



## Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Shemwell

September 9, 1946 - April 13, 2020

Anna Elizabeth Phillips Shemwell, age 73 of Albany, passed away in the early morning hours on Monday, April 13, 2020. She was born to the late A. J. Phillips and Alma Davis Phillips on September 9, 1946.

Ann attended Lowndes County Vocational Technical School, Valdosta State and Albany Junior College. She was an active member of the Valdosta community volunteering for the American Red Cross while attending college. She began her career in public service working for the Lowndes Co Department of Family and Children Services in 1965 at the age of 19. She then moved to Albany to continue her education at Albany State College where she also began working for the Court Services in Albany Georgia as a stenographer. This led to the career that she loved and would stay until her retirement in 2004 at the Regional Youth Development Center as the Assistant Director in Dougherty County Georgia. She worked with troubled youth and found her calling in giving them a sense of structure all while showing them that people do care. She experienced many things while working there such as the Civil Rights Movement, The Flood of 1994 and the changes to society that would lead to better services for troubled youth in South Georgia. She was always an advocate for children and their families. She volunteered and gave most of her free time to ensuring that children from disadvantaged homes had the necessities that they needed. She also attended Porterfield Methodist. After retirement her joy was found in spending time gardening and with her grandchildren and family.

Ann is survived by her husband, Freddie Shemwell; sons Philip (Kathy) Shemwell of Albany, GA and Matt (Melissa) Shemwell of Leesburg, GA; and her 4 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two sisters Maggie and Cathy.

Funeral arrangements pending through Kimbrell-Stern.

In lieu of flowers we are asking for donations be made in her honor to Atlanta Boxer Rescue Inc. 5322 Vinings Lake View Mableton, Ga 30126.



# Comments

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“ I first met Anne when i began work at the Albany RYDC in April 1969 and maintained a close relationship with her until my retirement. She was the most humble, sweetest, caring individual I have had the privilege of knowing during my life time. Her life was one of serving others and always putting their needs and concerns before her own. My deepest sympathy to Freddie, Phillip and Matt. May our gracious Lord comfort and guide you all during the coming days.

Charlie Palmer  
Camilla, Georgia

Charlie Palmer - April 19, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ Freddie, we are so sorry for your loss - praying for you and your family. Arleeta and Coach Ferrell Henry

Arleeta Henry - April 16, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ Gwen Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Shemwell



Gwen Green - April 15, 2020 at 09:46 PM

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“ I worked with Anna at Gayfers/Dillard's. I loved her. She was a sweet, hardworking co-worker. So sorry for your loss. Donna Brown

Donna Brown - April 15, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ Robin Clyde lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Shemwell



**Robin Clyde** - April 15, 2020 at 04:39 PM

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“ Freddie and Family, Bruce and I are so very sorry for the loss of your wife Anne. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Stay well. Much love, Janie & Bruce

**Janie & Bruce Bitterman** - April 14, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ Freddie so sorry to hear of Anne's passing. So sad days this year for everyone! Will be praying for you and your family! Brenda Darbyshire

**Brenda Darbyshire** - April 13, 2020 at 04:42 PM