



Mrs. Anne Kornegay Gregory

July 31, 1932 - May 9, 2021

Mrs. Anne Kornegay Gregory, age 88, transitioned from her earthly home to her eternal home on Sunday, May 9, 2021, at her home.

Anne was the second of ten children born in Goldsboro, North Carolina to James (Jim) and Mary Lee Cox Kornegay. Her entire life was influenced by her parents' advice that a good education is the one thing that no one can take away from you. Anne loved music and was the choir pianist and directress at Atkinson Baptist Church. She was the third highest graduate in her class at Goldsboro Central High School before embarking on a career in education.

In 1957, Anne went to Washington, D.C. to attend Miner Teachers College. She left after three and one-half years to counsel and teach at-risk young women at Sleighton School for Girls in Pennsylvania. Later that same year, she married Ronald Gregory. Together they raised two children, Curtis Gregory who lives in Philadelphia, PA and Carol Gregory who resides in Boston, Massachusetts.

After raising her children, Anne decided to complete her degree in elementary education at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). She graduated magna cum laude in 1974. She went on to earn a Master's Degree with a special certificate in reading from NCCU in 1979.

Working as an educator for more than 25 years, Anne displayed a unique ability to find and meet the special educational needs of students whom others had labelled as “discipline problems” or “low-achievers.”

Anne was not only an inspiration for her students, she was also seen as a motivational leader for other educators. She worked diligently as a teacher’s advocate and held numerous leadership positions in local, district, and state professional organizations. Anne designed and presented workshops for teachers in leadership, conflict management, parental involvement, and teaching at-risk children. Her activism on behalf of teachers resulted in major changes to North Carolina’s laws regarding teacher leaves and mandatory teacher workshops.

Anne held many leadership roles including President of Durham Retired School Personnel, President of Durham County Association of Educators, and President of North Carolina Association of Educators.

Anne was honored many times for her education leadership. She was named Outstanding Teacher of Reading by the National Assessment Governing Board, Outstanding Minority Educator, and Who’s Who in American Education in 1994.

Outside of the education arena, Anne’s commitment to community service was exemplary. She was the founder and chairman of the Durham Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, a Democratic Party executive, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Anne was an active member of St. Joseph AME church where she worshipped with her husband and family for close to 50 years. She was the President of the St. Joseph AME Ladies Usher Board, Conference Chairman

of the Gomez-Jordan Committee, and the founder of the St. Joseph Men's Cookoff, which was named in her honor. She sang in the Gospel and Senior choirs.

After retiring as an educator, Anne turned her love of cooking and entertainment into her own catering business called A Taste of Class.

Anne is preceded in death by her parents, James (Jim) Kornegay and Mary Lee Cox Kornegay, her brothers James Lee Kornegay and John Earl Kornegay, her sister JoAnne Kornegay. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Gregory, her children, Curtis James Gregory and Carol Renee Gregory, her sisters, Bertha Edwards, Carolyn Kornegay, Mathelle Lee, Marquitta Whaley, and Cheryl Dow, her granddaughter Leah J'nae Gregory, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Anne K. Gregory will be held on Friday, May 14, 2021, at 12:00 noon, at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707, with viewing from 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

The service of celebration will be streamed live at <https://stjosephame.org/watch>

Mrs. Anne Kornegay Gregory will be laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Triangle Aphasia Project Unlimited in honor of Anne K. Gregory. <https://www.aphasiaproject.org/get-involved/donate/?v=7516fd43adaa> or 919-650-3854.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Anne Kornegay Gregory*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dear Carol - In am thinking of you and your family in this difficult time. Your mother's legacy and values live today in you and her life's work. Heartfelt condolences.*
Brian Hicks

Brian Hicks - May 18, 2021 at 06:43 AM



Thank you, Brian. The support of friends has been so comforting for my family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Gregory was my wonderful second grade teacher at Holt Elementary in the early 1990s and fellow member of St. Joseph's AME. I adored her and will never forget her kindness, quick wit, and her love of music and the arts. Her memory will always be a blessing to me. Sending love and peace to Mr. Gregory and to Curtis and Carol, who I vividly remember her telling stories about in class nearly 30 years ago! She was so very proud of you.*

Danielle Purifoy - May 13, 2021 at 04:26 PM



Thank you so much Danielle for sharing these memories! Very much appreciated!

Curtis Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 10:11 AM

CG

You have no idea how much it means to hear from my Mom's former students. She so loved teaching.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:29 PM

ED

“ I honor and salute the life and legacy of Anne K. Gregory. During her teaching career, Anne stood tall for the rights and responsibilities of educators. In fact, in a celebrated case during the 1980s, Anne refused to be intimidated by local administrators and school board members Her steadfast adherence to civil rights led to a new view of the rights of teachers in North Carolina. Anne Gregory's strong advocacy for teachers is remembered, cherished, and held in high esteem by educators who followed her.

