



## Ann E Ainsley

January 19, 1943 - December 10, 2023

Ann E. Ainsley, 80, of Normalville passed away peacefully Sunday December 10, 2023. She was born January 19, 1943, in Baltimore, Maryland, a daughter of the late W.P. Miller and Wanna Mae Miller Neiderhiser. Ann was a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 1960. She continued her education at the California State Teachers College, now California University of Pennsylvania, and received her Degree in Education.. She then worked for many years as a Teacher in the Connellsville Area School District. Ann was a member of the County Line Church of the Brethren in Champion, and a former member of the church's Ladies Aide Society, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Order of the Amaranth and the Normalville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Ann liked to ride snowmobiles, camping, and going to Yough Lake to swim.

Ann will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by her loving family, her husband of 60 years, Robert S. Ainsley, her children Bob Ainsley and wife Tammy of Normalville, Lisa Cook and husband Jeff of Trafford, and Marci Ainsley of Donegal, her grandchildren Kyarstin Nicola and husband Jim, Colynn Cook and wife Meagan, Kolden Cook, Kylene Cook, and Nicole Onusko and husband Evan, her great grandchild Ivy Onusko, and her brother Robert Miller of Pittsburgh.

Family and friends will be received Wednesday from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM, in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., at the corner of Route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd. (724-455-2310). A Funeral Service will be held

Thursday at 11:00 AM, in the County Line Church of the Brethren, 1411 County Line Rd., Champion, PA. 15622 (EVERYONE PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH), with Pastor Randy Newell officiating. A Committal Service and interment will follow in the Normalville Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Girl Scouts of America, in memory of Ann E. Ainsley. To leave a message or send condolences please visit our website at [www.brooksfhmelcroft.com](http://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Normalville Cemetery

Normalville, PA 15469

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.  
146 Municipal Building Rd  
Melcroft, PA 15462  
(724) 455-2310  
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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146 Municipal Building Rd  
Melcroft, PA 15462  
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## Service

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DEC **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

County Line Church Of The Brethren  
1411 County Line Road  
Champion , PA 15622

*(EVERYONE PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH)*

## Committal Service

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DEC **14** (ET)

Normalville Cemetery  
Normalville, PA 15469

*The Committal Service will be held directly after the Funeral Service*

# Tribute Wall

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*Another driver pulled up beside them and hollered “Hey, do you know your door is missing”? None of us care to remember how we were punished for that.*

*When we were building our new home, the Johnsons always came up to help. Ann and Ed were on the same scaffold when she somehow accidentally fell off. Ann so loved Sherwood that she went to college to become a teacher for special needs kids and stayed in that same curricula for 43 years until retirement. She was very studious and always sat in the same window seat on the school bus and was always reading a book. We were the first ones on the bus in the mornings and the last ones off in the evenings. The trip was 19 miles one way and 45 minutes every morning and evening up and down two mountains on the bus to Jr High and High school. One evening in a terrible rainstorm the water in Roaring Run rose up and was several inches deep above the top of the bridge deck and the bus driver would not drive over the bridge. So, our dad walked across the bridge and took Ann first to the other side and then came back to get me. The bus turned around and went back up the mountain. Ann said she was not one bit scared, but dad said she was holding him so tight he thought she might choke him to death.*

*My heart goes out especially to Ann’s husband, also named Bob, who retired and cared for her at home through decades of illness, and to their three kids and spouses, five grandkids and spouses and one great granddaughter who were all and always supportive. When I told Bob that face to face every time I saw him he always said, “Ann took care of me for 45 years now I’ll take care of Ann as long as I need to”. Bob, I tell you this every time too “you are a better man than I”. Ed and I were fortunate enough to be with Ann and Bob near the end when she slept a lot and didn’t communicate much. I asked Bob if Ann knew about Nicole’s baby, Ann’s very recent great granddaughter. Ann immediately opened her eyes wide and bright, smiled and looked at me and said, “Nicole Baby”, then closed her eyes and went back to wherever she was. So, they can hear us talking and they do recognize our individual voices because*

*she looked for me in a group of four. So, talk to your loved ones who may not respond. They do hear us. I see and talk to Paul every time I'm near him. And I will do the very same with Little Annie Rooney, 40.001843,-79.458382.*

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**Bob Miller** - December 15, 2023 at 11:47 PM

