

Ann Stewart Feyerharm

05/04/1938 - 05/23/2026



Ann Stewart Feyerharm (Dunwell) passed away peacefully on May 23, 2026, surrounded by family. Born May 4, 1938, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Maurice and Lorene Dunwell, Ann graduated from Central High School in 1956. She earned a home economics degree from Michigan State University and later a master's in political science from the University of Wisconsin, where her research on African post-colonial politics led to correspondences with Tanzanian leader, Julius Nyerere, regarding the future independence of Tanganyika.

While in Madison, Ann met Bill Feyerharm. They married in 1963, beginning a 62-year journey of love and shared adventure. Ann supported Bill's academic career, moving to Urbana, Illinois, where she founded the Natural Areas Study Group at Busey Woods and a children's nature program—both still active. After living in Warsaw, Poland, and Missoula, Montana—where she co-founded a women's hiking club—the family settled in Manhattan, Kansas, in 1979. Ann fell in love with the surrounding Flint Hills, volunteered for the Konza Prairie Environmental Education Program and also was a member of the Town and Country Gardening Club.

Always learning, Ann earned a second master's degree in landscape architecture from Kansas State University, later teaching in the department and designing her own home overlooking Tuttle Creek Reservoir. She finished her career in the Riley County Planning and Development office.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, and her brother, Fred Dunwell. She leaves a vibrant legacy of nature, literature, and travel with her survivors: daughter Libby (Stewart), son Robert (Paula), granddaughters Lauren, Sarah, and Clara, and extended family.

A private family service will be held in Montana, with a public celebration at Meadowlark Retirement Community in Manhattan, KS, at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to either:

KSU Konza Prairie Environmental Education Program (KEEP),

Mail: KSU Foundation

1800 Kimball; #200

Manhattan, KS 66502

Account #F28943

Online:

<https://giving.ksufoundation.org/campaigns/15136/donations/new>

Or Town and Country Garden Club,
towncountrygc@yahoo.com

Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, are assisting the family with arrangements.