



Anne-Marie Yankowsky

July 27, 1988 - October 29, 2023

Anne-Marie Lowe Yankowsky, born July 27, 1988, lost her fight with cancer on October 29, 2023. It was a hard battle, one that she fought bravely and courageously without complaint – she just wanted to be there for her family.

Anne-Marie was born in Brussels, Belgium, but was raised in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Katy, Texas. She graduated from Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Texas in 2006 and from Baylor University in 2010 with a degree in Exercise Physiology. She was a varsity cheerleader in high school and all four years at Baylor and remained active throughout her life, including her career as a personal trainer at Houston Country Club and as a varsity cheer coach at Houston Christian High School. She worked up until the day she gave birth to her first son.

She traveled all over the world and loved taking vacations with her family, going to Colorado every summer and going to the Bahamas and Disneyworld each over 20 times! She cherished the holidays, and celebrating them with her family. She particularly loved getting pictures with the kids at the pumpkin patch. Another great joy was making Christmas cookies with her mom and sister who she loved so dearly, but later with all the kids helping. She loved the color pink, certainly as part of her love for shopping, but also her first car – a custom Barbie pink 2004 Volkswagen Beetle. And as everyone knows, she LOVED ketchup!

Anne-Marie was passionate about everything. Maybe it was her beautiful red hair, but it was reflected in her bright blue eyes and magnificent smile. She was incredibly strong, but ultra sensitive, thoughtful and inclusive. She was a beacon of light in every life she touched, but none more than her devoted husband Matthew, whom she married January 26, 2013, and her four beautiful children; Luke (8), John (5), Mark (3) and Madeline (1). She loved to play games, especially Mahjong and Rummikub, and spend time with her family and friends, but was most happy being involved in every aspect of her children's lives. She was very active at their schools and taught vacation bible school and was always their biggest fan at their games – even during her chemo treatments. She loved her wonderful, dear friends. The void that she leaves is oversized and massive, and she is mourned by a global community of family and friends who loved her dearly.

In addition to her husband and children, Anne-Marie is survived by her parents Susan and John Lowe and her sister and brother-in-law Katie and Will Derrick of Houston, Matthew's parents LaDonna and Charles Yankowsky and Matthew's brother and sister-in-law Josh and Katie Yankowsky of Baton Rouge Louisiana as well as her aunts and uncles Joan and Tony Newman, Barbara and Ted Lowe, Judy Lowe and Mary Ann Lowe, cousins, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Robert and Jacqueline Ramsey and Ray and Henrika Lowe.

A visitation will be held Friday November 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church Friendship Court 12955 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079. Funeral Services will be held the following afternoon, Saturday November 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church with reception to follow on church grounds. Anne-Marie will be taken by police cortege to Memorial Oaks Cemetery for burial at 3:30 p.m. after reception. In lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation to Rummel

Creek Elementary; a school she loved so much. <https://rcepta.membershiptoolkit.com/anne-marie>

Cemetery Details

Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church (Friendship Ct)
12955 Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77079

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Reception to Follow Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church (Friendship Ct)
12955 Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77079

Graveside Service Following Reception

NOV 4. 3:30 PM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery
13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Your families are in our daily prayers. May our Heavenly Father comfort you as you grieve the loss of such a precious daughter, sister, wife and mother.*

Tina and Pat Walsh - November 10, 2023 at 07:30 AM

PG

“ *John and Susan -
The faculty and staff of the Kelce College of Business and the members of the Kelce Board of Advisors offer their deepest condolences and sympathies to you and Anne-Marie's family. Please know that you have been and will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Paul Grimes, Dean*



Paul W. Grimes - November 04, 2023 at 08:23 AM

RP

“ *Susan and John,
My deepest sympathy to you for Anne-Marie. I saw her obituary in the Bartlesville paper Thursday evening and very saddened for the loss of your daughter as well as for her husband and four young children.
I have no words to soothe your pain but I pray God's blessings and peace to you as her parents and as you mourn her passing. The days will undoubtedly be difficult for you and also for your grandchildren. May God grant you grace as you take a larger role in grand-parenting these precious young children.
Ron Pruitt*

Ron Pruitt - November 03, 2023 at 03:29 PM

DG

“ *I have good memories of talking to Anne Marie and Matt at the kids ball games she always had a big smile even after all she had been going through. RIP*

Dean Gachman - November 01, 2023 at 03:05 PM

GC

“ I met Anne-Marie right after college while coaching cheerleading at Houston Christian High School. We were both engaged to our “Matt’s” at the time. Anne-Marie made friends so easily wherever she went, and I’m so glad she chose to make me one of them. We were able to spend a lot of time together because of our personal trainer hours. I loved going over to her house and baking cookies and other tasty snacks. My Matt and I always had a good time when we were with the Yankowsky’s. We loved traveling with them to Mexico. We still laugh about the time they sent us over a bottle of wine from across the restaurant (where we were the only two tables occupied) during our anniversary date at our all inclusive resort. It was both thoughtful and hilarious. We got our first puppies about the same time and had puppy play dates. Then we both became pregnant within a month of each other. I could not have asked for a more encouraging and empathetic friend to walk through that journey with. We took all kinds of baby classes together, where she went by the name Amy instead of writing out her full name. Then our babies were born, and we were able to share our exhaustion, our joy, our funny stories, and everything else that came with newborn life. Out of all of my memories with Anne-Marie, walking with her at Terry Hershey park is definitely my favorite. We were either walking dogs, carrying babies in our belly, or pushing strollers. Talking with her was easy. She was so down to earth and humble, also funny. I always left our walks with a smile. We both got involved in our kids activities and schools and didn’t spend as much time together these last few years. I deeply regret not seeing her more. I never in a million years thought we wouldn’t have more time for another walk together. I take comfort in knowing my fellow cheer coach is still cheering for us from above. Our hearts are broken for the loss of this sweet friend, and especially for our friend Matt and his children, for her whole family also. We will continue to keep them all close in our prayers.

Gabby Cooper - November 01, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ If I could think of the most vibrant person I have ever met, it would hands down be AnneMarie. Annemarie was one of my best friends in high school. I have the best memories riding in her pink bug, going to the sonic before and after school to get pink cherry limeades, sharing an irrational crush on our science teacher Mr. T, avoiding milk at slumber parties, and everything else in between. Annemarie and I shared a love for pink and everything sparkly. When we both went on to attend Baylor, we both found new friends groups, but we still made time to hang out in Waco, including the time we were laughing so hard that I backed my new SUV into a light pole. We were there for each other’s big life events, and even joked around saying Luke and Madi would get married one day.

Annemarie had such a colorful life. She was so fun and vibrant in everything she did. She was beautifully feminine, serene yet so strong. She impacted the lives of so many, including mine. Thank you for leaving your beautiful pink footprint in my life. I will miss you so much sweet friend, thank you for memories. □

Negin Roberts - November 01, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Kathy Lane lit a candle in memory of Anne-Marie Yankowsky



kathy Lane - October 31, 2023 at 11:07 PM

JB

“ *What a beautiful picture. She turned into such a vibrant young woman. I will have to find the picture of her and Katie dancing at Danielle's wedding, in Va Beach, VA in June 1998. I will bring as many of the older pictures of her that I can find. What a loss for Matt and her children .*

Julia Byron (cousin on John's side)

Julia Byron - October 31, 2023 at 03:53 PM