



Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer

April 21, 1963 - April 9, 2026

Anne Friedman Singer of Chestertown, Maryland, formerly of Kinderhook, New York, passed away peacefully at home on April 9, 2026, surrounded by her family, after complications from an aggressive cancer. Annie, as she was affectionately known, was 62 years old.

Born in Albany, New York, on April 21, 1963, to Victoria Smith Friedman and Herbert Marc Friedman, Annie spent her early years in Kinderhook, where she was surrounded by a loving family and many dear friends.

From a young age, Annie demonstrated a deep love of horses and horsemanship through her involvement with the Old Chatham Pony Club. Riding her beloved horse, Gin Fizz, she became known among fellow Pony Club members for her energy, dedication, and constant motion. This early passion also reflected her lifelong compassion for animals.

While attending Washington College, where she earned her bachelor's degree, Annie met her future husband, David Singer, on a blind date to a fraternity party. That chance encounter grew into a 45-year love story filled with shared dreams, extensive travel, and a deep commitment to restoring their colonial home in Chestertown. In a moment that perfectly captured her independence and determination, Annie purchased their home herself while David was away on a business trip.

Anne began her professional career as a Territory Manager for the American Red Cross, where she coordinated blood drives throughout downtown Baltimore. After three years, she chose to devote herself fully to raising her daughter, Ashley Kramer Singer, while also completing the requirements for her master's degree in psychology at Washington College.

When Ashley began middle school, Annie returned to professional life as the Administrator for the Washington College Academy of Lifelong Learning (WCALL), a role she held for 14 years. During this time, she also gave generously of her time as District Commissioner for the Tuckahoe Pony Club, continuing her dedication to mentoring young riders.

In 2011, a trip to Paris sparked a profound new chapter in Annie's life. Inspired by a desire to understand how paintings are created, she began studying oil painting in 2012. What began as curiosity quickly grew into a passionate artistic practice. Encouraged by her first teacher, portraitist Scott Woolever, she went on to study with many accomplished artists, including Hai-Ou Hou, Rita Curtis, Palden Hamilton, Mary Pritchard, Abigail McBride, Tara Will, and Diane Rappisi. Through their guidance and her own discipline, Annie developed a distinctive artistic voice, continually refining her craft through classes, workshops, and demonstrations.

Since 2012, Annie has received multiple awards for her artwork and was a member of numerous art organizations including the Maryland Pastel Society, Working Artists Forum, American Impressionists Society, Society of Animal Artists, and the International Association of Pastel Societies. She was also a founding member of the Blueberry Pie and Art Society in Chestertown. She viewed art not simply as a product, but as a journey, once reflecting:

“Art is a process. A journey. Not one individual piece. It is built on all the

pieces, even the really bad ones, that came before. And when they are all put together, you get to have a masterpiece.”

Anne is survived by her devoted husband, David Singer, of Chestertown; a daughter, Ashley Singer; her father, Herbert Marc Friedman, Sr.; her brother, Herbert Marc Friedman, Jr. (Susan); her sisters, Ivette Alvarez (Carlos) and Yvonne Ramos and her brother-in-law Wesley Singer (Lucille). She is also survived by her beloved nieces and nephews: Rafael Hackett, Charles Alvarez, Benjamin Friedman, Zachary Friedman, and Kristen Singer; step nieces Krista Espinosa, Gina Bertolozzi, and Rachel Bradley; and many cherished friends. She was predeceased by her mother, Victoria Smith Friedman, M.D.

A celebration of Annie’s life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Annie asked that donations be made to nonprofit organizations close to her heart. Please consider supporting Open Doors Partners in Education (www.opendoorsed.org) or The Cat Colloquium (www.catcolloquium.org), both located in Chestertown, Maryland.

Most importantly, Annie requested that no trees be planted in her memory and that flowers not be sent, as they can be harmful to cats.

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Tribute Wall

GT

“ I met Annie early on when Hai-Ou Ho first started her studio on Kent Island. We all were in the early stages of our artistic journey and developed a wonderful camaraderie at the studio. We’d study and learn and paint in the morning and break for lunch, then paint some more. Annie declared that she had given herself 5 years to become a really good artist. It was almost like she knew she didn’t have much more time than that. But she fulfilled her dream and did become a really good artist. She worked very hard and traveled far to learn, sometimes going to Baltimore at night for classes all the way from Chestertown. The proof is in her work, it’s beautiful and luminous and soulful. And she was a beautiful soul as well. We’ll all miss her.

