

## AC – Obit

Born: Bombay January 1938 into an old colonial family. Beloved father, Rodney Chase, had to train to be an officer in the Royal Indian Army to fight in WWII. Ann's first memory, aged around 3, was from Dehradun in the Himalayan foothills, where her father was stationed to do his training, that stayed vividly alive in her throughout her long life.

Brought to London aged 13 in 1951 where she gradually adapted to life in the *West* but, her Indian roots deeply embedded in the *Mataram*, remained in her until her death. She lived with her father – a Major and MC bestowed for his conduct during WWII – until his early death when Ann was 16. Prior to that he had resumed his successful architectural practice in London, which had to be given up in Bombay during WWII.

As a cradle Catholic all her schooling was in convents under the devoted care of the nuns who looked after her education and well-being. At the Sorbonne in the later 1950s, meeting Lévi-Strauss eventually led to her taking anthropology at the LSE – physical anthropology becoming imprinted as a life-long interest.

Started first Jungian analysis in her early 20s which she took to immediately and came to realize it was her *calling*. As part of training as a psychoanalyst, she did a first stint as a therapist; then spent years working in psychiatry, which she had to leave in order to focus on building up her psychoanalytic practice. Attended the first *Neuropsychanalytic* conference in 2000 at the London Royal College of Surgeons, which led to her functioning as a *Neuropsychanalyst* as well as a Jungian psychoanalyst steeped in *archetypal* and *developmental* theory and practice, that also incorporated *Contemporary Freudian, Kleinian* and *Neo-Kleinian, Lacanian* as well as *CBT* approaches.

A full personal life included her four adored children Jane, twins Alexy and Caroline, and Jason Armitage from her first marriage. Second marriage to the award-winning science writer, Richard Casement, who died suddenly aged 40 at their holiday home in Deia.

Her dedication to her *analysands* and *supervisees* was paramount and she worked worldwide well into old age supported by the love of her children, many friends and colleagues. Particularly grateful to Joe Cambray for his long and close friendship, who was her choice to write an obit on her if it would seem of interest.

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