



## Anna Katherine Harder

May 10, 1976 - November 10, 2023

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Anna Katherine Harder, our much loved daughter and sister, passed away quietly on November 10,

2023 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Born in American Falls, Idaho, Anna moved with her family to Quincy, Washington in 1984 where she

spent the remainder of her childhood. After graduating high school, she attended Northland Baptist

Bible College in Dunbar, WI where she graduated summa cum laude in 1999 with a degree in Home

and Family Management. After graduating, she returned to Northland as the Secretary to the Registrar,

a role she faithfully and excellently fulfilled for the next twelve years.

In 2011, Anna moved to Corvallis, Oregon to care for her grandmother, Wilma Toevs. For the next

nine years, Anna was her faithful and steadfast companion, first at home and for the final three years at

Willamette Springs Memory Care Community. Shortly before Wilma passed away in March of 2020,

Anna was diagnosed with Ovarian cancer.

For the past three and a half years, Anna faced the ravages of both cancer

and its treatments, with quiet grace and strength. Through its darkest days, her steady faith in God gave her assurance that however the fight would end, her eternity was sure. As her final days drew near, she delighted to spend time with those who were able to be with her, still reading Dr. Seuss to her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her parents, Gene and Marcia Harder of Quincy, Washington. Her siblings: John and Abbey Harder, Erica and RJ Krystowiak, Stephen and Kristina Harder, David and Martha Harder, Jacob and Katie Harder, Elise and Caleb Gillespie and Cerena Harder, as well as twenty-one nieces and nephews. Extended family and friends around the world also join with us as we miss her quiet gentle spirit, her quick step and smile, her willingness to roll up her sleeves and join in the task at hand, and her ready ear to listen.

A public memorial service will be held at 3pm on December 2, 2023 at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis, Oregon. We welcome all who knew her and are able to attend to join us at that time. If you are unable to attend, and would like to share a memory of Anna, please do so at [www.McHenryFuneralHome.com](http://www.McHenryFuneralHome.com). The memorial service will be live-streamed, details will be available on the funeral home website.

Livestream: <https://beta.sermonaudio.com/broadcasters/baptist/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR 97330  
(541) 757-8141

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I met Anna the day she moved her Nonnie into Willamette Springs Memory Care.

*I started out caring for her grandma as a swing shift caregiver, until I moved up into management. She had everything planned from the time her grandma woke up to the time she went to bed. They would spend their afternoons watching golf, history channel, or talking about roses. She wanted her grandma to live out the rest of her life as normal as she could while being away from home.*

*After her grandma passed away and Anna got sick, she continued to stay in touch through cards, and monthly messages telling me about her treatments and progression. We were never able to see each other, but she always made sure to remind me she was here for me. Every message would end in her telling me how thankful she was to see her family, Jesus, prayers, and for the opportunity to give researchers new and better ways to treat her disease. She was always looking out for others even in her hardest times.*

*I will always admire the strength and grace Anna showed throughout her treatments. My prayers, love, and thoughts go out to to her family. I'm blessed I got to meet Anna and take care of her grandma. I'm so sorry I wasn't able to attend her funeral, I only just found out she passed away.*

-Shaena

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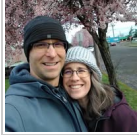
**Shaena Myers** - February 25, 2024 at 02:05 AM

CW

“ I remember Anna, when I first came to Mid Valley Church, she was smiling and playing the piano, when they needed a song leader, I stepped up. Anna helped me so much, through the songs and especially timing, like waiting for Lisa in signing to the deaf, like Pastor Crawford, I would speak way to fast, she would slow me down, and I miss her for what she taught me about being a loving Christain. Will see you again, thank you.

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**Charles williams** - December 21, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Harder family in this great loss. Anna was a real blessing to us and we enjoyed each family member that we met during our time in OR.*

*When we first arrived in OR, Anna was the elusive pianist at church. Sometimes she was at church, but often she was taking care of Nonni. Then she became the woman with cancer. We prayed for her and enjoyed her family while they helped her through the first bout of chemo. Then she became a great friend. We had similar backgrounds in many ways, we both enjoyed a good piano duet, we both liked things done "our way," we both loved our families often from afar. We shared more in our adventures to Eugene for yet more treatments, we followed Siri to new medical facilities and laughed at my poor driving skills, we laughed as the "minimalist" tried to help in a house packed full of memories, and we still shared a love of music. We cried as we prayed before appointments and procedures and even in the last months as we prayed for God's grace in the path He chose for her.*

*Anna encouraged me as I helped 3 more people through cancer drawing on her experiences often. She hated needing help, but learned to accept it, while also doing what she could including helping us our last day in OR as she cleaned beside us and even helped to move a couch!*

*How we rejoice that Anna's pain is gone! She is enjoying the best of all music and fellowship beyond compare.*

*It is not goodbye, but "see you soon, Anna," for I will see you in heaven one day.*

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**Chris-Sandra Bickish** - December 04, 2023 at 10:16 AM

CW

*Love this, amen*

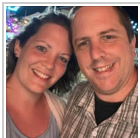
**Charles williams** - December 21, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *It was in the spring, just before summertime in downtown Corvallis. We picked out a sandwich and soup, and sat outside to enjoy the sounds of a bustling city. Anna had only that week received news that her cancer was spreading. I could tell that the news was weighing on her, but she still gave me a smile as we talked about family. She looked forward to the reunion, and chatted about playing music with her siblings and how each family brought their own meals because of all the different allergies. She listened to me as I needed her ear (again!) for advice on teenage and almost adult children going to college. This is how I will always remember Anna. Her contagious grin, her listening ear, her pluck. Her love for the Lord. Thank you, Father, for the time we had with Anna. She finished well.*



**Michelle Reeves** - November 21, 2023 at 05:43 PM



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**Michelle Reeves** - November 21, 2023 at 05:25 PM

CP

“ Many years ago, when Anna was working at Northland, I was there on furlough. I had gone through a difficult situation and, to be honest, I was struggling greatly. I came to know Anna because a friend of mine, a missionary in Mexico, was trying to call me. I had ignored the phone ringing. My friend called the switchboard at Northland who in turn called Anna. Next thing I know, Anna is knocking on my door. We laughed about it later, but what she said was, "Cindy called. She says to answer your phone!" From that point on, we became friends. Anna probably listened to me and encouraged me a thousand times if not more. She gave me rides to church, invited me to her apartment for special times of fellowship, prayed for me, and a myriad other things that made her friendship so very special to me. We stayed friends even after I returned to Bolivia and she moved to take care of her grandmother. I have to admit, I cried when I got news of her passing, but at the same time, I know she is whole now and walking with the Savior she so loved. I am so very, very thankful for the part she had in my life. I'm not sure how to word exactly what I am feeling, but perhaps it is best to say "I will miss her greatly." Heaven just keeps getting sweeter...

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**Carolyn Price** - November 20, 2023 at 05:58 PM