



## Annabelle W. "Ann" McLay

April 10, 1927 - December 29, 2020

Annabelle W. "Ann" McLay, age 93, a longtime resident of Marysville, passed away on December 29, 2020.

She was born on April 10, 1927, in Detroit to the late Angus and Annabelle McLay of Birmingham. She was the niece of Henry A. Wallace, 33rd US Vice President.

Ann had a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Hillsdale College, Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University and a Master of Library Science from the University of Michigan. She worked at the Dayton Art Institute as a research librarian until retirement. She also enjoyed volunteering at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron since 1987. Ann loved to travel and never lost her love of going on an adventure until Covid-19 slowed down travel.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews; Daniel McLay of Spokane, WA, Beckie Irons of Sinks Grove, WV, Cathy McLay of Spokane, WV, Ruth Zanoni of Marion, IA and Cici McLay of Lewisburg, WV along with her devoted care companion, Janet Kulka.

Ann was preceded in death by her brothers, Angus W and Wallace D McLay. Cremation arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Burial will take place in Riverlawn Cemetery, Marysville. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Blue Water Community Food Pantry of United Way of St. Clair.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family with arrangements. To view the obituary and share memories, please visit [www.jowettfuneraldirector.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirector.com)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Ann loved living on the St Clair River and watching the freighters pass in all seasons. Her skills as a librarian really showed when she played bananagrams. She was wickedly good and had so much fun! She was dedicated to memories of her birth family and their connected youth in Birmingham. She was also dedicated to her Mom. We are so grateful to Janet for her attentive and kind companionship over the past ten years. We will miss our Aunt Ann.

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**Ruth Zanoni** - February 20, 2021 at 10:05 PM

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“ 10 years ago I was given the opportunity to work with Anna. I remember that first day like yesterday. I went to her apartment she was not there. I waited a few minutes and in pulls this lady driving an old Chrysler. She got out of the car just complaining. She had been at a meeting that did not go so well. I thought oh boy is this the right choice for me and what am I getting myself in for. Well we made it through that day and many many more. I remember our first adventure. It was labor day week end and my family went camping up near Rochester. We got in the car and headed that way, but got hungry so we stopped at a place and Ann had her very first chicken roll up. She was so excited because it was something new for her. Headed to the camp ground where she met my family and she was so thrilled. That was one of many camp ground experiences we shared. and many times with the so called adopted family she gained. Over night holidays, many daily trips from 11-am-4pm, week-ends and week days. Our adventures continues until Covid stopped those daily trips. But we did plenty of indoor activities as well. Ann was such an important part of my life, I am so thankful that I was able to be a part of hers. Rest in peace my second mom. Will miss you.

Janet

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**Janet Kulka** - January 03, 2021 at 11:16 AM

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“ *She love talking about her travels her friends her church and her job she was getting very tired and she was ready to let go*

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**Malindal Lieske** - January 03, 2021 at 09:00 AM