



Anita Lantz

May 7, 1945 - January 17, 2024

Anita Hays-Lantz was born in Rapid City, South Dakota on May 7, 1945, to Don and Muriel Hays. She was their only child. She spent her early years in Carlsbad, New Mexico, where her father managed an auto parts store. At the end of 8th grade her family moved to California. She attended Willows High School where they called her Tex because of her southern accent. Her father got a job with GSA at McClellan AFB and the family settled in Fair Oaks, CA where she attended San Juan High School. She met Cliff Lantz there when they both participated in the Jr/Sr play. After high school she attended American River Jr. College and then City College of San Francisco. Following City College, she enrolled in San Francisco State. In 1966 she and Cliff Lantz married. While her husband was in the Army she lived with her mother and stepfather in Concord, New Hampshire. While there, her triplet sons were born. Unfortunately, they were very premature and lived only a few hours. Also, in New Hampshire she worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield in the personnel office.

In 1970, her daughter Julie was born, and Cliff went to work for Zion Lutheran School in San Francisco where Anita began working with the youth group. In 1975 her family moved to Sawyers Bar. While in Sawyers Bar they adopted their son Nathan from Korea. In 1981 the family moved to Fort Jones. Anita went to work for Quartz Valley school as a secretary but was soon teaching French and Reading. Her students still talk about her "word of the week." She left Quartz Valley to become the Parish Associate at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

in Yreka and served as interim pastor for a year.

Anita and Cliff then moved to Butte County and Anita became the Marketing Director for Country Crest, a continuing care retirement facility in Oroville. Cliff and Anita moved to Lake County in 2004. While in Lake County Anita completed her degree in Psychology at Ashford University graduating Summa Cum Laude with straight A's. When Cliff retired, they returned to Siskiyou County where she took on the role of developing the senior program at Yreka United Methodist Church.

Anita went home to the Lord on January 17, 2024. Anita is survived by her husband Cliff of Fort Jones, daughter Julie Lantz-Mitchell of Willow, Alaska, son Nathan Lantz of Fort Jones, granddaughter Ashley Fritsen (Chris) of White City, Oregon and great granddaughter Jade Fritsen, as well as many other amazing family members and friends.

Her Celebration of Life will be held February 3, 2024 at 11:00 am at Fort Jones United Methodist Church, with reception to follow.

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Obituary Wall



Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:44 PM

SV

“ Anita was such a beautiful soul. Our condolences.



Sherri and Dennis Vinsant - February 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ OMG I just saw Anita's obituary and I am so sorry and sad to see this. I was so honored to have Anita as a friend. We shared many conversations over lunches and would message often. When I recently spent several weeks in the hospital Anita messaged me everyday offering her kind words, her prayers, and of course her "squeezey hugs". Anita was the first to reach out to me when we moved to Yreka and began attending the same church. We became quick friends and remained such after my recent move to Missouri. I have so many wonderful memories with her and I will miss her with all my heart. My condolences and hugs to Cliff and her children. Rest in peace, my friend . Love and "squeezey hugs".

Elaine Brauer - January 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ A beautiful soul inside and out. I will miss her.

Pattie Schultz - January 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I always considered myself so lucky to have Anita call me friend. As I said to her often this world would be much better place if there were more Anita's in it. She was very special,as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Heaven has received a special angel.

Linda Kindred - January 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am so saddened to hear this. She was a beautiful soul. Sending love and prayers to her family. <3 🙏 <3

Deborah Panos Meyer - January 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. She will be forever remembered and cherished in the hearts and memories of those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Loved her wit, kindness and intelligence. As she would say, squeeze hugs to you all.

Yvonne Short - January 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We were blessed to have Anita in our lives. Prayers and condolences to all the family. ❤️ 🙏

Liz Hockaday - January 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Anita was someone that you always hope to met in your lifetime. She was a true angel on earth and I will miss her greatly.*

Chris Bowers - January 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I was happy we were friends and got to be part of my family. I love you.*

Barbara Matthews

Barbara Matthews - January 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Anita Lantz*

Julie Mitchell - January 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Anita Lantz - January 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *It was great having you as a friend. I love you.*

Barbara

Barbara Matthews - January 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM