



Annette Jennings Scieszinski

August 10, 1955 - February 26, 2021

Annette Jennings Scieszinski, 65, completed her circle of life on February 26, 2021, dying in the embrace of family at the Monroe County Hospital after a battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born August 10, 1955, in Muscatine, Iowa; the first child of Royal Dee Jennings and Mae June (Mohnssen) Jennings. Annette grew up on the family farm, graduated from Winfield-Mt. Union Community School in 1973 as Valedictorian, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1977 from Iowa Wesleyan University Summa Cum Laude. In 1980, she earned a Law Degree from the University of Iowa, where she was a published author and editor of the Iowa Law Review.

At the University of Iowa, Annette met her best friend and soulmate, fellow University of Iowa student John Joseph Scieszinski. The two married August 12, 1979, and moved to Albia, Iowa, where Annette started her law practice and was elected Monroe County Attorney, and where John opened a dental office. Over the years, the couple welcomed four daughters, who became the center of joy in their lives. Annette and John hosted holiday dinners with the extended families for nearly 40 years, stressing importance of those relationships.

Annette was an accomplished artist, focusing her award-winning efforts in oil painting. She initiated and supported art activities in the schools and community and served as President of the Monroe County Arts Council. She

and John were active in historic preservation, sponsoring three National Register of Historic Places over time.

Annette empowered youth through her work in the schools and community. She was a 4-H leader for 25 years. She also served in various service capacities over the years for the Iowa Law School, Drake University Law School, and Iowa Wesleyan University, recently assuming the chairmanship of the Iowa Wesleyan Board of Trustees.

Annette relished her career in the law, where she could help people solve problems. She practiced law 15 years, the last 12 with the Scieszinski & Owens Law Firm, until 1996, when Governor Terry E. Branstad appointed her as a District Court Judge for the 10 counties of Iowa District 8-A. She served 20 years before retirement, and she worked as a Senior Judge for three years. In the course of Annette's judicial career, she was elected President of the Iowa Judges Association and received the Association's highest honor, the Award of Merit. On the national level, Annette attained the chairmanship of the National Conference of State Trial Judges and was a leader in judicial education with an emphasis in professional ethics.

Annette is survived by her husband Dr. John J. Scieszinski of Albia; four daughters: Lauren Marie Scieszinski, of Kingston, Tennessee; Susan Claire Scieszinski, of Centerville, Iowa; Brooke Anastasia Scieszinski of Brooklyn, New York; and Caroline Rose Scieszinski of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The Scieszinskis have four grandchildren: Emily Marie Bennett, Paige Elizabeth Bennett, and Norah Katherine Bennett of Kingston, Tennessee; and Drake Thomas Daniels of Centerville, Iowa. Survivors also include her mother, Mae June Jennings of Winfield, Iowa, sisters: Dr. Cynthia Louise Phillips of Agency, Iowa, and Barbara June Delaney of Cedar Falls, Iowa; brothers: Alvin Benjamin Jennings of Iowa City, Iowa, and Gerald Douglas Jennings of Winfield, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death

by an infant brother, Bradley James Jennings, and her father, Royal Dee Jennings.

Annette was always motivated by service to others. In a final act of service, she donated her body to science through the University of Iowa. A private family Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia with Father Mark Yates C.P.P.S. officiating. Services will be livestreamed on the Tharp Funeral Home Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Iowa Legal Aid, the Monroe County 4-H Foundation, or any charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Annette Jennings Scieszinski*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Annette Jennings Scieszinski*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family of this remarkable, talented, passionate leader in our Judiciary. Even while she was engaged in the battle that eventually took her to her reward in Heaven, she was giving of her time, talent and treasure to the American Bar Association's Judicial Division. I was inspired by her lasting commitment to informing, educating and making judges better at their role in society. I will miss her.*

Linda Strite Murnane - March 09, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Annette's entire family. She was a friend and blessing to so many. As part of the State 4-H Officer team in 1973-74, the eight of us were a great team as we were dedicated to the mission of 4-H and its members. It was an honor to serve with her, and as we all went on our life's journeys, we admired the good work Annette was doing to help so many. We were shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. As we think of her, we smile...*

