

# ANNE ANTHONY



Long-time AIAB member Anne Anthony passed away on September 1st, at the Youville Residence.

Anne was born in the UK, the daughter of a vicar, educated at boarding school along with her twin sister, Jennifer, who predeceased her. In Vancouver, she worked for many years as a Professor at the University of British Columbia before retirement in 2003, becoming an Associate Professor Emerita, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of Education.

During her teaching career, Anne introduced orienteering to Vancouver, writing the “Orienteering Handbook”, published in 1980 and still available.

I first met Anne when, with great trepidation, I entered the gym at Douglas Park Community Centre to begin working out. Having just joined AIAB, I took this very seriously and was so relieved to see three women in

the gym, all wearing AIAB shirts. Anne, Sally Haugen and Kathy Ireland took me under their wing and we exercised together regularly.

Anne was proud to have joined AIAB in its second year, being part of Breasting the Waves crew in False Creek. We were not on the same crew when I joined Abreast in False Creek but once we started attending regattas, we found that we lived exactly opposite other; hence began many years of car pooling to regattas and festivals. Anne paddled on several crews travelling internationally, including New Zealand in the early days of AIAB, and later to Australia for the second Breast Cancer Survivor regatta. She also enjoyed many summer festivals on composite crews, especially Nanaimo. The flower ceremony there had special significance for Anne, being the anniversary of the death of her twin sister. Being neighbours, I traded my limited computer skills for her furniture moving skills!

Anne was passionate about Abreast In A Boat and always gave 100% to her fitness and paddling. When Abreast in Richmond was launched, she joined that crew and, as always, Anne gave it her all. She was rarely seen without her camera and documented many AIAB races and events. Anne participated in carving the dragon head and always took part in the Run for the Cure. She attended many related events; Relay for Life, Cancer Foundation breakfasts and volunteered at the Cancer Agency for many years.

She was a devout Anglican and a long time member of St. Phillip’s Anglican Church in Dunbar.

Anne had a forthright manner, tempered by her trademark generous hugs. She enjoyed classical music, regular theatre trips and was an avid reader of medieval mystery novels. She also had a love of red wine!

Sadly Anne suffered metastatic cancer and latterly dementia, and was unable to paddle or participate in AIAB for the last few years. Abreast In A Boat hugely enriched Anne's life and her room at South Granville Park Lodge was full of AIAB photographs and her many medals, as had been her home previously. Although she would have said pink wasn't her color, she wore it proudly.

Jenny Silver