



Annette M. Webb

December 9, 2013

Webb, Annette Died in Minneapolis at age 75. Preceded in death by great-nephew, Ty Hoverstad; brother, Tom Coursolle; parents, Phil and Melba Coursolle. Survived by husband, Bill Palmquist; sister, Suzi (Walt) Barlow; nieces, Tanya (Randy) Anderson and Abbi (Amani Soyinka) Coursolle; nephews, Tad Hoverstad, Tim Hoverstad and Dan Coursolle; great-nieces, Tara Hoverstad and Jillian Anderson; great-nephew, Max Anderson; and her step-family, Carl (Patty) Palmquist and Jilena Anderson; Mary Ellen (Jeff) Anderson, Eric and Krister Anderson; Jeanne (Kurt) Hulse, Kyle, Garrett and Calvin Hulse; Lisa (Alan) Dailey, Kyrie, Hannah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel Dailey. A celebration of Annette's life will be held Friday, January 31st, at 11am with visitation from 10-11am followed by a luncheon at noon at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th St. & Vernon Ave. at Hwy. 100. Burial at Fort Snelling at 2:30 pm in lane 2. Memorials preferred: American Cancer Society, The Minnesota Medical Foundation (Cancer) or the Wounded Warrior Project. "You'll never be lonely if you can make and be a friend" [www. Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Life Story Annette M. Webb

I was born and spent my entire life in the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN "twin city" area. I had a very happy childhood with wonderful Christian, loving and supportive parents. Although never knowing my grandfathers I had many fond

memories of my 2 wonderful grandmothers.

A special memory at age 8:

Like most kids, I yearned for a bicycle, but my parents could not afford to buy me one. One day dad discovered a way that I could earn a bike. All I needed to do was sell 25 subscriptions to the North Minneapolis Post newspaper. Not knowing what this would entail I was eager to get started. My parents arranged for a couple of initial sales but the rest of the effort was up to me. It required going door to door in the neighborhood to ask people to subscribe (this was safe for an 8 year old back then!) Many days I would come home rejected & defeated. Dad would give me a pep talk & out I would go again. This went on until I finally sold all 25 subscriptions. I was very happy when this was over.

Like many contests there was a significant delay before the bike would arrive. In fact, I actually forgot about it until one day dad called me home around dusk. He had picked up the bike & there it was – a beautiful, new, shiny Schwinn Bicycle. Even though it was getting dark I remember riding my bike down the street to show the other kids in the neighborhood. I doubt that they knew how I got the bike but the feeling was thrilling. Nobody had given me the bike – I had earned it through my own efforts. It was a powerful lesson, one that stayed in my memory.

Age 12 & 13 memory

Perhaps it was a pre cursor to today's talk radio for I was a quiz kid for a couple of years on "Kiddies Kollege of Biblical Knowledge" which was broadcasted live on KTIS from our church (Broadway Temple). The listening audience would call in questions on the assigned bible chapters for the week. Many were directed to me so I studied several quiz books in addition to reading and re-reading the assigned chapters. A question one week was "What was the name of the dog that licked Lazarus' wounds?" (New

Testament) My response was “More Rover” as the verse said “Moreover the dog came to lick Lazarus’ wounds”. The response came from the quiz books I was studying.

I was also attending Confirmation classes at this time. The Pastor announced an incentive program for the students which would include points for every church service attended, notes outlining the service, memorization of bible verses (in addition to those we would be quizzed on at Confirmation) and a few other projects. There would be a gold cup award for the winner. Jimmy Finnamore had this all wrapped up. One day dad got wind of the “contest” and asked me if I was working toward this. I really had not given it any thought and told him why. He said “if Jimmy can do it why can’t you?” For me, it was a totally different thought process. I remember really thinking about the “what ifs” and finally decided that maybe I can. Well, I got to work, went for it and won the gold cup. This was another valuable lesson from my father on encouraging me to believe in myself.

Following graduation from North High School I entered nurses training at Swedish Hospital School of Nursing. (I was born at Swedish Hospital & worked in the diet kitchen throughout high school). I remember nurses training as one of the most fun periods in my life, particularly due to the friends that I had made. Following graduation I worked as an RN staff nurse at Swedish Hospital and in a Physicians clinic, both for 1 year & 3 years with the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

My luckiest career break occurred about 5 years after graduation when I was hired as Occupational Health Nurse for Northwestern Bell telephone Co (NWB) after answering an ad. I was to learn later that there were 70 applicants for this job, one of which was my idol and current boss at the Red Cross. This launched a 25 year career for me at NWB/AT&T. I was company nurse for a couple of years, Employment Manager & Company Recruiter for 7

years and had several Marketing Dept. management positions over the next 16 years, ultimately retiring from AT&T as Contract Manager – AT&T Business Marketing, for 4 states. (Following divestiture of the Bell System in 1984, I transferred to AT&T.)