Roxanne Beale Johnson, Ames, IA

Roxanne Johnson - March 06, 2021 at 02:24 PM

JO

“ So sorry for your loss, shared with so many as we read through the memories of others. Annette was a dear friend since elementary school at Winfield. I shared an early bond when she joined me in the hall outside the class room with our desks for a "time out" when we answered the exasperated teacher "Where?" when the teacher said "Take Your Seats". So many lives touched, Sweet 16 at Midwest Old Threshers, Iowa State 4H Council with my wife Gayle, Iowa Wesleyan, University of Iowa, wonderful family, stellar career. greatly missed. Jeff and Gayle Olson, Winfield

Jeff Olson - March 06, 2021 at 10:48 AM

RG

“ I knew Judge Scieszinski through the American Bar Association. She was a wonderful person and contributed greatly to our profession. She will be greatly missed. Susan and I send our deepest condolences. Judge Richard and Susan Goodwin, Fresno, CA

Richard C Goodwin - March 05, 2021 at 07:30 PM

MM

“ John,
So sorry to hear this news. A wonderful tribute to a life well lived. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. May God's peace and comfort be with you and family.

Mark Marz

mark marz - March 05, 2021 at 06:58 PM

IS

“ I had the privilege of knowing Judge Scieszinski for a number of years in the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association. She was not only a distinguished colleague but a very gracious and lovely person with whom interaction was always a pleasure. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely, Judge Ira Sandron

IRA SANDRON - March 05, 2021 at 03:41 PM

IS

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



March 05, 2021 at 02:25 PM

AB

“ I am so saddened to hear of Judge Scieszinski's passing. She was a wonderful colleague in the American Bar Association Judicial Division. When I became Chair of the Judicial Division I asked her to be Program Chair. Although she discussed her health situation, she wanted to do this work; and she did it beautifully and professionally as she did everything not only in her profession but in her life. Judge Scieszinski was held in the highest esteem by her colleagues in the Judicial Division. I so much enjoyed meeting Lauren and John at some of our conferences. I hold you all in my heart.

Judge Ann Breen-Greco

Ann Breen-Greco - March 05, 2021 at 02:12 PM

AA

“ John, Sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Her obituary described a woman ahead of her time who made a difference in the lives of many. May the memories you cherish bring all of you peace. Ana Arnold, College of Dentistry

Ana Arnold - March 05, 2021 at 09:30 AM

BP

John, I am so sorry for your loss.
Praying for you and your family during this difficult time.
Bob Pusey

Bob Pusey - March 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KH

John, I just read of Annette's passing in the Purple and White. I can't tell you how sad I am to read this. I met Annette through 4-H and then at Wesleyan, but kinda knew of her in school. I went to Danville. I will always remember having her in speech class at Wesleyan and thinking of her as Miss Sunshine. She always brought sunshine into the room. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am so glad I got to know her and could call her a friend.

Kathi Hunt - July 18, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



March 04, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



March 04, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *John, so sorry to have learned of Annette’s passing. To have endured pancreatic cancer for four years is indicative of what a fighter she was. You and your daughters will be in our prayers.*

Mike and Connie

Mike and Connie Haluska - March 04, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Annette has been a good friend and admired colleague of mine since 1977 when I met her on our first day as fellow freshman at the University of Iowa Law School. Her poise, intellect, kind heart, and generosity of spirit are the things that she shared with everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. I am grateful for her friendship and am deeply saddened by her passing. My wife Janice and I extend our condolences to her family and pray that her memory and spirit provide comfort to them now and forever.*

As a judge, she faithfully upheld the law and fairly administered justice to all that came before her. No higher tribute can be said of anyone who serves as a judge. She was a role model of faith, family, service, and professionalism. I am grateful to have known her and to have been her colleague for the past 44 years.