“*Memories of my Sole Sibling Big Sister, “Little Ann E Rooney” Miller Ainsley.*

*Ann & I were born in Essex, Maryland where our dad, Walter Paul Miller, worked for Martin Aircraft Company and our mom, Wanna Mae Harrison Miller, worked for JC Penny Company. We had a house beside our mom’s sister and best friend’s house, on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay with a dock behind the houses extending into the Bay. Our mom quit working when Ann was born. And when our dad left for Germany during WWII while we were still in diapers our mom moved to Champion, Pennsylvania to live with our paternal grandparents, Gabe & Naomi. Our Great Grandfather, also named Walter P, lived there too. He taught Ann and me how to play checkers and to eat homemade sugar cakes made from the sweet water sap of the Maple trees, and so much more. Our Aunt Sis and Uncle Warren stayed in Maryland with their two young boys, Ed and Sherwood.*

*I’m not sure when I first started calling Ann “Little Annie Rooney”. Probably when I could read or understand the newspaper or comic strip “Little Annie Rooney”, but I called Ann that her whole life, and I think I’m the only one who ever did. We first went to Jones Mills one-room schoolhouse with Ann in third grade and me in first. I remember the school had a big black pot belly stove in the back near the coat and coal rooms. Mrs. Keck was our teacher. We studied there for two years then transferred to Melcroft school which had a separate classroom for each grade. Our dad went to Connellsville High School and Floyd and Virginia Murray, our closest neighbors, right across the County Line Road went to Mount Pleasant High School, and all four parents wanted us to go to the High School where they did. From then on, we just got on a different bus because both school district buses went up and down County Line Road twice each day.*

*Ann and I were both Baptized in the middle of Indian Creek behind the Paul Kalp family homestead. One thing I remember about Ann was at breakfast she would have an over easy egg and put mom’s or gram’s homemade grape jelly on her toast and dip it into her egg yolk then take a bite. When Ann finished eating her plate looked like*

*should I eat it, or did I eat it. She was a good swimmer, diver, water skier and snow skier. She enjoyed dancing and roller skating at Maple Grove Park. When she wasn't reading.*

*Ann also enjoyed riding snow mobiles and jet skis, and had a very heavy foot while driving cars. She didn't want to get her license nor drive but dad bought a new bright red Ford convertible to entice her to get her driver's license. Our grandfather and Uncle worked on the local railroad, and they would let Ann and me ride on the train down to Maple Grove Park and they would smudge our noses with coal dust.*

*Throughout our lives Ann and I constantly visited Ed and Sherwood and their parents. We were all best friends, kids, and parents. We would drive back to Maryland to see them, and they would drive to Pennsylvania to see us. Also, we would all drive to North Carolina to see our other Cousins, aunts, and uncles from our mother's family.*

*Our mom was born in Smithfield, NC and she was one of ten siblings, so we really had a lot of cousins, aunts, and uncles to have fun with in NC. We would often go to the Outer Banks and rent a big house where the kids slept upstairs and the parents' downstairs.*

*I know Ann and all of us remember the time we were visiting Essex and Cousin Ed was lighting a cherry bomb firecracker and threw it onto a hammock just as Ann was sitting down on it when it went off. Ann cried and we boys got spanked. Another time when on the Outer Banks Ed was driving his dad's Mercury, and we slid around in the sand and hit a sand bank and tore the door behind the driver completely off the car. They drove the car back to Maryland with a large sheet of plastic where there was no door. They made Ed sit there and there were no seat belts then.*

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“ *Bob and Family,*

*The Jim Wilkinson Family will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jim Wilkinson** - December 13, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Condolences Marci to you and your family from your “Classmates of 1987”*

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**Tammy Hensel-Medvec** - December 13, 2023 at 11:54 AM

MY

“ *Mike & Denise Young purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ann E Ainsley.*



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**Mike & Denise Young** - December 13, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ann E Ainsley.*



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December 12, 2023 at 08:45 AM

TK

“ Theresa Krawczyk lit a candle in memory of Ann E Ainsley



Theresa Krawczyk - December 11, 2023 at 01:26 PM

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Sending condolences and prayers for peace to the family. It is never easy to lose a loved one. -Theresa (Crouse) Krawczyk

Theresa Krawczyk - December 11, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann E Ainsley.



December 11, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann E Ainsley.



December 11, 2023 at 10:08 AM

LP

“ Lauren Pavasko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann E Ainsley.

Lauren Pavasko - December 11, 2023 at 10:08 AM