



Anne Lehn

March 27, 1947 - December 11, 2023

Anne Marie Smith Lehn, a loving mother and grandmother, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Martin Smith, Sr., and Stella Potter on March 27, 1947. She died at home surrounded by family on Sunday, December 11, 2023, of complications from vascular dementia.

From an early age, Anne Marie loved music. She was always proud to be among the first cohort of teenage dancers on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand" when it was stationed in her hometown. Dancing on "Bandstand," she would often say, was a highlight of her life, and she loved discovering old clips of herself on YouTube as technology made it possible to do so in more recent years. She also found purpose and fellowship in church choirs and ensembles for as long as she was able to sing.

Anne Marie was a devoted homemaker who loved gardening, especially planting roses. An avid cook, she was famous in the family for her spaghetti and homemade gravy (not sauce!). Anne Marie also loved watching old movies with her family and listening to the music of her youth. Sometimes, she would tell stories about how she saw Barbra Streisand on Broadway in the original production of "Funny Girl" or how she shook Judy Garland's hand when seeing her perform in New York. Her face lit up when retelling these stories and they have created indelible memories within her family, who miss her dearly. Anne Marie deeply valued education and sought to ensure her own children and grandchildren had better opportunities than she had. She was proud to see both of her daughters graduate from high school and her oldest

go on to earn a doctorate in communication.

She is survived by her husband Walter J. Lehn of Greer, SC; daughters Melody Lehn of Sewanee, TN and Leah Gibson of Greer, SC; grandson, Adam Kyle Gibson, Jr. of Greer, SC; sister, Angela Smith of Newtown Square, PA; and brother, Martin Smith, Jr. of Feasterville, PA.

Anne Marie is preceded in death by her beloved father, Martin E. Smith, Sr., mother, Stella Potter, stepmother, Inez Smith, sister, Dolores J. Balkham, and brother Michael Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 15, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary conducted by Dr. Keith Kelly. Entombment will be private. Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 123 W. Antrim Dr., Greenville, SC 29607.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Anne Lehn*



The Wood Mortuary - December 15, 2023 at 07:57 AM

MS

Beautiful Service. ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏 prayers for my beautiful sister and my brother-in-law, Bud, my nieces Melody and Leah and my Great nephew Adam. ❤️

marty smith - December 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM



Lovely service, thank you so much for streaming it. I was unable to travel and this made me feel like I was there.

Angie Smith - December 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM

EJ

Going to miss you. Love, Ed & Sylvia

Edmund jurgelewicz - December 16, 2023 at 12:59 PM

LG

“ *We love you and miss you and Daddy every single day. We will love you always and forever. We know you are singing with Daddy up there together! Can't wait to finally be reunited with you on that joyous day!*



Leah Gibson - August 23, 2025 at 10:13 PM

LG

“ We miss you every day, Mom, but I’m glad you have Dad in his perfect Heavenly form now to keep you company. I can still see you in the kitchen cooking and hear you singing.



Leah Gibson - February 23, 2025 at 08:45 AM

MA

“ Anne Marie and I worked together during the mid-late seventies at a medical office. She was so much fun and efficient and ‘super fast!’ Anne Marie always kept us laughing and light hearted! She had an amazing perception of how folks were feeling and wanted to be a shoulder! She will definitely be missed!

Leah and family, I pray for that peace that passes All understanding to comfort you during this tremendous loss in your lives.

Margaret

Margaret - January 19, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ I’m going to miss our Saturday morning giggles. I’ll love you always sis.



Angie Smith - December 15, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MS

“ For my beautiful Nieces Melody and Leah❤️
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marty smith - December 15, 2023 at 08:34 AM

LG

“ I miss telling you jokes just to hear your laugh every day.



Leah Gibson - December 14, 2023 at 08:46 PM

WS

“ WGS Faculty at Sewanee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anne Lehn.



WGS Faculty at Sewanee - December 14, 2023 at 04:14 PM

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“ WGS Faculty at Sewanee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne Lehn.

WGS Faculty at Sewanee - December 14, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ Warren and I will always remember Anne Marie's enthusiastic and loyal participation in the Heritage Bible Church choir for years!

Jean Cook - December 14, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Martin and Angela purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Anne Lehn.



Martin and Angela - December 14, 2023 at 11:21 AM



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“ Melody and Leah, I have fond memories of your mother from your school days. I love you both and you and your Dad are in my prayers. May God grant you grace, comfort and peace. Marti Cooke and family

Marti Cooke - December 14, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ She was a hoot to have in choir and will be missed. Hugs to all the family.

Lori Heston - December 13, 2023 at 05:22 PM

MS

“ *Rest in Peace Beautiful Sister* ❤️



marty smith - December 13, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Angie Smith lit a candle in memory of Anne Lehn*



Angie Smith - December 13, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anne Lehn.*



December 13, 2023 at 02:17 PM

CH

“ *AnneMarie, a cousin by marriage, my sister In Christ and most important of all, my Faithful Prayer Warrior!*

Carolyn Humphreys - December 13, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anne Lehn.*



December 13, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Anne Lehn.*



December 13, 2023 at 12:53 PM