



Annette Elizabeth Lambert Lane

December 9, 1958 - February 5, 2026

Annette Elizabeth Lambert Lane passed away peacefully on February 5th, 2026, in Salt Lake City after her struggles with lifelong chronic illness and the past year of respiratory failure. Beloved wife of the late Randal Lane. Proud aunt to Daniel and Dylan Lane (Shelby) for whom Randy and Annette provided parental care during the boys' formative years.

Annette was born on December 9, 1958, at Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo, New York, the fifth child of Lee and Lou Lambert. In her early years, the family lived near grandparents and other extended family, and Annette attended St. Mary Magdalene School. In 1970, the family relocated to East Aurora, NY where Annette continued middle and high school in the East Aurora school system. After graduating high school in 1976, Annette attended Erie Community College and graduated with an Associate degree in Applied Science in Business Administration in 1979. She moved to California and furthered her studies, achieving a Bachelor of Arts in English degree from California State University in 1983.

Annette had family living in California and found work in many places include a bookstore and for Scott Foresman publishing. In her off hours, she often provided childcare for others including her siblings' children whenever she could. She then worked at the Tracy Public Schools for over 15 years, first as an Accounting Clerk and later as Business Manager at West High School.

Annette had a beautiful singing voice and a vocal range that spanned both the alto and soprano scales and was involved in many community choruses and church choirs. Her email address emphasized this with 'sopralto' as a play on words. Annette was a good and caring friend to many, being known for her welcoming smiles and heartfelt hugs. One church choir awarded her the 'Hugger of the Year' certificate for her faithful participation in ministry.

Annette always loved writing and poetry and was known for writing parodies. After retiring from the school board and making the move to Phoenix, Annette participated in a Creative Writing course to share some of her life stories. Annette also loved to cook and being a Pampered Chef consultant was a joy to her. She had a well-equipped kitchen and a large collection of recipes including her famous pomegranate preserves.

Through most of her adult life, Annette was involved in church activities. She volunteered as a worship leader and in music wherever she was able. She participated in mission trips to Guatemala, using the Spanish language skills she first studied in high school. Annette made many friends through her Bible study groups and church work and there met her husband, Randy, a fellow lover of puns and Gilbert and Sullivan musicals. Randy and Annette were married in June 1992 in California, and they lived over 30 years together until his death in 2023. As she grieved, Annette struggled to find hope at times but followed her faith and had many favorite Scripture passages that strengthened her. One of her favorite passages is this one: "Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46)".

Annette is survived by siblings Louise, Peter (Nita Duarte), George (Belinda), Jeanne (Tom Graham), Leo (Sherry Brown), Caroline Fulkerson (Clarke), Marlena Sunyata, Julie, and Douglas. Annette loved her two dozen nieces and nephews, and will be remembered as the aunt who always called them on

their birthdays.

Annette was preceded in death by her husband, Randy (2023), and her parents, Lou Lambert (2017) and Lee Lambert (2020), as well as numerous good friends, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A private memorial service and celebration of life will be held with family at a later date.

The family wish to thank the Canyon Home Health and Hospice people, the staff at Sunrise Holladay, Cousin Christopher Gray, Faith Community RN Barb Clark from Arizona Community Church, and Phoenix neighbours Julie, Tim and Jan Kautzer. The family expresses immense gratitude to their sister Marlena Sunyata, who welcomed Annette to live nearby in Salt Lake City when her illness worsened last year. Thanks also to the 'village' of local support created with Conae Holmes, Amy Leininger, Margaret Huffman, and Tracy Thomas.

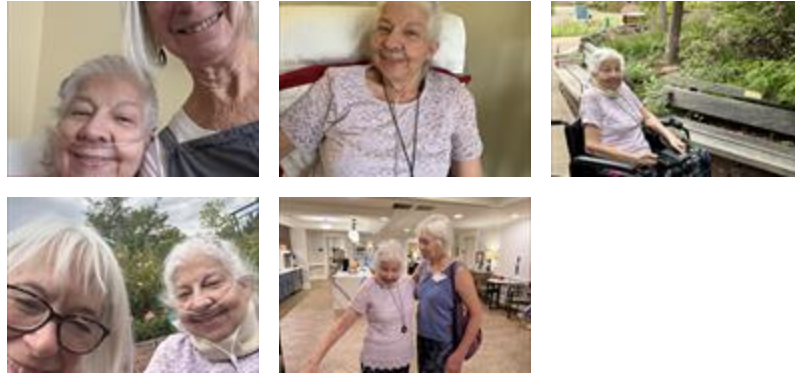
Annette made deep connections with people and loved to give and receive hugs. In lieu of flowers or donations, please exchange a hug with your loved ones. In Annette's often repeated words, "Cherish your loved ones", in her memory.

"Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25).

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I was fortunate to visit with Annette in August of 2025...so glad that I did.



Doris Gorin - March 25 at 04:33 PM

BG

“ You were a wonderful cousin. So glad we grew up together for a while and visited you in California and visited with you last time you and Randy came to Buffalo. My sympathies to all your close family and all your cousins and friends.

Betty Gawronski - March 01 at 03:43 PM

GL

Lovely Betty Ann
Thank you Sweetie

G_or_g Lambert - March 01 at 07:15 PM

CK

“ Colleen Koester - I was one of Annette's college roommates in her Sacramento, CA days back in the 1980's.

She then moved to the Bay Area and met Randy Lane. When they dated, she took him back to Sacramento to meet her friends. After that trip, I told Randy, "So, you met Annette's best friends? All one hundred of them?!"

At their wedding, I relayed this anecdote to a mutual friend. His reply was, "Only a hundred?"

She had countless friends. And each one felt like a best friend.

Colleen Koester - February 23 at 07:54 AM

BG

“ Annette was a blessing to our group of Pampered Chef Consultants in Arizona! She was always friendly, always welcoming, always grateful.

Brenda Gowey - February 23 at 01:04 AM

DG

“ Annette was very special to our family. I will share more later, but this was extra special. Annette and others were unable to attend my daughter, Shelley, wedding in June 2020 due to Covid. But she shared this very special song. She looks and sounds beautiful



Doris Gorin - February 23 at 12:55 AM

MS

OMG Doris Thank you for posting that!

Marlena Sunyata - February 25 at 06:55 PM



Wow, that is so so special. Annette still lives, in memories, in video and in heaven!

Janet Sclar - February 27 at 03:36 AM



This is precious! Thank you for sharing.

Jeanne Lambert - March 01 at 04:47 PM



Thank you so much for posting this. Bless you.

caroline lambert - March 01 at 07:21 PM



*It is a wonderful rendition.
Thank you for sharing.
Your sorrow is my sorrow*

G_or_g Lambert - March 01 at 10:36 PM



*“ I sang in choir with Annette at Arizona Community Church for a couple of years in Tempe! I also loved her hugs. Thanks for sharing all the information, Jeanne! May God lift up you and your family.
Hugs, Linda*

Linda West - February 22 at 08:53 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tatum Yi - February 22 at 06:54 PM

TY

Annette was like a grandparent to Lincoln. She came to his strings concerts at Christmas and always cheered him on. We would have hugging competitions; whoever hugged the longest was always the winner. Yes indeed, our dear sweet Annette gave the absolute best bear hugs ever! She is greatly missed here in Arizona, but we know we will be wrapped in her loving arms again when we are called home to Jesus in heaven. Until then, challenge everyone you know to a hugging contest and love one another as Jesus loved you. We are His vessels. Let us continue to be His instruments of love, grace, and kindness to everyone we encounter so they may see and know Him.

Tatum Yi - February 22 at 07:03 PM

CA

“ Annette gave the best, warmest, heartfelt hugs ever!

Cathy - February 21 at 11:21 AM

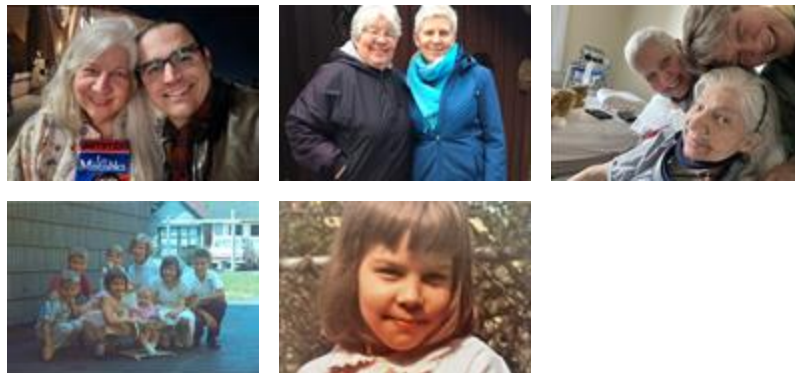
JT

I had a mock name for annette. Nutter butter peanut butter sandwich cookie. I often called her nutter butter. She was a joy to know and we have many long conversations over the years after moving to different states. I will miss her hugs and kindness.

Jacci Turner - February 22 at 06:04 PM

JL

“ 7 files added to the album Annette Lane



Jeanne Lambert - February 16 at 08:24 PM

RS

“ *Annette will be remembered by me and my family as a loving and beautiful individual.*

Ricky Samuel - February 15 at 06:45 PM

JL

Thank you, Rick!

Jeanne Lambert - February 16 at 08:46 PM

CK

What a very nice write up of Annette! She and my twin reminded me of each other!!!! It was a particular sweetness that they possessed! Something, at least to me, made you just love them....bringing a smile to your face & laughter in your heart! I will treasure these thoughts forever! Rest In Peace my dear cousin Annette....See ya!!!! ❤️✝️🙏

Catherine Kurzdorfer - February 20 at 09:12 PM



Thank you for all your kind words, photos and videos that help the sudden unexpected grieving process. I just saw Annette in SLC in July last year and we took a ride in my car in her new neighborhood. I'd been planning a return trip this spring, so this is particularly shocking.

We met at Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, CA, in the amazing One Accord choir and orchestra. I wouldn't be surprised if she came up with the name for the group of 60+ singers. Then many of us were getting married later in life at the church and she earned more stars by being willing to coordinate the fellowship hall receptions. What a gift, and she was always ready to tell us stressed brides to "remember to breathe".

When we moved to Utah, she and Randy came from AZ to visit on their 30th wedding anniversary. Less than a year later he was diagnosed with valley fever meningitis that also took his life early, and I don't doubt the stress of the long diagnosis and variety of symptoms also shortened her own life. I know she was not happy about leaving their home and having to transfer to SLC, but in the end that is what made my visit with her possible. Just this January we texted about an upcoming road trip of mine back to the Gilbert area, and discussing an apparatus that might help hold her head up. Nothing in that communication indicated that she would be gone just five weeks later at such a young age. I'm only a year younger.

Thank you to her family for reaching out to her and caring for her as needed. She told me she wondered what would have happened if you hadn't, and thought perhaps her wonderful church in AZ would have stepped in. We also have no children and also briefly took care of a teenage nephew, so we had many things in common. I'm looking forward to seeing her again in the presence of our King.

Janet Sclar - February 26 at 11:00 PM