



## Anne Irene McDowell Chiles

September 12, 1923 - July 25, 2020

Anne McDowell Chiles, 96, of Asheville, NC, slipped away peacefully on July 25, 2020, at the home of her daughter, Mary Chiles Brooks. No longer able to stall by speaking her often-used, time-buying phrase, “in a minute,” she joined her husband, John M. A. (Ike) Chiles, who predeceased her on April 7, 2008.

Born in Mount Holly, NC, on September 12, 1923, she was the daughter of Willis E. and Kathleen Coleman McDowell. (Her only sister, June McDowell Sill, died on January 2, 1998.) Anne grew up in Salisbury, NC, graduated from Boyden High School in 1940, and from Woman’s College of the University of North Carolina in 1944 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Anne loved music, and played the violin in high school, college and with the North Carolina Symphony. After college she worked for Pennsylvania Central Airlines (Capital Airlines.) In 1948, the airlines transferred her to Asheville. She met Ike when they both volunteered at the Asheville Community Theater. They married in 1950 and began 57 years of adventures together.

In addition to caring for their six children, Anne taught school at St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines and Buncombe County Schools in the 1960s. In 1977, she earned a culinary arts degree from Asheville-Buncombe Technical College. In 1980, she became a licensed real estate broker. Anne sold real estate on Topsail Island, NC, and managed a marina, named Annamarina, that Ike had designed and built.

Anne’s husband Ike, her six children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the very center of her life. She devoted and committed her time and energy to loving them all. She also loved the ocean, while her husband, a native Asheville, loved the mountains. Geographic locations were a tug of war. They retired to Kenilworth, in Asheville, where Ike’s family roots run deep. Anne would often be seen there walking her two beloved Shelties up and down the hills of the neighborhood.

She is survived by her six children and their families: daughter, Kathy Skaggs, her husband Ashley, their son Mac of BCS, Mexico, and their son Ben and his fiancé Kelly Watermeyer of Hood River, OR; son Tripp Chiles and his wife Bonnie of Penrose, NC; son Richard Chiles, his partner Terry Day of Lewisville, NC, Richard’s daughter, Anna Hurst, her husband Zach, and Richard’s stepdaughter Natasha Clabern of Asheville, NC; son John M. Chiles, Jr., his wife Holli, their son Jake and his wife Christen of Asheville, NC,

and their son Ben and his partner, Nicole Mathis of Kernersville, NC ; daughter Mary Brooks, her husband Barry of Aiken, SC, and Barry's son, Michael, his wife Cassidy of St. George, UT; and daughter, Nancy Chiles of Charleston, SC.

In addition to her six grandchildren she has three great grandchildren and four step great grandchildren. They will all miss that twinkle in her bright, blue eyes signaling she was ready for fun.

Anne spent her final days in Aiken, SC at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Barry Brooks. The family is most grateful to Mary and Barry for the loving care rendered to her. They are also appreciative of her caregiver, Bertha Jones and the professional hospice team at Kindred Hospice in Aiken, SC.

The family asks you to remember Anne by adopting a pet or telling your loved one, especially your child or dog, you will do it "in a minute." The family asks that memorials be directed to Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, 123 Kenilworth Road, Asheville, NC 28803, where Anne and Ike were members and where they worshipped with their children. Anne will be buried next to Ike in the family plot at Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, NC, in a private family service. A memorial message may be sent to the family through the online guestbook at Morris Funeral Home of Asheville NC. <https://www.morris-funeralhome.com>

# Comments

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“ I remember your mother as a blonde who wore her hair in a ponytail and was always on the go. Very sweet lady. She certainly led a wonderful and long life. My condolences to her family.

**Joan Stewart Inman** - August 18 at 09:35 AM

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“ We love you Mom and know for sure we will “see you in a minute”. You were an honored member of our household and a delight to serve. You will be missed greatly.  
Mary Chiles Brooks and husband Barry



**mary c brooks** - July 27 at 04:21 PM



“ Prayers for all the family. So sorry to hear of Anne's passing. She and John were some of my favorite neighbors growing up.

**greg lewis** - August 02 at 12:57 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. During my high school years @ ACR, I enjoyed spending many hours in your home “on the mountain “. Remembering fondly those happy times w/ Anne, Kathy, Nancy, Mary & John.

Warmest regards, Debbie Maxwell Sammeth

**Debbie Maxwell Sammeth** - August 02 at 08:11 PM



“ Sending prayers and hugs for all of you. Your mom was a wonderful lady, and we will all see her "in just a minute!"

**Sharon Miller** - August 02 at 11:13 PM



“ I will always love and miss my sweet Anne rest in peace.

**Bertha Jones** - August 03 at 05:05 PM



“ Nancy, So sorry to hear about your mother. It's a hard one, losing one's mother. I am thinking of you. Jennie Holton Fant

**Jennie** - August 03 at 06:38 PM



“ May fond memories of your mother bring you comfort during this difficult time. My heart and prayers go out to all of you.

**Tracy Stanfiel** - August 04 at 01:53 AM



“ to Nancy and Kathy I remember you both from St.Genevieve . Nancy was in class and Kathy a year older. I remember a birthday party for Nancy at your house on Chiles ave, and Kathy showed me a box of kittens that had been born I remember Nancy being so expressive in her aloud reading in 4th grade, and the tramas as of our 4th grade teacher then. we sat beside each other in 2nd grade in the old building in the Victoria inn and through out the years recall Nancy as a person I really did enjoy knowing as a child. I ran into your parents a few years back at one of the reunions and enjoyed talking to both of them. I remember Mrs Chiles always being kind to members of her children's classmates, remeber Richard being injured while running with a pencil. mrs chiles bringing snacks to our class on certain times,

always missed Nancy and Kathy. so very sorry for your loss. your mother was a very

interesting person and my life has been better for the memory of her, Nancy and Kathy

**Sara Ellen Craig** - August 09 at 01:44 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It was good to read in in her obituary that she had a such a full and rich life and that she was blessed to have such a large family with her all those years.

**Mike McCrain** - August 13 at 04:32 PM



“ Ahhhh - the wonderful memories growing up across the street from all of the Chiles'. I will hold tight to my memories of your Mother/Grandmother. She was such a kind woman who impacted everyone she met with her generosity and wisdom. Enjoy your heavenly reunion, Anne. Love to all....Kathy, Nancy, Richard, John, Mary and Tripp (and grands).

Linda Posey Turlington

Grew up at 23 Chiles Avenue, Kenilworth.

**Linda Posey Turlington** - August 17 at 02:24 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Chiles family. Anne was always welcoming to me when I came to see John or Kathy on the "mountain".... May John and Anne Rest in Peace for having made this a better world...

**Louis Skelton** - September 09 at 01:58 AM