Sincerely, Senior Judge Gary R. Noneman

Gary R. Noneman - March 04, 2021 at 05:25 PM

TJ

“ Terry And Sharon Jost lit a candle in memory of Annette Jennings Scieszinski



Terry and Sharon Jost - March 04, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



March 04, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



March 04, 2021 at 07:57 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Annette was such a trooper and a pioneer for female judges under, sometimes, trying circumstances. She not only set an example for all judges, but she also set the standard for women on the bench and it is a tough standard, as it should be. Annette was a model jurist.

When Annette and I were both county attorneys, we handled each other's conflict cases, the cases too small for the Area Prosecutions to drive from Des Moines to mess with. When I handled a case for Annette, she was always gracious and made sure I had complete information and would not be caught unawares. She crossed all the "t"s and dotted all the "i"s. She was both super smart and practical, characteristics that do not necessarily go hand-in-hand.

There are few people in this world who possess all the talents Annette displayed. Annette was gracious to a fault (Southern lady style), intelligent, but never overbearing, and artistic on top of everything else. She had a wonderful sense about people and always made one feel welcome and heard. Even during her fight with cancer, she remained a beautiful lady, both inside and out.

Please accept these condolences during what must be a difficult time. This is a terrible loss, not only for you as her family, but also for everyone that knew her and the State of Iowa. Annette will be sorely missed.

Judge Martha Mertz

Martha Mertz - March 03, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



March 03, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for Annette. She was a great example of leadership in Iowa. A woman who was involved in many aspects of the community and the state and contributed much to make Iowa what it is.*

*Former Iowa State Senator,
David P. Miller, Batavia, Iowa*

David Miller - March 03, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ *Judge Scieszinski was a wonderful role model and colleague. My deepest condolences to her family and friends, especially her daughter Susan who was one of my students at Drake Law.*

Ellen Yee - March 03, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *Annette was a model judge. She elevated the judiciary with clarity and reasoning of her decisions. She aided public understanding of the judiciary with occasional editorials in the Ottumwa Courier. She led professional judicial associations with creative insight and vigor. As a former colleague, I shall miss her sincere friendship.*
Gene Glenn, ret. Juvenile judge

Gene Glenn - March 03, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



March 03, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Judge Scieszinski's passing. She was a very intelligent, caring, and compassionate person and judge. I never saw her at any judicial function without a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She was what a judge and a person should be. Her example of how to be the very best will be a continuous model for us all. I am so very sad and sorry.*

Scott Rosenberg - March 03, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *I was one of Annette's law school classmates in the University of Iowa class of 1980. While I was not a close friend, I will always remember her kindness toward everyone in the class. I can imagine that she would have been an excellent judge treating everyone she touched with respect.*

Dick George - March 03, 2021 at 09:30 AM



Annette was my colleague as a prosecutor, and later a judge before whom I appeared. She was accomplished at both; a credit to her profession and a lovely person. My condolences to her family.

Tom H. Miller - March 03, 2021 at 11:05 AM

TR

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Trinity - March 02, 2021 at 07:51 PM

TB

Judge Scieszinski schooled the instructor along with the rest of us at this event, humbly as always. I truly enjoyed working with her on the Client Security Commission. She was a master collaborator and it was impossible not to be inspired by her. I will forever be grateful for the lessons she taught me, not the least of which is that it's possible to be assertive, kind, and successful at the same time.

Trinity Braun-Arana - March 02, 2021 at 09:32 PM

PK

I worked in the Clerk's office in Appanoose County, Centerville, Iowa for 30 years.. I always enjoyed visiting with Judge Scieszinski when she was in our courthouse in Appanoose County. She was an awesome, most personable person as well as an excellent Judge in our county & I feel honored to have known her although her life ended way to soon! My sympathy to all of her family & May she Rest In Peace.

