



Eleanor Ann Day

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Eleanor Ann Day, 77, born August 10, 1938, in El Paso, Texas. Died May 7, 2016 as the result of injuries suffered in a traffic accident. Day was a longtime public official, serving as Pima County Supervisor from 2000 to 2012. She was elected to the Arizona State Senate for 10 years where she served as the Majority Whip and Chair of the Senate Health Committee. Her work in the Senate included involvement in HMO reform and creation of Arizona's Patient's Bill of Rights. She received her B.A. in Education from ASU in 1970 and her M.Ed. in counseling and guidance from the U of A in 1972. She served on the Pima County Conciliation Court from 1972 to 1982. She was a lifelong member of the Republican Party and was the first woman to be appointed to serve on the State Industrial Commission. She also served on the State Liquor Board. In the 1970s, she taught in Phoenix's Alhambra School District and was a substitute teacher in the Tucson Unified School District. She served on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Arizona and the Girls Club of Tucson. She served on the Governor's Task Force on Marriage and the Family. She was a sustaining member of the Junior League of Tucson and was recently named one of the 48 most influential women in Arizona history. The daughter of a pioneering ranching family, Day grew up on the Lazy B Ranch in eastern Arizona. The working cattle ranch was started by her grandfather, HC Day in 1880 and was in her family for 114 years. Day served on the board of directors of the Lazy B, and worked as a cowgirl on the ranch throughout the early years of her life. She is survived by her brother, Alan Day; sister, Sandra Day O'Connor; son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Kim Simpson of Cottonwood, Arizona; son, Curtis Simpson, of Tucson; daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Adam Watters, Tucson; grandchildren, Caitlin Watters, Courtland Watters, Cassandra Watters, Matt Simpson and Shiloh Patton; nephews, Scott O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, Brian O'Connor and Hollis Alan Day; niece, Marina Day. A



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Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Brandi Fenton Park at 10:00 am.



Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, May 14, 2016

 10:00 AM MT

 **Brandi Fenton Memorial Park**
3482 E. River Rd., Tucson AZ 85718





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Elaine Mason Siebert lit a candle in honor of Eleanor.



May 15 at 3:22 AM

JW Jill Watters May 23 at 8:25 AM
Thank you.



William A. Buehl posted:

Our sincere sympathy to members of the Ann Day family. Ann was a dedicated public servant, Arizona State Senator, as well as a Supervisor for Pima County. I served in the Arizona State Legislature with Scott Alexander as well as Sandra Day O'Connor.(1962-1974). The Day family has a rich history in Arizona. Ann was part of that proud legacy, may her soul rest in peace.Mr. & Mrs. W.A. "Tony" Buehl

May 15 at 3:04 AM

JW Jill Watters May 23 at 8:27 AM
Thank you for your kind words during this difficult time.



Gail Mason Solis lit a candle in honor of Eleanor.



May 15 at 1:48 AM

JW Jill Watters May 23 at 8:30 AM
Thank you for your kind thoughts about my mom. Of course I remember your father (he and Nancy came to my wedding 26 years ago in Tucson) and I spoke with him a little bit after the service at my mom's house. I am glad you have fond memories of the Day family. Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers.

GS Gail Mason Solis May 15 at 1:52 AM
I am Don Masons daughter Gail. I am so sorry for your loss. I had not seen Ann since I was a young girl, but always remember her and her mother, father, brother and sister at the Lazy B. my father shares many good memories with us of his life growing up with them all. RIP Ann



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Dr. And Mrs Gordon Goodyear posted:

Ann helped us get a traffic HAWK system in front of Orange Grove Middle School. When I told her how hard it was for the kids to cross, and the guard was in danger every day...she found money to install this system. It has been a blessing. She also helped us in our neighborhood Shadow Hills on Orange Grove and 1st. She will be greatly missed. The ceremony today was a great tribute to Ann. Dr. and Mrs Gordon Goodyear

May 14 at 7:37 AM



Jill Watters May 23 at 8:35 AM

Thank you for your comment. It has been heartwarming to hear so many people tell me how much my mom helped them with issues in their neighborhood. My mom had two grandchildren go to Orange Grove Middle School and one of them was there when they did the groundbreaking for the HAWK light. I am glad you liked the service, we felt it went well and she would have liked it. Thank you again.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eleanor by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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