



## Anna Marie Starks-Blanchard

February 3, 1973 - August 30, 2025

Graveside services for Anna Marie Starks-Blanchard, 52, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, September 4, 2025, at Enoch Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Wednesday, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Anna was born on February 3, 1973, in Longview, Texas, to Ray Albert Starks and Lana June Prince Starks and passed through the veil on August 30, 2025, in Longview, Texas.

Anna held first chair trumpet in the Springhill High School Jazz Band and played competitively. She was also in the marching band, and they performed in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida. Anna worked as a registered nurse in the cardiac unit for over 20 years. She married William Blanchard on May 13, 2022. Anna was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, William Blanchard; daughter, Ariel Venable; parents, Ray and Lana Starks; grandfather, William "Bill" Starks; and her brothers, Jerry Starks and Steven Starks.

Pallbearers will be Steven Starks, Brian Starks, Jacob Starks, Ariel Venable, Jack Starks, Gary Starks, and James Hunter.

Please visit Anna's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Enoch Cemetery

3214 FM 49  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
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## Graveside Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anna Marie Starks-Blanchard*



McWhorter Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Anna's passing. We were classmates from Kindergarten through graduation at Spring Hill. We were in the band together as well and she was an exceptional trumpet player. Anna was always so kind and had a really funny wit about her as well. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family during this difficult time.*



Leslie Weisinger Paull - September 08, 2025 at 02:42 PM



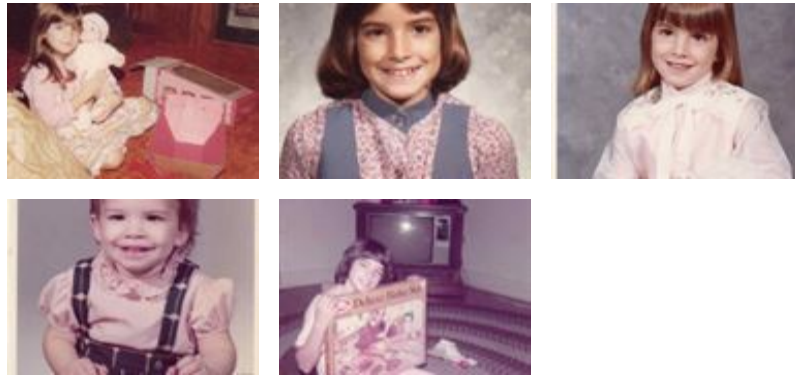
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McWhorter Funeral Home - September 04, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ 263 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anna Marie Starks-Blanchard.*



September 03, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Angela, Kelley, Alena & Russell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Anna Marie Starks-Blanchard.*



Angela, Kelley, Alena & Russell - September 02, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Lana, Uncle Ray, Jerry, Steven,  
Ariel, and William,



*When Aunt Joan called me tell me about  
sweet Anna's passing, I was in total shock.*

*Not sweet Anna, she is far too young to pass and I felt heart sick for  
all of you. I pray that you all get through this difficult time and draw  
closer to our Heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus Christ. Look for  
the little things & blessings that Anna touched in each of your lives.  
Focus on all the good she did.*

*My main memory of Anna is her being a humble, sweet, kind, shy  
girl with a heart of gold. Very close to Lana, the apple of Ray's eye  
and big brothers who looked out for her. I know ya'll still look out for  
each other which is such a blessing.*

*Last night as I lay in bed thinking about Anna, I couldn't help but  
think about who would there to greet her on the other side, and I  
could totally see Mema being the one welcoming her home, with her  
arms wide open and giving her a big hug and kisses, making her  
feel safe and happy with her and our Savior.*

*I hope this image can bring peace to your hearts.*

*Sending Love, Hugs, and Prayers to Each of You.*

*Your niece and cousin,*

*Angela Payne*

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**Angela Payne** - August 31, 2025 at 08:28 PM

KD

“ *My deepest condolences Aunt Lana & Uncle Ray. I'm Norman & Carol Ward's daughter. My name is now Kelley Danette. My best memories of growing up was getting to spend time with Memaw and all our cousins. Especially our hilarious Aunt Lana. My prayers are with you and Anna's family. 💔 I love you all very much.*



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**Kelley Danette** - August 31, 2025 at 06:59 PM

KD

*Growing up with our cousins was really the only time in my life I truly cherished and felt loved. Anna will definitely be missed by all. 💖*

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**Kelley Danette** - August 31, 2025 at 07:21 PM