P Jane Kruzich - March 03, 2021 at 12:27 AM

TA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Judge Scieszinski. She was an amazing judge and mentor to young attorneys. I enjoyed our conversations while I was working in Wapello County and at Blackstone Inn of Court meetings. She always made an effort to make whomever she was interacting with, whether attorneys or even criminal defendants, feel important and valued. I will always appreciate the encouragement she gave me over the years.*

Thomas Augustine - March 02, 2021 at 07:35 PM

EG

“ *Annette's light and spirit will continue with powerful impact. Her wise and thoughtful perspective, zest and enthusiasm, kindness and beauty will forever be meaningful examples of genuine service and caring. Her circle of influence is broad; many lives carry her touch and are the better for it. Annette made a significant positive difference. It was our honor and privilege to know her.* ”

Elizabeth Garrels - March 02, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Annette inspired me to be the best PEO sister!! She didn't just participate in PEO she was a leader and sought out to make Chapter H the best!! She supported me when I was President and I grew out of the experience. RIP Annette* ❤️ ”

Susan Ammons - March 02, 2021 at 02:34 PM

CW

“ *Christy Wiley lit a candle in memory of Annette Jennings Scieszinski* ”



Christy Wiley - March 02, 2021 at 12:22 PM

CW

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Judge Scieszinski. Sincerely,
Morrissey Law Offices, Fairfield, Iowa*

Christy Wiley - March 02, 2021 at 12:23 PM

KD

“ *Annette was a wonderful friend of the Arts and multi-talented. We shared many happy times at art festivals. She was an inspiration and truly admired by all.*

Kay Doyle - March 02, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MS

“ *My deepest condolences to John and the Scieszinski family. I got to know Annette when we were both State 4-H officers in 1973-74. She was a great officer, with a very high-profile role, and was a terrific ambassador for 4-H, both then and later. Like Annette, I became a lawyer, and while I never appeared before her, I was always pleased to hear from my partners about what a great judge Annette was, how respected she was in the profession, and the excellence of her work. Having seen her in action in 4-H, I wasn't surprised to hear the accolades. A remarkable person. She will be missed.*

Mike Stewart - March 01, 2021 at 10:26 PM

GA

“ *I am so sad for Annette and her beautiful family. We served together in the ABA National Conference and I know how proud she was of her beautiful daughters and how devoted she was to her husband. Annette was gracious and kind and when we discussed legal issues she was thoughtful, diplomatic, and wise. I know she made life better for many through her good works. She is gone too soon, and will be missed. Gail Andler*

Gail Andler - March 01, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



March 01, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Cheryl A Gray lit a candle in memory of Annette Jennings Scieszinski*



Cheryl A Gray - March 01, 2021 at 05:11 PM



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Iowa Wesleyan University - March 01, 2021 at 03:39 PM



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TJ

“ *Annette was a sincerely kind and generous person. I am honored to have been one of her classmates in law school. My deepest sympathy to her family for their loss.*

Tim Jarman

Tim Jarman - March 01, 2021 at 03:37 PM

 Mary
Roth

“ *My sincere condolences to John and the Scieszinski family. I knew Annette in law school We had a lot of good times and I will always remember her kindness, humor, and intelligence. I know she will be greatly missed.*

Mary Roth - March 01, 2021 at 03:16 PM

AR

“ Sincerest condolences to Annette’s family and friends. I agree with all the wonderful comments which have already been shared. Annette was a great friend to all, and she joined the women Judges in Polk County on many fun occasions. We had a blast at the Bench-Bar Conferences, especially when we did group painting projects. I looked forward to seeing her at Blackstone Inn of Court dinners each month. I admired and respected her and will miss her forever.

Artis Reis - March 01, 2021 at 02:57 PM

TB

“ My condolences to Judge Scieszinski’s family. I loved getting to know her over the past few years and was always charmed and impressed by her warmth and gracious demeanor. She exemplified the very best of our profession

Tara van Brederode - March 01, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ I am shocked and very saddened by Judge Scieszinski's death. She was a terrific person. I knew her from Judicial Division of the ABA (an organization to which she made immeasurable contributions). She did an incredibly job arranging a program that we did on special masters at the 2019 Iowa Bench and Bar Conference. She not only knocked herself out, she used her terrific experience to frame the conversation in the way that would most appeal to an audience of Iowa judges. I wish I had appeared in front of her as a lawyer. I'm sure she was wonderful as judge because she was so obviously wonderful as human being. I'm very sorry for your loss!