Georgette Toews - May 31 at 10:21 PM

RC

“ Annie joined my still life class at the Academy Art Museum in Easton in 2013. Through her will to succeed, her sharp focus, and her enthusiasm, she quickly grew into a very fine painter. To lose this vibrant soul too soon is a great loss to humanity.

Rita Curtis - May 31 at 11:55 AM

LK

“ Annie was a wonderful friend of ours for close to 40 years. We've known her from the time she was an equestrian therapist to her accomplished life as a painter. She was truly a force of nature, always energetic and upbeat. What many people might not know about Annie was how great a cook she was. Nadine and I remember her crabcakes and flan to be the best we ever had, during one of our visits to the cool house she bought while David was out of town. Annie will be greatly missed and will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

Love,

Lenny and Nadine Kubiak

Lenny Kubiak - May 06 at 01:51 PM

CC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Carol Cowie - April 29 at 10:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 29 at 09:29 AM

CC

How wonderful. I will be there.

Carol Cowie - April 29 at 10:22 AM

RC

What a wonderful tribute to Annie and her very fine artistry.

Rita Curtis - May 31 at 03:52 PM

DR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Doris & Lou Reedt - April 28 at 09:55 AM

DR

What great memories! David and Ashley we are truly sorry for your loss and send are deepest condolences! Much love!

Doris & Lou Reedt - April 28 at 09:56 AM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family. Annie was a beautiful soul, her parents always spoke so highly of her. I am so glad they moved to be closer to her and her family.*

William and Kari Powell

Kari Powell - April 22 at 06:45 AM

LA

“ *Annie was a wonderful person. She felt a part of family growing up as she often came on hiking days with us. Reflecting on what would have been her 63rd birthday today April 21, 2026. My sincere condolences to David, Ashley and the entire Friedman family.*



Laurie Arnold - April 21 at 05:44 PM

LA

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Laurie Arnold - April 21 at 05:45 PM

LA

“ *Annie was a wonderful person, and a true friend. We enjoyed spending special family events with her David and Ashley. We are so grateful to have created so many special memories with her.*
Laurent Aude & Manon

Laurent - April 21 at 03:46 PM

BB

“ *Dear David and family,
My deepest and heart felt condolences to you all.*

Brad

Brad B - April 20 at 07:33 PM

AG

“ I'm sorry that I've never been blessed to know this Beautiful Soul, What a truly beautiful Life. God Bless Annie Through her next journey, caring for Heavens Felines. Prayers and Blessings to all that Surround her.

Arthur Godfrey - April 19 at 07:24 AM

PB

“ Annie was a beautiful light of life! I believe that all of Chestertown is grieving her loss. She and David were so loving together. God speed and farewell.
Phyllis Brown



Phyllis Brown - April 17 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ She was one of my favorite people. We shared so many happy times for WC-All and I was lucky to often be with Annie and David on Halloween . I loved that whole family and was blessed to have them all enrich my life.

Jane E. Hukill - April 15 at 06:28 PM

TL

“ Tracy Lord lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer



Tracy Lord - April 15 at 11:50 AM

TL

“ *Annie was a beautiful soul and will be missed greatly. Sending my heartfelt condolences to David, Ashley, Herb Jr. and her father Herb... May you forever cherish your memories with her...*
Tracy Lord

Tracy Lord - April 15 at 11:49 AM

RB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ralf Bremer - April 15 at 10:59 AM

RB

“ *We are very sad that Annie has passed away. We will always cherish her memory. She was always so kind, loving, and thoughtful. We always enjoyed visiting you. Our vacation together at Lake Powell and the North Rim was a particularly wonderful time. Her memory will live on in the stories you shared and in the moments that shaped you as a family. Peace and love to Ashley and Dave from Heidi, Mike and Ralf*



Ralf Bremer - April 15 at 10:49 AM

TS

“ Hi Dave,

We - Ralf and I are really sorry to hear about this really sad news. We know —this must be such a difficult time.

