



Lee Ann (Powell) McCombs

March 8, 1953 - August 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lee Ann, a devoted mother, beloved grandmother, passionate teacher, and cherished daughter and friend who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, surrounded by her loving children, at the age of 72 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Born on March 8, 1953, Lee Ann Powell was the daughter of Harry G. and Helen Ann (Dvorak) Powell of Troy Mills, Iowa. As a lifelong learner, she earned an education degree from Northeast Missouri State College and became a teacher. Over her career, she shared her gifts as an educator, inspiring students with her intelligence and appreciation for literature. Her love of literature came alive in the classroom; she often taught her students how to dance the Charleston while reading *The Great Gatsby*, bringing history and storytelling to life with joy and flair.

Lee Ann married Glen Ehlinger in 1975 and later divorced. Their marriage welcomed two children: Elijah Powell and Katy Lee. As a devoted mother, Lee Ann loved her children deeply and found her greatest joy in being their mom. She approached motherhood with dedication, determination, and a fearless sense of adventure.

Lee Ann was also a proud and loving grandmother, affectionately known as Nannie to her grandchildren. Whether reading stories, planning adventures, or

simply being present with them, she shared her playful spirit, sharp wit, and devotion. Her love for her children and grandchildren was deep and unwavering, at the very core of who she was.

She was also incredibly smart, sharp, curious, and insightful, with a deep appreciation for learning, culture, and the world around her. She loved to travel and experience the unexpected. One of her favorite places was Morocco, where she was captivated by the sight of goats perched in argan trees - a perfect symbol of her delight in life's surprises.

Lee Ann is survived by her father, Harry, sister Debbie (Mike) Cady, son Elijah, daughter Katy (Mitch) Fenton, grandchildren Adrian and Asher Ehlinger, Baylor, Emery, and Easton Fenton. She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Powell.

A small family gathering will take place at a later date to celebrate Lee Ann's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements.

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“ *Leanne and I spent many days together traveling. Our first trip was to Colorado to Mesa Verde. We enjoyed a trip to massanutten Virginia. But I think our favorite trip was when we flew to Portugal and we went to Spain and Morocco and a few other islands. Yes I remember the goats in the Aragon trees. That was the last trip Leanne and I took and it was awesome. I am going to miss her so much she was my traveling buddy. I pray for the family that God will comfort and you will never forget the memories of a mom, grandmom, friend, ECT*

Deborah Steich - August 28, 2025 at 08:58 AM

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One day I was subbing and went next door to say, "Hello" to the Teacher, as I always do. Well, we got into talking and I don't remember which one of us said, "Let's be friends." That Teacher was LeeAnn and we became friends from that day. We did a lot of fun things locally and took some trips. I remember the one to Georgia and yes, Colorado.

LeeAnn was a great Teacher. For example, I told her that I was tired of managing my finances, that I will just give it over to my kids. Well, I got a very stern lecture that her Dad still manages his finances, and I am much younger than him, so I should manage mine. Of course, I had to listen to her 😊.

On our way home from Georgia, we stopped in at my cousin's home in Jacksonville, Florida. My cousin put out a lavish setting of Curry and Dhall, and other Indian foods. To my surprise, LeeAnn ate as if she ate that kind of food every day. 😊.

We share so much. We both went to Morocco (at different times) and found it very interesting.

When I think of how much LeeAnn loved her family, and I know how sad they must be at this time, I pray that in their times of sadness, they would remember happy times and that will bring lightness in their hearts, and a smile on their faces.

May God bless the entire family, and please know that LeeAnn is watching over all of you.

With love from Chandra Rambali

Chandra Rambali - September 07, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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We were in the same class in high school along with all the girls sports, music, talent shows etc. There really wasn't anything that Lee Ann was not good at. It sounds like she went on to do great things and enjoy life.

Kathy and I loved riding in her little white convertible, she was the first one of us with her own car. We thought we were pretty cool. I have fond memories of our many shenanigans all thru high school. I haven't seen her for many years and wish we could have met up. Life is short and things happen, don't put things off.

My condolences to her family. ☐

Joleen Zieser - September 08, 2025 at 01:56 PM