Merril Hirsh

Merril Hirsh - March 01, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JW

“ Annette was one of the earliest interns in the Johnson County Attorney's Office. It was quite evident then that she was headed for a remarkable legal career. She more than fulfilled those expectations. Her death is truly a loss for the entire State of Iowa. In addition to her brilliance as a lawyer and judge, she was in every sense a wonderful, compassionate person--one who you always enjoyed a visit with. To John and all of Annette's family, I'm very sorry for your loss. Pat

J. Patrick White - March 01, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



March 01, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JR

“ Annette was truly a star in the Iowa Judges Association. She was a tireless worker on every project she was involved in. She was a joy to work with as we led as officers of the Association, and she, above all, was deserving of the Award of Merit. Her voice and leadership will be greatly missed. Your family may be truly proud of the legacy that she has left behind. My family will be praying for your family as you live on to honor her as we will.



Judge Steve Clarke, Ret. - March 01, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TW

“ Annette's passing is a tremendous loss to all lowans but she lives on in the memories of so many whose lives she touched. I can't think of a better role model for the profession of law and the judiciary. She spoke truth to power. She was an exemplary jurist and tremendously generous with her time, energy and creativity. Thanks to her, we had many successful statewide Bench-Bar conferences. She was a perfect choice to launch Iowa's Business Specialty Court , to lead the Iowa Judge's Association, and to represent our State at the highest levels nationally. Her courage during her struggle with cancer will forever inspire me. Justice
Thomas Waterman

Thomas Waterman - March 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JF

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. Very happy to have met Annette through our work with the Iowa State Bar Association. She was a very talented person and I am sure you, all of her beautiful family, and all of her colleagues will miss her dearly.

Joe Feller

Joe Feller - March 01, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JS

“ Talented , energetic , and kind are but a few adjectives that describe Annette... it was always my pleasure to interact with her both as a member of the bar and bench ... John we are sorry for her loss to you and your family and to the ISBA ... jc & trudy salvo

jc salvo - March 01, 2021 at 11:38 AM

MN

“ As you mourn the loss of your dear wife and mother, please be comforted in knowing that Annette made a great difference in this world in a life that was lived in the service of others. We came up through the Iowa Bar together first as Young Lawyers, then the senior bar serving so many years together on boards, committees, and judicial commissions. I did not know of her illness, or would have reached out to her as she has always done with kindness and support.
Her leadership, wisdom, and service are now her legacy. She will be greatly missed by so many that you do not know of, who you have never met. She touched so many. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Mary Lynn Neuhaus - March 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM

DW

“ Judge Scieszinski devoted her life providing public service to the citizens of Iowa. She was one of a kind and her death is a great loss for the people of Iowa. The people of Iowa will miss her.

*With deepest sympathies,
David Wiggins*

David Wiggins - March 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM

JO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I once practiced in front of Judge Scieszinski and found her to be very kind and fair. She will be missed.
Jane Odland

Jane Odland - March 01, 2021 at 11:13 AM

DT

“ Beautiful Annette! One of my best oldest and best friends! We shared dorm life at IWC, PI Beta Phi sorority memories and rituals, and laughter. But her essence, that intangible part of her being, was felt by so many. I extend condolences to her family and friends. This world is better because of her in it.

Dawn Thimm - March 01, 2021 at 11:05 AM

DP

“ Sorry to hear of this loss to our profession, her community and family. I met her when she first was appointed Judge, and even a couple of years ago, she still remembered me and talked to me at seminars and meetings. I did not get to work with her, but enjoyed several presentations she made. My sympathies to her family and friends.



Deborah Petersen

Deborah Petersen - March 01, 2021 at 11:01 AM

AP

“ Judge Scieszinski was smart, talented, graceful, and tireless. She left too soon—my deepest sympathy.

Alfredo Parrish

alfredo Parrish - March 01, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed. I have worked several years with Judge Scieszinski on committees and she was just an amazing person. Judge Scieszinski always had such a positive attitude. She was creative, smart, funny, strong, and just such a good person. She was a talented artist. I admired her very much.

