



Anna Sharon Wessel

June 16, 1986 - November 13, 2023

Anna Wessel, 37, passed away on November 13, 2023, in Oregon City, Oregon.

Anna Wessel was born on June 16, 1986 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Anna graduated from Independence High School in Glendale, Arizona and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho in Music Performance on the Bassoon.

Anna was best known for her extraordinary ability on the piano. She was gifted in accompaniment and served in her community, schools, church and specialty choirs. She had amazing sight reading skills and was able to play virtually anything put in front of her. She also loved sharing her gift by teaching others. She was loved by all she worked with.

Anna managed the Geeks & Games store in Oregon City, Oregon. She grew their game events and pulled the players in. She was loved by the customers for her enthusiasm and energy.

Anna was a kind, loving and devoted mother. Her children were always her first priority.

Anna drew people to her with her storytelling. She could bring you right into the story and have you laughing until you cried. She was confident and intelligent. She had a gift to see into the heart of those around her and know how to help.

Anna is survived by children Rachel (16), Austin (15), Samantha (11) and Alexis (10). Parents: Brad and Linda Hurst. Siblings: Christine Winward, Julie Hurst, Bree Wilcox, Eric Hurst, Emily Hopper, Janet Fish and Micki Lyn Hurst.

The service for Anna Wessel will be held on Friday, November 24, at 11am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 8331 Cason Rd, Gladstone, Oregon.

Viewing will be on Friday, November 24, from 9am to 10:30am at the same location.

Donations to help her children can be made at: <https://gofund.me/94dda3a9>.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **24.** 9:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Gladstone)
8331 Cason Rd
Gladstone, OR 97027

Funeral Service

NOV **24.** 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Anna was the accompanist to many choirs that I sang in. She was also my accompanist for solo vocal performances. When we were at choir rehearsals I noticed she would either sit on her hands or keep her hands in her pockets to warm them so she could play. I started bringing her "hand warmers" and would leave them on the piano bench for her. I even bought her a small electric blanket throw to help keep her legs warm. Once she was asked to perform at a function that I also was attending. I was sitting beside her in the congregation and noticed that she was sitting on her hands again. I did not have any hand warmers with me so I held her chilled hands in my hands (which are ALWAYS warm) until she had to perform. When she got through with her piece she asked if I would mind if she could warm her hands again in mine. Anna and I shared a very special bond. I love her and miss her profoundly.

Dan Bean - December 04, 2023 at 04:13 PM

JK

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Anna played beautiful piano accompaniment for our volunteer synagogue choir as we sang for the High Holydays and special Musical Shabbat Services. Even when additional responsibilities necessitated Anna's need to step down from working with us, she still requested to stay on our mailing list so that she might remain in touch with us. We will miss Anna's bright spirit, and generous expertise.

Judith Kleinstein - November 26, 2023 at 05:03 PM

BG

“ *My beloved daughter I don't have words to express my sorrow. You gave me the greatest gift of grandchildren. Bruce and I are beyond grief. We love you and always will remember you with love until we meet again.*



Bruce and Jackue Gordon - November 24, 2023 at 07:04 AM

SW

“ *Several years ago I was the narrator for "THE GARDEN" and as such stood next to Anna during practices and the performance. It was a thrill just to be near her with her powerful talent. I shall miss her until we meet on the other side.*
Steve Wilcox

Steve Wilcox - November 23, 2023 at 12:55 AM

TD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May we all remember the good times and memories of Anna. We are sorry for your loss.*
With Love from Glen & Teri Palmer Dowdle (a cousin)

Teri Palmer Dowdle - November 22, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Anna Sharon Wessel.



November 19, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Jasmine F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anna Sharon Wessel.*

Jasmine F. - November 19, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Anna Sharon Wessel.



November 19, 2023 at 11:55 AM

JF

“ I am deeply sorry for the immense loss and the incomprehensible tragedy that has affected both of our families. Reflecting on Anna, I feel compelled to emphasize her remarkable qualities and the profound influence she had on everyone privileged enough to know her.

Even amid this heart-wrenching loss, I am overwhelmed by memories of her incredible nature. Anna wasn't just an exceptional human being; she was an extraordinary mother to her four children. Her love for music, her ability to connect through games and genuine conversations, illuminated the lives of those around her. Her spirit will forever remain a guiding light of love and kindness in our hearts.

In our grief, there are no perfect words to convey the depth of emotions in this tragic situation. Yet, by supporting one another and cherishing her memory through the love and positivity she embodied, we can honor her life. Every time we look at her children, we see the radiant essence of Anna living on in them.

Anna wasn't just my sister-in-law; she made me feel like a sister. I hold countless cherished memories of family vacations with her and everyone else. One such memory takes me back to Lincoln City, Oregon, August 2017 during the total lunar eclipse. This was my first time spending time with the family on vacation since I was a child. Despite the windy beach the day before and the kids' initial reluctance, Anna's perseverance and maternal touch brought them back. With Poppa's kites in hand, she orchestrated a day where we all took turns flying them, turning a challenging day into a beautiful success.

I struggle to find words, still grappling with the reality that there will be no more vacations with Anna and our beloved family as it was. A void has been torn in all our hearts. I severely feel the loss and the profound impact she had on everyone she encountered. Anna radiated joy and inclusivity, leaving behind a community of

wonderful people and an outpouring of support for the kids. My heart and prayers are with her family and the community she so greatly touched. Anna we love you and we will always miss you.



Jasmine Farley - November 19, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JY

“ *We didn't know Anna Wessel. But we know her sister Christine Winward who is married to our nephew Paul Winward. Judging by our knowledge of Christine, she and Anna were two-peas-in-a-pod. It seems that the characteristic of caring for others and serving others was a common theme. In true Christ-like fashion they have deep faith in Jesus Christ and his Attoning sacrifice for us all. We are thankful for our knowledge of eternal life and that families are eternal units of God's family. Peace be to her children and may they know that mommy is loved by God and His Son Jesus Christ - they will see her again.*

Jon C and Nancy W Young - November 19, 2023 at 02:34 AM

DS

“ *I remember Ana as always being kind. When my son James was on his mission in Oregon, Anna made him a pie and delivered it to where he lived for his birthday. That made a big difference to me as I couldn't do it but also to James. Thank you Anna for being so thoughtful. You will be missed.*

Diane Schultz - November 18, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anna Sharon Wessel.*



November 18, 2023 at 09:11 PM