

*Friends Memorial Meeting
Celebrating the Life of Anne Blackburn*

We gather today in silence to remember and celebrate the life of Anne Blackburn. We come to share our memories, thoughts and feelings. Friends believe that there is that of God in everyone. Today we seek to mark that of God that lived in Anne and to affirm those things we now carry with us.

The responsibility for the spiritual depth of this meeting rests with each attender. Those who keep silence as well as those who give a vocal message do their part when they yield their minds and hearts to the guidance of the Spirit.

As we sit in expectant silence, we may be moved to share a message. Please speak clearly and without undue length, being mindful that others may be moved to share. Everyone participates equally; all are welcome to speak. You may be moved to share prayers, poems, anecdotes or a song. Please allow a few moments of silence after someone has shared, to reflect on their message before offering yours.

We will worship for about an hour. The convener will close our worship by shaking hands with those near to her to signal all of us to shake hands with those nearby. Afterwards there will be a reception in the room next to the meeting room.

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*When it's over, I want to say; all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.*

*When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.
I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
Or full of argument.
I don't want to end up simply having visited the world.*

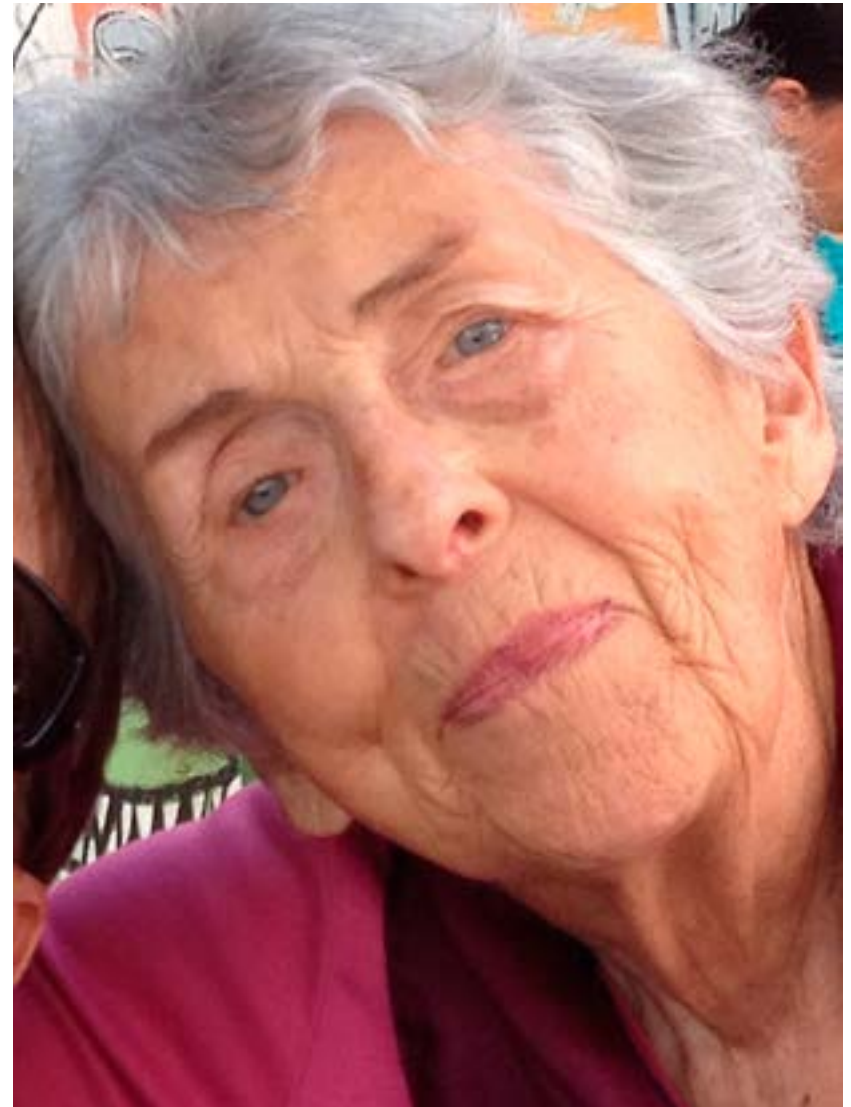
Mary Oliver
When Death Comes

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October 30, 1930 – November 20, 2019

Anne Blackburn, née Olive Anne Freeman, known as Luciana to her Subud brothers and sisters, died Wednesday 20 November 2019, age 89, at her home in El Cerrito, California, from complications associated with her long-standing heart condition. She was surrounded with love by her daughters and grandchildren and two close family friends at the time of her passing.

A loving, generous, witty and insightful person, Anne spent most of her years in proximity to the ocean, which she loved. Born 30 October 1930 she was raised at Newport Beach, California with her beloved brother Dickinson (Dick) Reed Freeman. Most of the first half of her life was spent in Southern California, living in La Jolla after her education and first teaching job, raising children there with her first husband Tiem (Harold Herman) Tiemroth, Jr. and second husband Maurice Blackburn. Daughters Suzan and Anne Margaret, and son Erik, grew up in La Jolla, regularly joined by their brothers and sisters John, Betty, Katy and Richard, born to Maurice



“Though much is taken, much abides.”

—Tennyson



*as you stand there,
empty-handed--
or have you too
turned from this world--*

*or have you too
gone crazy
for power,
for things?*

and his first wife Florence. Anne and Maurice treasured the visits of their much-loved grandchildren: Jean and Liz Blackburn, Max Joy, Lisa and Daniel Guernsey, Lucía and Roberto Hamilton, Gillian Perkins, and Mariana and Marcio Zavala. Anne's god-daughter Charlotte Plog Couto and god-buddy Bryanna Plog were always at the heart of Anne's life along with their parents Debbie and Bryan.

Luciana was opened in Subud in 1959 in Los Angeles, and was a Subud member and Helper in San Diego until 1977. The spiritual training made possible through Subud marked Luciana strongly, helping to nurture her openness to joy and her acceptance of sorrow. After her move to Friday Harbor, Luciana was active in the Subud groups at Mount Vernon and Bellingham where she developed precious friendships, participating as Regional Helper. Anne became a member of Society of Friends in 1960, deeply impressed by the social inclusivity and pacifist principles of Friends, and by the Quaker teaching that there is divine light in every person. She was a member of the La Jolla Monthly Meeting, the San Juan Island Worship Group after moving from California in 1978, and finally Berkeley's Strawberry Creek

Meeting. A dedicated teacher, Anne expressed that vocation in different ways during her rich and varied life. Her first teaching job was in Camden, New Jersey. That experience of the disturbing racial inequalities of the United States marked her deeply and helped to motivate Anne's life-long interest in egalitarian communication and social justice. While her teaching contributions ranged across age levels, from day care to adult education, Anne was consistently committed to education as a corrective to disenfranchisement, and deeply interested in the interrelation between students' emotional well-being and their capacity to learn.

In lieu of flowers, Anne suggested donations to the following organizations: The Nature Conservancy, Right Sharing of World Resources, and Subud USA.

The Sun

Mary Oliver

*Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful*

*than the way the sun,
every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon*

*and into the clouds or the hills,
or the ruffled sea,
and is gone--
and how it slides again*

*out of the blackness,
every morning,
on the other side of the world,
like a red flower*

*streaming upward on its heavenly oils,
say, on a morning in early summer,
at its perfect imperial distance--
and have you ever felt for anything
such wild love--
do you think there is anywhere, in any language,
a word billowing enough
for the pleasure*

*that fills you,
as the sun
reaches out,
as it warms you*