*Eddie Davis
Durham, NC*

Eddie Davis - May 13, 2021 at 03:48 PM

CG

Thank you! This post made my day. My Mom loved teaching, but she also stood up for herself and advocated for her fellow educators. People always think that I get my activism from my Dad. My Mom was also pretty fierce.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:31 PM

BD

“ Dear Carol - we are so grateful for the life of your remarkable mother, and wish we could have let her know how much we've grown to love you through our work together. We send our support and love at this sad time. We sent a donation to the Aphasia Foundation (interestingly, I, Gitta have aphasia, and I would not have known about this great org without having visited this celebration page of your mother, so even now she's teaching us). All the best, Anne Snyder and Birgitta Dickerson.

Birgitta C Dickerson - May 13, 2021 at 01:16 PM

CG

Anne and Gitta, there are no words for your kindness and support. Thank you for your donation and thank you for your friendship. The Triangle Aphasia Project was a HUGE part of my Mom's community. They helped her get her speech back, but more importantly, they were her best friends. She loved going there to hang out with her people.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:17 PM

TC

“ To Mrs. Bertha K. Edwards and Family

We want you to know that we have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Our family values the friendship and relationship we've shared with you and Dr. Edwards over the years, and we felt it necessary to convey our sympathy to you in this hour. May the God of all peace give you comfort and strength in this hour.

The Cofield Family and Staff of Cofield - May 13, 2021 at 11:33 AM

LG

“ Rest In Peace, Mrs. Gregory. Your accomplishments speak for themselves and you were always an inspiration for those of us who grew up with Curtis and Carol.

Lee Griffin - May 13, 2021 at 09:54 AM



Thank you Lee. It was so wonderful to see you at the funeral. Your support is very much appreciated.

Curtis Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 10:10 AM



Hi Lee: Not sure that I recognized you. Thank you for coming to my Mom's homegoing. Hey to your sister, my friend, Ann.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:20 PM



“ I am so sorry for your lost. However, I know you have wonderful memories because she was a wonderful person.

*Love,
Charnae*

Charnae Moore - May 12, 2021 at 09:56 PM



Thank you, my Sister.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:21 PM



*“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. May your memories comfort you in time. She was such a lovely woman and mother. Her indelible mark of kindness, beautiful smile and remarkable laugh will remain with us always.
The Jiles-Green Family*



Antionette Green - May 12, 2021 at 09:39 PM



My sister, my friend. We have been through this thing called life! Thank you for being there for real. The calls, the rants, the tears, I appreciate it all. Love to you and Faith.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:22 PM

RC

“ Ron, I was so sorry to hear about Ann’s Passing I pray for you and your family during these difficult times and offer my condolences to you all. May her soul be at peace with our Heavenly Father. Roy Cuttino



Roy Cuttino - May 12, 2021 at 07:33 PM

CN

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Gregory family. When we were kids living in Bluestone Estates, Durham in the 1970’s, Mrs. Gregory was known as a good mamma and a lover of music. She passed her music appreciation down to Curtis and Carol.

Charlene Ferrell Newsom - May 12, 2021 at 05:06 PM



Charlene, thank you so much for your support and condolences. It means a lot!

Curtis Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 10:13 AM

RO

“ Mr. Gregory and Family. So sorry for your loss. I met Mrs. Gregory at the nail salon where she loved to come and met Mr. Gregory when he was at the Board of Elections. What a sweet person. I will miss seeing her. Prayers for your family, Ruby A. Osborn

Ruby A. Osborn - May 12, 2021 at 02:39 PM

CG

My Mom LOVED looking glamorous. I know my Dad continued to bring her to the salon to get her nails done. Thank you for the prayers and support. What an incredible community of friends and family.

Carol Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 11:13 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Gregory was an inspiration to me. Her smile, charm, and style spoke volumes about being a mother, women of God, and community leader. The relationship she had with her students mirrored that which she had with her own children, even the dolls she handmade for each at the end of the school year. Carol, I will always see your mother in you. You, your dad, and Curtis are forever in my prayers. Now is the time to let others do for you and your family what your mom did for so many honors. Peace be with you.

Sonya Wilson
Washington, DC

Sonya Wilson - May 12, 2021 at 06:14 AM

CG

Sonya, my sister, we have been through this thing called life. Thank you for your support throughout the years. We may not be blood relatives, but the Wilsons are my family from the heart. Love you to the moon and back.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:03 PM



Thank you Sonya. This means a lot to all of us.

Curtis Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 10:14 AM

HN

“ Howard And Ella Rodgers, Fayetteville NC lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anne Kornegay Gregory



Howard and Ella Rodgers, Fayetteville NC - May 11, 2021 at 10:31 PM

CG

The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:03 PM

? B

“ *Anne was a delightful woman! She was first a fellow church member and later became a Soror. She excelled in both! Ron, you two made a perfect pair! You and your children and extended family have my deepest sympathy.*

🙏 ▲ **Dorothy "Dot" Brower** - May 11, 2021 at 08:52 PM

CG

The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow. And yes, next to being Mom, wife, and educator, she loved being a Delta.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:05 PM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Mrs. Gregory 🙏❤️💜

We have fond memories of you visiting your sister Mrs. Bertha Edwards on your visits to Weldon, NC.