During this 25 year period my part time endeavors were diverse as well. I became a Registered Representative and Licensed Insurance Representative selling mutual funds for a couple of years after they were first introduced. I was consistently ranked in the top 10 of an all male staff of 60. I also worked weekends in Pediatrics at North Memorial Hospital & volunteered for the Red Cross. Later, working part time, my former spouse and I became Key Coordinators for Shaklee Corp. We developed a large organization consisting of 20 sales & service centers throughout the US. Through this effort many awards, international and national travel & 8 bonus cars were earned.

I belonged to several organizations during the 25 year period. I was a member of Soroptimist Club, a classified women's service organization and on the Women's Coordinating Council of St. Paul Civil Defense for which I received a Certificate of Commendation for training 30 civil defense "bomb shelter" managers at NWB. This was back when the atomic bomb was an ongoing threat. We stored water & food in tunnels of our NWB Telephone Co. building in case of such an event. It was necessary to train managers for the possibility of downtown employees being confined to these tunnels. This was serious business back then!

I was president-elect for the Twin City Organization of Industrial Nurses (prior to changing my field), was Chairperson of the St Paul Women in Personnel, had my dossier printed in a textbook in 1968 "Outstanding Young Women in America" and was appointed to the Governors Advisory Commission on the Status of Woman. While on this commission I developed a presentation on "Women in business – myth and fact". After presenting it at a conference I was

invited to present it at several large companies in St. Paul. Other awards included "Salesperson of the Year" from Sales & Marketing Executives (SME) of St Paul & a Regional award from AT&T for an exceptional marketing contract in the year I retired (Dec.1989). The contract value was 40 million dollars. Unfortunately, I was not on commission but did receive a nice bonus!

In 1970 I married Jack Webb whom I met during my term as Minnesota Golf Classic queen in 1967. As an avid golfer my father was very happy that my only reign as a queen was for golf! Although we had no children we viewed our 100's of Shaklee Distributors as family. The business was split when we divorced in 1985. I remained single until 2008. While single I purchased a condo, earned 2 to 3 Shaklee Bonus cars, retired from AT&T & became re-licensed as a Registered Nurse.

Prior to being re-licensed as an RN, I was involved with Scan, Inc. and was a public speaker for a business college. Following my re-licensure I worked 20 more years part time as a Medical Examiner for Exam One retiring at age 72. During my employment I also contracted with the parent company of Exam One (Quest Diagnostics) to conduct risk assessment interviews on applicants for multi million dollar insurance policies.

Sadly during the late 90's I lost a beloved great nephew, Ty Hoverstad at age 8 from Leukemia. In the 2000's I lost my beloved brother, Tom Coursolle at age 54 from a heart attack and both of my beloved parents.

In April 2006, a major event reshaped my life. In the process of resigning from a never used on-line dating site, I saw a profile of a very handsome, intelligent & articulate man. It definitely piqued my interest & I wanted to know more about him. That was Bill Palmquist whom I married in May 2008. Not only had I fallen in love with Bill but was thrilled to gain a wonderful step family of 4 adult children & 11 grandchildren and fell in love with all of them. Together Bill

& I did a lot of traveling which included month's each in Turkey, India (Bhutan & Nepal) as well as travel to Dubai, Greece & France.

In addition to travel my favorite activities included in-line skating, running, golfing, bicycling and skiing.

Over the course of my life I was very fortunate to recognize and embrace many opportunities that came my way and was blessed that many worked out. I often felt safe and secure but would have then described it as having an "angel on my shoulder". I now know that it was Jesus, who sent that angel keeping me safe and worry free.

It was never a mind set to feel held back or somehow disadvantaged because I was a female. In retrospect I think it was an attitude that I gleaned from my mother who embraced most opportunities that came her way. Like her I was not overly concerned about failing. Thus, I took things for granted that were likely a struggle for many women. I believe this attitude became an inspiration for several women. It seemed to help them view themselves differently and build more confidence. Much of my time was spent helping women set and achieve their goals. For whatever it was worth I was often perceived and told that I was a positive role model.

Developing personal friendships was also a focus of my life. I believed that "you won't be lonely if you can make & be a friend". Friends helped make me feel surrounded by comfort and love even in my darkest moments. This was an adjunct to the peace and love I had from Jesus Christ with whom I had a personal relationship. He was the reason that I generally felt very secure with a strong ability to cope.

As career aspirations began to take a back seat in my life, my priorities significantly changed to faith, marriage, family & friends. I was a member at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, MN and volunteered for several church

sponsored activities, Bible studies, etc.

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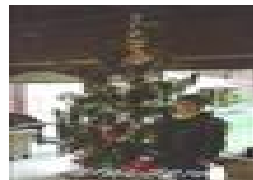
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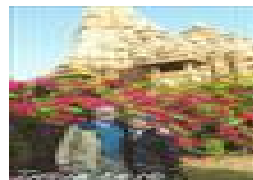
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