



## Ann Kaempfer Douglas

July 19, 1947 - June 19, 2025

Ann Kaempfer Douglas, 77, passed away on June 19, 2025, at home in Tallahassee, Florida.

Ann was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on July 19, 1947, to Colonel William P. Kaempfer (USMC) and Mildred Keen Kaempfer. Subsequently the family lived in various states on orders from the Marine Corps until, upon her father's retirement, settling in Jacksonville, Florida in 1959. Ann earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from the Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Ann served with the US Special Services managing recreational facilities for enlisted military personnel in Vietnam during that conflict, and subsequently, in Germany. After her Special Services work, Ann relocated to Tallahassee had a career serving people with developmental disabilities in Florida through her employment with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. She retired from the State of Florida in 2009.

Ann was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis in her early fifties and the disease progressively disabled her. Those who knew her knew that despite eventually being virtually completely paralyzed, she was fiercely independent. With the help of technology and the visiting assistance of close friends, family and especially personal care assistants, Ann lived independently in her own home by herself until her death. Ann is now no longer burdened by the physical constraints she dealt with in this life.

Ann is survived by her brother Al Kaempfer (Susan), niece Marie Kaempfer Nabors (Robert), nephew Ben Kaempfer (Lindsey), and her great nieces Madison, Audrey and Ava, and her great nephew Rhodes, all of whom she deeply loved. Ann is also survived by her closest friend, defender and ally in life, John Douglas. The family expresses its special thanks to Angel Hardee and her team of assistants without whom Ann could not have lived independently.

Ann loved, and was dedicated to her church, the Episcopal Church of the Advent. Her weekly Bible study group was key to her quality of life. She was dearly loved by the people in that group, and she dearly loved them.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Episcopal Church of the Advent, 815 Piedmont Dr. Tallahassee FL, 32303, (850) 386-5109.

Funeral Services are scheduled at the Episcopal Church of the Advent on July 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Dr. Richard W. Effinger as celebrant. Ash interment will follow immediately in the Advent Memorial Garden. A reception will follow in the church parish hall. All are always welcome in the Episcopal Church. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## Advent Memorial Garden

815 Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Episcopal Church Of The Advent  
815 Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ann Kaempfer Douglas.*



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July 16, 2025 at 11:46 AM



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**John Douglas** - July 11, 2025 at 09:02 AM



*I knew Ann when I attended Advent and was, at one time, in her Bible study group. I was newly diagnosed with MS in 2008 and she was a support for me. She was a very caring and giving person. I am glad she is no longer burdened by the disease that took her mobility.*

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**Michelle Punshon** - July 15, 2025 at 06:05 PM

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“ Ann was my wife for 14 years and my best friend for much longer. Her passing leaves a huge hole in my life and I’m sure in many others as well. She passed away after suffering many years with Multiple Sclerosis, an awful progressive disease that gradually robbed her of her mobility and ultimately her life. Despite those health difficulties, she remained resilient, mentally sharp and optimistic throughout her life. She worked for many years helping other people with developmental disabilities and had hoped to continue doing so through volunteer activities with her church after her career was over. She regretted that when that time came it was she who required the help and kindness of others. Such is the nature of MS.

Ann and I spent many happy years together building a home in Tallahassee and traveling. Even after we separated and divorced we remained close friends. I did what I could to help her cope with her disease that was diagnosed a little while after our divorce. Over the last several years, I would pick up food and we would have lunch at her home every Tuesday. She would tell me what was going on with her family and especially her nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews who she adored. Whenever the little ones would come to visit, she would have me polish coins that would be used as rewards in the BINGO games she would play with them. She really enjoyed the times with the children. I brought her groceries and helped by doing other things around her house that us able-bodied folks take for granted, like washing clothes and unpacking and putting away supplies that were needed by her caregivers. The caregivers came every morning to help her get ready for the day and then come again in the evenings to help her prepare for the evening.

Ann’s ordeal taught me a lot about friends and family and how precious they are in our own lives. I miss her so very much. She will always be in my heart. My condolences to her family.

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John Douglas - July 11, 2025 at 08:45 AM