

# IN MEMORY



## Anne P. Lanier

May 8, 1940 ~ May 26, 2017

Anne Kathryn Pelizzoni Lanier died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Friday, May 26, 2017, in Anchorage, Alaska, due to complications after a stroke. She was 77.

Anne was born on May 8, 1940, in Allentown, Pa., to Eugene Attilio Pelizzoni Sr. and Kathryn Rosella Kleppinger, both of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her brother, Eugene Attilio Pelizzoni Jr.; her three children, Margaret Louise Lanier Kossler (Douglas), Kimberly Anne Lanier and William Attilio Lanier (Janelle); her five grandchildren, Annie, Ethan, Logan, Jessie and Oliver; and many other loving family members.

"Grannie" deeply loved her children and grandchildren. She was more than a mother and grandmother - she was a friend, playmate, cheerleader and confidant. Among other things, her children and grandchildren remember her elaborate treasure hunts, costume "gypsy" parties and puppet shows. She would play hours and hours of games with them, and she was a frequent attendee at many of their activities. Her influence in their lives will continue forever.

Anne attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., graduating summa cum laude

in 1962. She received her Medical Doctorate degree in 1966, from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.; interned as a physician in Denver, Colo.; and received a Masters in Public Health degree in 1975, from the University of Minnesota. In 1982, she became a Fellow of the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

Anne was a medical epidemiologist - a doctor whose research identifies the causes of illnesses to further their prevention. She first came to Alaska in 1967, working as a U. S. Public Health Service physician at the Alaska Native Service Hospital in Anchorage. Anne's career focused on the prevention of cancer in Alaska Native people. In 1974, she established the Alaska Native Tumor Registry, one of the most comprehensive databases of cancer diagnoses in the United States. The Registry now contains nearly 50 years of data and serves as a platform for continuing research to improve the health and lives of Alaska Native people. In 2015, Anne's colleagues dedicated the Registry's 45-year report to her as follows:

"Dr. Lanier has been a leader in cancer epidemiology for over 40 years. In that time, Dr. Lanier has contributed over 200 peer-reviewed publications to the scientific literature, produced numerous reports and delivered a variety of presentations. Her work has added greatly to our current understanding of cancer among Alaska Native people, as well as led to numerous grants for programs ... Dr. Lanier continues to be a champion for reducing the burden of cancer and promot-

ing health among Alaska Native people."

Anne's career in preventive medicine also included collaborations with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Society for Circumpolar Health and various Alaska Native/Native American health organizations. She visited many villages in rural Alaska, which gave her first-hand knowledge of the impact of cancer on Alaska Native people. She was often called upon to give scientific presentations at conferences in many locations nationally and internationally.

Equal to Anne's dedication to the cause of cancer epidemiology was her passion for furthering the careers of others. She mentored several generations of health researchers; many leaders in the field of public health say that they have Anne to thank for where they are today. She was a pioneering female in her chosen field, though she would always credit her success to her colleagues. Anne was a role model of humility and selflessness. Many sought her out not only for her keen intellect, but also for her optimism and sense of humor. Anne was a compassionate listener and friend to many, through good and bad times.

Anne received numerous recognitions and awards for her work - too many to list here. True to her nature, she never boasted about all her accolades, and her family and friends would find out about them only by means other than Anne. A special recogni-

tion came in 2016, when she was inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame.

Anne was an avid reader of everything from scientific journals, to the latest book club choices, to children's stories for her grandchildren. Anne led an active lifestyle that included regular walks and cross-country skis with family, friends and coworkers; she was also a dedicated, albeit frequently unsuccessful, halibut fisherwoman. She took part in many walks for charity and other local athletic events, including the Heart Run and the Gold Nugget Women's Triathlon. In fact, Anne was racing in this year's triathlon when she suffered her stroke.

Anne was a zealous philanthropist. During her life, she donated to numerous non-profit and charitable organizations. She was also a strong supporter of higher education, funding scholarships at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Lawrence University in Wisconsin. But it was the Carter Center, with its goals of eradicating disease, fostering peace and improving mental health, that was Anne's favorite.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Anne's life on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 2 p.m. The celebration will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 700 West 46th Avenue in Anchorage (off of Arctic Boulevard, between Tudor Road and International Airport Road). Donations in Anne's memory can be made to the Carter Center or to Adam's Camp Alaska.



## Zachariah Schneider

Sept 11, 1997 ~ May 16, 2017

Zachariah "Zac" Eugene Pearson-Thiessen died tragically on May 16, 2017, due to a suspected accidental overdose of prescription medication. He was born on Sept. 11, 1997, in Anchorage, Alaska, to Alaina Rochelle Thiessen and Russell Eugene Pearson at Alaska Regional Hospital. He was adopted, at the age of 8 years old, by Scott and Katherine Schneider, who changed his name to Zachariah Joseph Schneider.

An informal and casual celebration of life will be held on

June 3, 2017, at 4 p.m., at the Heart of the City Church, 333 West 4th Avenue in Anchorage. A candlelight vigil will follow the service. Flowers can be sent to Heart of the City Church. Donations can be made to Alaska USA Federal Credit Union #4595801.

Zac will be remembered as the witty and loving young man that could always brighten someone's day. Growing up, Zac excelled academically and enjoyed playing in many competitive sports. He attended Wasilla High School and graduated from Burchell High School in 2016, with plans to become a traveling nurse.

Summertime meant fishing, camping and hunting with his family, but most important to him, his best friend and brother, Christopher. Growing up, the brothers would disappear into the woods to build epic forts, and catch fish in streams with their bare hands. Christo-

pher cherished time with his older brother and loved to go on drives with Zac - time together illuminated by music and the freedom of no particular destination.

