories to last a lifetime. Ashley delighted in planning every detail of not only her travels, but many special occasions that will always be remembered by her family.

Ashley was a lifelong servant of Jesus Christ and loved her church as well as her small group family. One of her favorite activities each week was attending The Good News Church of St. Augustine with her husband Dave. She adored her church family and had a deep relationship with God which was the basis for how she lived her life.

Ashley was the definition of a beautiful woman inside and out. She loved to cook for her family, care for her grandchildren, and continually thought of others over herself. She is survived by her husband David Oakes, her son Benjamin David Strachan, daughter Hannah Strachan Williams and husband Scott, brother Carl Neisler Plonk and wife Margot, brother John Oates Plonk, III and wife Lisa, and sister Laura Foust Plonk Ball and husband Gary. Ashley leaves behind five beautiful grandchildren; Luke, Ashlynn, Rebecca, Sally, and Isaiah, as well as many cousins, nephews and nieces, and friends whose lives she lit up.

The family wants to thank Cancer Treatment Centers of North Florida, Dr. Starr from Mayo Clinic, the staff of Flagler Hospital, and all others who worked to help with Ashley's care. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Good News Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good News Church  
1357 Wildwood Drive  
St. Augustine, FL

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Sandy Bordyn lit a candle in memory of Ashley Plonk Strachan*



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**Sandy Bordyn** - August 05, 2024 at 10:07 AM

AS

“ *Those who knew Ashley have suffered a great loss. She was a special person of compassion, faith and authenticity. She was my best friend during our years together at Kings Mountain High School, Class of 1976. I loved her and am feeling blessed to have known her and was given the opportunity to visit her in St. Augustine in May 2018 for a very meaningful reunion and hours of conversation and soul sharing that I now treasure even more. My thoughts and prayers will be for all of us who did love and cherish Ashley, especially Dave, Ben and Hannah. May the God of comfort and hope sustain each of us as we grieve the loss of a unique woman who made our world brighter and happier.*

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**Ann Rowell Smithwick** - July 30, 2024 at 10:54 PM

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“ *Ann Rowell Smithwick lit a candle in memory of Ashley Plonk Strachan*



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**Ann Rowell Smithwick** - July 30, 2024 at 10:23 PM

BT

“ I worked with Ashley at Flagler Hospital for many years. She was a terrific RN, always prepared, compassionate and appreciated by patients and staff. She had a quiet dignity and grace about her. My condolences to Dave and family.

*Brian Trela*

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**Brian Trela** - July 30, 2024 at 04:58 PM

CK

“ I attended church and some school with Ashley in Kings Mountain NC until my family moved to SC. She was a great friend and I wish we had stayed in touch. I am so sorry to hear this and pray for her family as they grieve this sad time. Cynthia Beatty Klaine



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**Cynthia Bbeatty Klaine** - July 30, 2024 at 11:10 AM

WV

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Ashley. Please accept my sincere thoughts and prayers for you and your family, and that the Lord will comfort you and strengthen you at this time and always. Warren Vanderwell

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**Warren Vanderwell** - July 29, 2024 at 10:48 AM