Mr. Gregory and family,

May God bless and keep you and please allow your fond memories sustain and keep you. God is in charge.

Respectfully,

*Maxine and David Fitts
The Fitts Family of Weldon
Weldon High Class of 1972
Ralph J. Bunche High of Weldon*

David Fitts - May 11, 2021 at 03:10 PM

CG

Mom loved her sisters. The expression of love, concern, and kindness have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:09 PM

MJ

“ We were so saddened to hear of the passing of AP (that's what we affectionately called her). I had the privilege to serve as pastor of her home church, Atkinson Chapel, in Goldsboro, NC for 10 years. During that time, AP and Greg (Ron) were some of our most faithful supporters. Greg even had the Male Chorus from his church to come on many occasions to render song service for several of our church programs.

AP had a sweet spirit and the keenest sense of humor. Between AP and her Brother Joe, a great time was always had! Not only was AP a faithful supporter of the church but we were fortunate enough to have her as a loyal family member as well.

We will miss AP but we know that the will of God has been done and all we can do now is thank God for the many wonderful days and times we all shared with her. God bless you family.

*Reverend Dr Michael Johnson and First Lady Wanda Johnson
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church
La Grange, NC*

Michael Johnson - May 11, 2021 at 10:25 AM

CG

You have no idea how much hearing from you, Pastor Michael Johnson, was a healing balm to our family's sorrow. Atkinson Chapel was where my Mom and her family worshiped for many, many years from childhood to adulthood. Hearing from a former pastor of the church that nurtured her for so many years was a divine blessing. Thank you, The Gregory family.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:13 PM

SC

“ Sincere sympathy to Mr. Gregory and family. Mrs. Gregory taught my daughter in the second grade at Holt Elementary School in the late 1980's. She was a caring educator that was willing to go the extra mile to help her students achieve their goals, such as a home visit when needed. She was also able to shift to having fun as I recall being a chaperone on one of the field trips. RIP Shirley T. Cole



Shirley Cole - May 11, 2021 at 07:25 AM

CG

Mom (Anne) adored teaching. It is always a blessing to hear from former students or parents of her students. The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:15 PM

MB

“ To Uncle Greg, Curtis, Carol:

No words can portray how sorry I am to hear of the passing of Aunt Ann. Aunt Ann had her own unique style, never met a stranger, and was a mentor to our family circle.

I am profoundly tormented, and words are of no assistance in communicating the distress I feel as of now.

May the adoration and kindness of our Lord be offered to you during this difficult time.

Merlin

Merlin K. Banks - May 11, 2021 at 06:56 AM

LP

Condolences to the family. I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Deborah's cousin, Verne.

La Verne Patterson - May 11, 2021 at 11:21 AM

CG

It is hard to lose our loved ones, but there's great comfort in hearing from friends and family that you haven't from in a while. Bless you.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:17 PM



Thank you Merlin! Your support means a lot to me.

Curtis Gregory - May 19, 2021 at 10:16 AM

CB

“ *Ron, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this time of bereavement. May you rest assured knowing that Anne is in the loving arms of God.*



Chester A. Bobo,III - May 10, 2021 at 10:10 PM

RC

“ *Ron,
We are offering our condolences on the passing of your wife Anne. She was the sweetest, loveliest and most caring person anyone could ever meet. We are so Blessed to have known her so intimately in our lives. She was always happy to see you and made you feel like you mattered. May God continue to Bless you and your family during this difficult time.*

Sincerely, Brian, Robin and Genesis Crawford.

Robin Crawford - May 10, 2021 at 09:59 PM

CG

The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:18 PM

AC

“ To the Gregory & Kornegay Families..
The Lord bless you, keep you and give you
peace.
A beautiful person has crossed that bridge
into glorious eternity with Jesus.
Blessings
Pastor Tracy Lewis &
Atkinson Chapel MB Church Family



Atkinson Chapel - May 10, 2021 at 07:10 PM

CG

What a joy and inspiration it is to hear from the first church home of our beloved Anne Kornegay Gregory, a woman. of God and Christ. The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:20 PM

SB

“ Sandra Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Anne Kornegay Gregory



Sandra Battle - May 10, 2021 at 05:51 PM

CG

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Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:20 PM

JH

“ Ron,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Anne. She was such a very sweet person. Her presence will be sorely missed, but we will keep her in our hearts always. May God comfort and sustain you and your family always.
Love,
Joe and Cheri Harrell



Joe and Cheri Harrell - May 10, 2021 at 05:13 PM

CG

The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:20 PM

EG

“ Ron I send my sincere condolences to you and your family. I have fond memories of the kindness you and your beautiful wife shared with me. You made a difference in my life. May you find some comfort in knowing that we care.



Earnestine Goods - May 10, 2021 at 08:33 AM

CG

What a joy to see you at Anne's celebration of life. The expression of love, concern, and kindness shared have been a great comfort to our family during this time of sorrow.

Carol Gregory - May 17, 2021 at 11:24 PM