



## Ann Hawthorne Humphreys

February 19, 1953 - May 4, 2011

Ann Hawthorne Humphreys, 58, is now singing at the feet of Jesus, her “Great Reward.” After having faithfully run her race in this life to the glory of her Savior, Ann entered His presence Wednesday evening, May 4, surrounded by her beloved family. Born February 19, 1953, in Shreveport, LA to Amos and Helen Hawthorne, Ann grew up in Lufkin, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, Magna Cum Laude, with a B.A. in Special Education. She married Steve Humphreys on November 29, 1975 and they lived most of their married lives in Rockford, IL. She filled her life with the people and activities she loved and she taught others to do the same. Ann, first and foremost a committed wife and mother, taught all four of their children at home, was a freelance artist, teacher and tutor, a youth leader in her church, and was involved in Starlight Theatre for over 20 years. She was an inspiration to all who knew her as she continued to live a full, joy-filled life despite a 5-year battle with cancer.

She will be deeply missed by her husband, Steve and four children, Stefanie, Sarah, Samantha, and John and son-in-law, David Brickey. She was also surrounded by the love of her four grandchildren, Sofia, Ava, Camille and Jude, her brother, Michael Hawthorne and her sister Gayle Bender and their families, parents-in-law John and Sally Humphreys, sisters-in-laws JoAnne Jury, Tammy Johnston, Elizabeth Humphreys, brother-in-law Ben Humphreys and their spouses and families. Services will be held at First Baptist Church of

Machesney Park, 718 Harlem Road, on Sunday, April 8, 2011 with the visitation from 3:30-6:30pm and the memorial starting at 6:30.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
718 Harlem Road  
Machensey Park, IL 61115

## Service

MAY 8. 6:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Humpheys Family,  
Ann is now with the angels, watching over you. i will never forget sharing the stage with Ann in 2008, right before going on the opening night of Jonah-we were right next to each other and the momemt before stepping on stage was so powerful, knowing the journey that Ann had made to get through the rehearsals and I felt so blessed to be on stage with her for that run. Ann's smile and outlook was always so positive. She is still an inspiration to me and to all whose life's were touched by her. She will be truly missed, but always remember that her spirit will always be here and she will be smiling down on us. While I can't be there today, you are all in my prayers during this most difficult time.

Chris Berndt

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