Christy Cronin - March 01, 2021 at 10:35 AM

JF

“ Jason & Traci Bender and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



Jason & Traci Bender and Family - March 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ Such an amazing person who did so much for others in her service as a judge and in her volunteer work, especially for us at Iowa Wesleyan. I had the blessing of having her as the Chair of our Mission/ Academic Affairs group for my first three years of my career and she was so amazingly supportive and helpful. Later, she was an amazing Chair of our Trustees and the support she showed all of us was so refreshing.

This is a great loss to all of us in Iowa, but my heartfelt prayers are to her beautiful family who she absolutely loved and adored. Sending Peace and Love their way especially in these challenging days.

DeWayne Frazier - March 01, 2021 at 09:56 AM

LW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Annette in law school when she was a law review editor. Her kindness and caring came through in her work then and continued to shine in all her professional and other efforts. She was lovely in and out. My sympathy to you all for your loss of of such a beautiful and kind person.

Lu Ann White

Lu Ann White - March 01, 2021 at 09:03 AM

SB

“ One of the kindest people and wisest judges I have known.

Senior Judge Robert J. Blink - March 01, 2021 at 07:41 AM

KC

“ John, I am so saddened to read about the death of Annette. My sympathy and prayers are with you and your daughters.

Kit Dinneen Crane

Kit Dinneen Crane - February 28, 2021 at 09:25 PM

MS

“ Myself, and my colleagues at Iowa Legal Aid are so sorry to hear of this tremendous loss to our community. My thoughts of Annette bring a smile to my face, in her passion for justice and huge expenditure of time nurturing and supporting young attorneys. She will be greatly missed

Michelle Hoyt Swanstrom - February 28, 2021 at 07:09 PM

MC

I first met Annette when she was on the State 4-H Council. She was a lovely person.

Marla Carr - March 01, 2021 at 09:34 AM

MC

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Marla Carr - March 01, 2021 at 09:35 AM

BK

Annette was a bright star of our 1980 class at the U of I law school. But more important than her considerable legal talents were her personal ones. She always had a smile and kind word for everyone. If your path happened to cross Annette's, your day was always better. The Kempkeses send their deepest sympathies to the Scieszinskis.

Bruce, Jill & Graeme Kempkes - March 01, 2021 at 10:57 PM

MM

Annette was a very special lady. I treasured working with her in 4-H activities, sorority, and community events. Prayers to John and the girls.

Margaret Mordan

Margaret Mordan - March 02, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



February 28, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



February 28, 2021 at 04:25 PM

MF

“ My deep condolences to John and Annette's entire family. I have been privileged to know Annette as a jurist, a P.E.O. and Pi Phi sister, and friend. She met every opportunity and challenge with grace and diplomacy. She served unselfishly in a variety of ways that touched the lives of so many; we are all better for having known her.

Mary Garrels Funk

Mary Funk - February 28, 2021 at 04:17 PM

GD

“ John and family, we were saddened to learn of Annette's passing. It was a pleasure to get to know you both, through Annette's involvement in P.E.O. and a shared enjoyment of Venice, Florida. We will remember her as a bright spirit, gifted artist, and friend.
Glenda and Jeff Dixon

Glenda Jeff Dixon - February 28, 2021 at 03:36 PM



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February 28, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Annette's passing. She was a compassionate lawyer who inspired many in the profession, including me. My thoughts are with Annette's family along with prayers for the peace that passes all understanding

Kimberly Stamatelos - February 28, 2021 at 03:27 PM

MH

“ It was my honor and privilege to have known and worked with Annette through P.E.O. and as a Trustee of Iowa Wesleyan University where Annette was Chairman of the Board. She truly was a class act and will be greatly missed.

Meinda Huisinga - February 28, 2021 at 02:41 PM

NG

“ I am heartbroken at Annette's passing. She was a dear friend, caring heart and amazing creative adventurous spirit. She will be missed by so many in Iowa, the community and by family & friends. Sending love & condolences to the family....

Nell Gates - February 28, 2021 at 12:52 PM

LM

“ Lauren and Family,
We want to express our sincere condolences. I know you spoke of your mother often and how wonderful she was. May she rest in peace and you find comfort in your memories.