Zac grew up to be known as the Gentle Giant, standing 6 feet 6 inches. He had a heart of gold, always sticking up for the underdogs, the ones who never felt they belonged, the ones who just needed a hug and to be accepted. Zac had a huge love for the Denver Broncos and 90% of the time could be seen wearing his team's colors. He spent this past year in Washington, with his grandparents, working as a sushi chef while applying to colleges in the Lower 48. He returned to Alaska to continue restoring relationships with his mother and brother. He was hired at Crazy Hook and looking forward to summer fun with friends and family.

Zac is survived by his pa-

rents, Alaina Thiessen and Russell Pearson; his adoptive parents, Scott and Katherine Schneider; his brothers, Christopher Schneider and Myles Thiessen-Ashburn; his grandparents, Doug Thiessen, Steve and Diane Orr, Dawn Pearson, Stan Thompson and Marvin Berto; his great-grandparents, Preston Riggs and Donna Kindle; his three aunts, Sarah Thompson, Lynelle Pearson and Michelle Morrison; eight cousins; great-aunts; great-uncles; second cousins; and many more who loved him.

Zac has gone on to live with the Lord and will never be forgotten as we cherish the memories of him.

Arrangements were cared for by the Anchorage Funeral Home & Crematory.

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## Nancy Slater

July 16, 1947 ~ May 9, 2017

Nancy Jean Slater, the daughter of Harry Eugene and Dorothy Marie (Groff) Gilmore, was born on July 16, 1947, in Cody, Wyo. Nancy attended Cody public schools.

On Aug. 16, 1968, Nancy was united in marriage to Bruce Slater in Anchorage, Alaska. They became the parents of three daughters: Mary, Debbie and Brenda. They later divorced.

Nancy was employed as a waitress and as a Matron on a special needs children school bus in Anchorage. She retired in 2009. Nancy passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at a care facility in Midwest City, Okla., at the age of 69. Graveside service and interment were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, in Greenhill Cemetery in Rock Port, Mo. There was no visitation.

Besides her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Boles; one in-

fant brother; two brothers, Charles and Garland Gilmore; and sisters, Sandra Gilmore and Linda (Gilmore) Cooper. Survivors include Nancy's former husband, Bruce Slater of Anchorage; two daughters, Debbie Marmor of Talkeetna, Alaska, and Brenda (Ron) Dennis of Oklahoma City, Okla.; seven grandchildren, William Boles, Warren Slater, Samuel Marmor, Brandy Marmor, Matthew Vogue, Raini Jones/Dennis and Autumn Dennis; four great-grandchildren; sisters, JoAnne Slater of Cody, Wyo., Janice Gilmore and Kenneth Long of Whigham, Ga., and Darlene Barnhart and husband Byron of Rock Port, Mo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the Nancy Slater memorial fund. Online obituaries and condolences at www.minterfuneralchapels.com, services under the direction of Minter Funeral Chapel, Rock Port.

## Services

John Jesse Carey passed away on March 2, 2017, in hospice care in Durham, N.C. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church on June 3, 2017, at 11 a.m.

Paul Conrad Brown, 59, passed away at his home in Anchorage, Alaska, on May 8, 2017. Paul was born in Riverton, Wyo., on Sept. 11, 1957. A gathering will be held at his home in Anchorage on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at 4 p.m.



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## Chrisulla "Chris" Pantages

July 27, 1938 ~ Apr 28, 2017

Chrisulla "Chris" Irene Pantages began her last adventure peacefully on April 28, 2017, at Alaska Regional Hospital. Chris was born on July 27, 1938, in Seattle, Wash., to John W. and Helen S. Pantages. She spent most of her formative years in the Soap Lake, Wash., area. After high school, she ventured to California, then to Alaska's Kodiak Island where she applied her restaurant and culinary skills.

In 1964, Chris witnessed the Good Friday earthquake and tsunami. She liked to tell the story of going home from work to find a dozen or more exhausted strangers sleeping on her floor because her's was one of the few places left on high ground.

Never afraid of hard work, Chris was one of the first women to join Operating Engineers Union #302 and worked on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Project. Anchorage, Alaska, became her home base. Later in life, rheumatoid arthritis (RA) ended her union work. Chris attended Charter College and completed computer training, long before PCs. However, office work was not for her. In 1998, she became a Certified Nurse Aide. She was one of the first employees for CareNet Inc., where Chris cared for elderly,

hospice and private patients. She exhibited an immense compassion for those unable to care for themselves.

Chris was upfront in her opinions, "Let me tell you how the cow ate the cabbage!" Always a crusty exterior with a caregiver's "heart of gold." Her hobbies included training her Shitzu dogs to be good companions, raising orchids and anything that would grow, cooking and catering, and travel - Africa, Australia and Tasmania, Europe, Baltic Sea to St. Petersburg, Cuba, Mexico and much of the U.S.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Mary A. Bell, Minerva Scandalis, Catrina Scandalis and Christina Messina; and brother, Jim Scandalis. Chris is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Bill John and Nancy Pantages of Washington; nieces, Amber

Pantages of Washington, Katherine Messina of California, Jody Pantages of Washington, and Corena Bell; nephews, Bill J Pantages Jr. of Washington, David J. Pantages of Washington, Robert Bell of Alaska, JC Bell, Oren Bell, Michael Bell, Dominic Messina of California, and Nick Messina of California; and extended family.

Chris believed in a Higher Power and helped many people in her lifetime. Friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Thursday, June 8, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Antonio's Greek Bakery and Cafe, 3020 Minnesota #19A, between Benson and Minnesota, in Anchorage. Inurnment will be on Friday, June 9, 2017, at 11 a.m., at Anchorage Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium Wall. For more information, call 907-244-0282.

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