



Anne Marie Van de Meulebroecke

August 19, 1939 - February 7, 2025

Obituary – Anne Marie (Kleven) Van de Meulebroecke

Anne Marie (Kleven) Van de Meulebroecke, age 85, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, in Gainesville, VA, surrounded by family and caregivers. She was born on August 19, 1939, in Hamar, Norway to Johan Andreas and Hjørdis Helene Kleven.

In 1961, Anne left her beloved Norway for adventure and work at the Norwegian Embassy in Washington DC. She quickly met a charming American who shared her love of dancing and downhill skiing. Anne and Roger soon married, and she began a new chapter in her life as a loving wife and mother of four.

Her interests and curiosity were limitless. At some point before her kids were out of school, she decided to go back to school herself, earning an Associate Degree in Accounting to work as a bookkeeper and tax preparer. She translated her high school handball skills into learning how to play tennis and was always involved in helping to organize whatever league she played in. She sewed, did intricate needlework, and was a prolific knitter. All “in-laws” were gifted an Anne-made Norwegian sweater upon joining the family. Later in life, she took up quilting and left behind an amazing collection of work.

Throughout her life, Anne kept strong ties to her Norwegian roots. She made close life-long friends in a Norwegian sewing group that met frequently to sew, share food and chat in their native language. They attended their children's weddings and traveled together. Anne's family was first and foremost a Norwegian family: cooking food, celebrating Norway's Constitution Day - May 17th, and Norwegian Christmas eve. Part of the initial marriage agreement included a plan to retire in Norway, but once the family grew, that option became less attractive to spending time with the grandkids.

During their retirement years, Anne and Roger enjoyed traveling, visiting grandchildren, country-western dancing, hiking, and skiing together. Anne stayed plugged into their community at Heritage Hunt by helping to organize hikes, bunco nights and the tennis league. She cherished her frequent trips back to Norway to see her sisters and extended family.

Anne is predeceased by her twin sister Inger Helene Kleven. She is survived by her older sister Kari Margrethe Kleven and many nieces, nephews and cousins in Norway. Anne is survived by her loving husband Roger Van de Meulebroecke, son Peter Van de Meulebroecke, daughter and husband Helene and Bill Lane, son and wife Johan and Marcy Van de Meulebroecke, son and wife Erik and Patricia Happ Van de Meulebroecke, and 11 wonderful grandchildren.

Please join us in celebrating her life on Saturday April 12, 2025, from 1 – 4 pm at Heritage Hunt Country Club in Gainesville, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association | Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Help

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Heritage Hunt Country Club
6901 Arthur Hills Dr
Gainesville, VA 20155

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anne Marie Van de Meulebroecke.

April 07, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anne Marie Van de Meulebroecke.



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“ Camille & André with families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Anne Marie Van de Meulebroecke.



Camille & André with families - April 06, 2025 at 08:14 AM



“ Kari, Stine, Anita and Gry with family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Anne Marie Van de Meulebroecke.



Kari, Stine, Anita and Gry with family - March 30, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anne Marie Van de Meulebroecke.*



February 18, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *My grandma (Mormor) taught me to knit at their ski house in Maryland. We went to that house every year to ski all day then play games (dominos and phase 10), instruments (dad on the mandolin and Pépère on the harmonica) and share stories at their fireplace. I loved showing Mormor everything I made: knitting, sewing, cooking. Mormor used to make bløtkake for all of our birthdays. Mormor was so loved by all 11 of us grandchildren.*



Sydney Vandemeulebroecke - February 17, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ *Anne took part in our HH weekly line dance classes for the nine years that we taught there. She and Roger also shared our love for country western dancing. It was not a surprise to hear that dance was what brought Roger and Anne together! Sending our love to Roger at this time of remembering, Mary Alice & Martin Mulroe*

Martin and Mary Alice Mulroe - February 17, 2025 at 08:50 PM