Montanari Family

Lisa Montanari - February 28, 2021 at 09:03 AM

CB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Annette's family. She was much admired, and always an example of collegiality and professionalism. She will be missed, but will continue to inspire lawyers & judges to do our best — as in the Book of Daniel “ And those that instruct many in the ways of justice shall shine like the stars forever.” Peace be with you.

Celeste Bremer - February 28, 2021 at 01:03 AM

PM

“ Deepest sympathy to John and family. I was a 5th grade Teacher in Lincoln Middle school. I remember Annette as her children went through the the grades very kind supportive person and parent. She always had nice comments to the teachers and deep interest in Arts and History. I especially remember Annette mentoring my daughter on her journey through college and Law School. May you rest in peace. Patricia Good Mellerick who now lives in Cobh Ireland.

Patricia Good Mellerick - February 28, 2021 at 12:44 AM

VS

“ Such a beautiful lady inside and out! Keeping all of the family in my thoughts and prayers!

Valerie Selby Small - February 28, 2021 at 12:38 AM

CP

“ On behalf of the Iowa Wesleyan University community, I extend deepest condolences to John, Lauren, Susan, Brooke, Caroline, and Annette's entire extended family. Annette has left a lasting mark on the University through her early years as a student, her engagement with the Alumni Association and the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and most recently through her dedicated and selfless leadership as Chair of our Board of Trustees. She was a friend and mentor to me and many others, and she will be deeply missed.

Christine Plunkett

Christine Plunkett - February 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



February 27, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies and prayers to John and the whole family, for such a profound loss. She was a dear friend, a respected and accomplished judge, a woman of many talents, and a dedicated servant to her family, colleagues and community. The good memories are many, and may they be a comfort in the years to come.*

Roxann Ryan

Roxann Ryan - February 27, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.*



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“ *So very sorry!
Many thoughts and prayers to John, the girls and grandkids.
Annette was always a kind, classy lady!*

Rob & Jolene Abrahamson - February 27, 2021 at 09:34 PM

DS

“ Our sympathy to you John and your four beautiful daughters. Dave knew Annette through their shared love of the Albia school system and I knew the ladies. Annettes leadership and community involvement will be missed by all.
May our good Lord take wonderful care of the Judge and May the family take solice in knowing Annette is free of pain and with our Father.

dave and anne sextro - February 27, 2021 at 07:55 PM

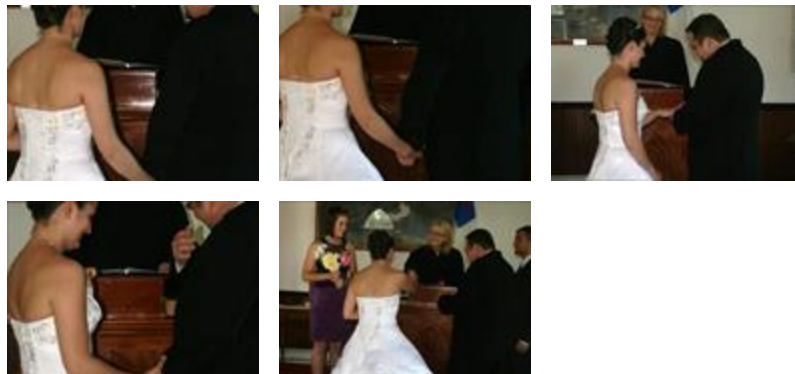
JD

“ We were saddened to hear of Annette's passing. She fought a long battle with such grit and determination and was admired by all who knew her. Enjoyed her eagerness in participating in the dance recital each year. We have lost a beautiful soul, and God's gained an angel!! Sincere Sympathy to you all!!

Jerry & Diane Durian - February 27, 2021 at 07:49 PM

LG

“ She was great to work for and always welcoming when I was in your home. She was so gracious every time I saw her. Let me know if I can do anything.



Lacy Glosser - February 27, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers* was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



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“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Annette Jennings Scieszinski.



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