Annie was always a sunshine, funny and caring. Her painting ability and creativity are fabulous. And, She was a fighter!

We remember very well on your story that you told us every time at sales meeting. That is unforgettable.

I just want you to know I'm here for you. If you need anything at all, or even just someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out.

*Thinking of you and your family.
Tan & Ralf*

Tan Surakanpinit - April 14 at 02:14 PM

HG

“ *n memory of our time together: Annie was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.*

*With love
Fee, Holger, Florian and Alexander*



Holger Gerstel - April 14 at 10:29 AM

GE

“ My beautiful, funny, adorable Annie. How much you will be missed. Our daily Wordle and Connections exchanges (you were always smarter), tea in the afternoon, riding in Pomona. Halloween in Queen Street. I was with you on 911. So many memories together. Be at peace sweet and darling good friend. Peace and love to Ashley and David.



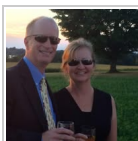
Georgina - April 14 at 10:10 AM



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Beth Ostrander - April 13 at 10:00 PM



“ My adorable, generous, funny, sweet, talented friend, Annie. She brought so much goodness and fun!



Beth Ostrander - April 13 at 08:34 PM



“ Truly a special friend! We will always love you and remember the fun times together!!



John Ostrander - April 13 at 08:23 PM

SG

“ I didn't know Annie personally, but as David's coworker, I can say that he always spoke about his beloved wife and was always very proud of her. I send his family a big hug and much strength during this time.



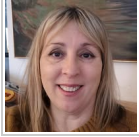
Sandra Garcia - April 13 at 08:01 PM

RG

“ The image of you and Annie in class together seemed to belong to an idealized version of a college romance. The two of you reflecting a strong emotional pull to each other, shared laughter, good will, and intelligence combined to make you both outstanding and happily memorable. Bless you.



Richard Gillin - April 13 at 07:57 PM



“ *Dorcas Coleman lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer*



Dorcas Coleman - April 13 at 07:45 PM

EH

“ *Lovely Annie will be missed by us all. We walk by her charming portrait of our dear Skipper many times a day. How lucky we were to have them both in our lives and this lovely painting. Our love to Ashley and David. 💕💕*



Ellen Hurst - April 13 at 01:23 PM

RH

Annie's presence and spirit were infectious. She had both a grounded and ethereal presence. I will miss her and her great talent. Rest in peace lovely soul. Much love to Ashley and David.

Roberta Hantgan - April 13 at 08:43 PM

TS

“ *Sending our love and deepest condolences. Todd and Diane*



Todd and Diane Smith - April 13 at 07:58 AM

JK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jane Knighton - April 12 at 06:25 PM

JK

This photo was taken at River Arts Gallery in 2017. Annie was happy and full of life. She will be missed by many.

Jane Knighton - April 12 at 06:32 PM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer



Sara & David Quinn - April 12 at 02:46 PM



“ A lovely person, who made beautiful art. Every time I saw her and stopped to chat she was smiling. The last time I saw her, maybe late fall, she was hauling paintings out of the back of her car on Cross Street, totally engaged and engaging. Gone much too soon.

Nancy Robson - April 12 at 02:01 PM

CM

“ Cissy Mcginnes lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer



Cissy Mcginnes - April 12 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer



Joan Horsey - April 12 at 09:52 AM

BH

“ Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer



Brenda Hahn - April 11 at 03:22 PM

CA

“ Courtney A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer.

Courtney A. - April 11 at 02:48 PM

CT

“ *Carroll & Carol Thompson lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer*



Carroll & Carol Thompson - April 11 at 02:28 PM

CM

“ *Chris & Kim Mapel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer.*

Chris & Kim Mapel - April 11 at 08:08 AM

CM

“ *Chris & Kim Mapel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer.*



Chris & Kim Mapel - April 11 at 08:08 AM

MC

“ *David I Am So Sorry To Read This! I Hope All Is As Well It Can Be, Many Prayers!*

Marion Chance - April 10 at 09:23 PM

KM

“ *Kimberley Mapel lit a candle in memory of Anne "Annie" Friedman Singer*



Kimberley Mapel - April 10 at 06:32 PM