



## Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin

June 27, 1979 - October 1, 2022

Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin died peacefully at home after a long battle with Leukemia in Biloxi, MS on Friday, October 1, 2022 surrounded by her family.

Anna was born at Forrest General in Hattiesburg, MS on June 27, 1979, graduated from West Jones High School in 1998, and attended Jones County Junior College. She was an avid runner and crew member of the Stroller Warriors of Keesler Air Force Base for military spouses. She followed the Dallas Cowboys and was a devoted fan of Mississippi State University's Bulldogs. Anna put her heart and soul into everything she enjoyed: cooking and trying new recipes (even musing, "I wonder if there's food in Heaven..."), crocheting, reading, and the TV show Guy's Grocery Games! She was fierce in her love for her family.

Anna is survived by her husband Neil from St. Petersburg, FL, a retired Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy. Over twenty-two years, Neil and Anna traveled from Meridian, MS to Key West, FL, and Chesapeake, VA, finally settling in Biloxi with their two precious children Andrew (15) and Emma (14) and dog Buddy. Anna is also survived by her father Russell, mother Deborah, twin sister Sara (Matthew Stough), sister Samantha, brother Joseph (Amy), nieces Lauren and Eliana, and nephew Ryan.

Anna possessed a warrior spirit and a grateful heart, especially for her

husband, who was also her constant caregiver and best friend. She was sustained by her deep faith. Her favorite passage is Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Pallbearers will be Samuel Wildman, Maxwell Wildman, Matthew Stough, Joseph Ruffin, Christopher Ruffin and Adam Ruffin.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

The visitation will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at Audubon Drive Bible Church 2601 Audubon Drive Laurel, MS 39440 with service to follow at 3:00 p.m.

Private burial will be at Crestview Cemetery in Laurel, MS.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 1:30 PM (CT)

Audubon Drive Bible Church  
2601 Audubon Dr  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

OCT 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Audubon Drive Bible Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Anna was so beautiful and so much fun!! We were SO BLESSED to know Anna the years that she lived in Virginia Beach!! I will never forget her cute laugh and her sense of humor. She loved the Lord, and she showed her love for Him in how she lived. We continue to pray for the Lord to comfort you and that you would feel His loving arms around you. With much love, Margaret and Jeff

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**Margaret Elliott** - October 09, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



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October 08, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



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October 08, 2022 at 03:33 AM

JM

“ My heart is just broken to hear this news. My prayers are with the Ruffin family, as well as, Anna's husband and children. I taught Anna when she attended Soso Elementary. She was always such a happy little girl. I will remember Anna and her sweet laugh. She will be missed by all of us that had the pleasure to know her.

Judy Moore - October 07, 2022 at 12:19 AM

LL

“ Love Dad and Laura purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



Love Dad and Laura - October 06, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



October 05, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



October 05, 2022 at 07:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.*



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October 05, 2022 at 07:17 AM



“ *Our prayers for peace and healing are with your family. Wayne and Tiffany Thames*

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**Tiffany Thames** - October 05, 2022 at 05:42 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.*



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October 04, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *This sweet girl was a bright light everywhere she went. Her laughter and sense of humor was so contagious, and her faith so strong. To know her was to love her. I'm so blessed to have known her and her precious family. I will be lifting them all in prayer. I love you my sweet friends. May God bless you all with strength as you face your days ahead. Love- Tina Murphy*

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**Tina Murphy** - October 04, 2022 at 10:41 PM

LS

“ Russell, Deborah and Ruffin and Franklin families, my heart just aches for you all. Sweet, precious Anna fought a long and hard battle. She is indeed a warrior! Anna has been and continues to be an inspiration to everyone! what a blessing to know where your child will spend eternity and that you can go and see her again. I am keeping all of you in my prayers. This is a tough one. I love you, Russell and Deborah!  
Jerry W. And Lisa Trest Smith



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Lisa Trest Smith - October 04, 2022 at 10:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



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October 04, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.



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October 04, 2022 at 09:59 PM

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“ *I'm so very sorry, she fought hard, we all prayed hard. Her fight is done, now I pray for everyone to have the comfort and strength to go on without her.*

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**Ron Ruffin** - October 04, 2022 at 09:46 PM

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“ *KELLEY JEFcoat JONES AND FAMILY purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Anna Elizabeth Ruffin Franklin.*



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**KELLEY JEFcoat JONES AND FAMILY** - October 04, 2022 at 09:36 PM