

ANN LAWTHOM MBE 1939 - 2015

Ann was born on 4th October, 1939 and died in December, 2015. Ann was married and had two daughters and three grand-children.

Ann was Head-teacher of Rhondda Special School, where she brought education and happiness to her pupils and their families. Ann worked hard to integrate her pupils into the local community, and raised money for equipment for the school, to create an adventure playground, hydrotherapy pool and a sensory garden.

In 1995 Ann spear-headed a major charity campaign and raised £57,000 to provide a brand new school hall. Even took a group of pupils on holidays to Romania and Disneyland, Paris; not to mention day trips and caravan holidays in Wales.



Ann joined Soroptimist International Rhondda Club in 1996, and was presented with Soroptimist International Woman of the Community Award on 22nd March, 1996.

Ann was awarded an MBE in the New Years Honours List 1997, and went to London with her husband and daughters for the ceremony



Ann was Justice of the Peace for Pontypridd. In 2000 Ann was inaugurated as President of Soroptimist International Rhondda Club.

During her year as President Ann was instrumental in raising funds towards the first M.R.I. Scanner for East Glamorgan Hospital.

When Soroptimist International Rhondda Club folded, Ann joined Soroptimist International Pontypridd & District Club, where she was an active and valued member until her death.

Ann's mantra was: **"Be Happy!"**

