



Anita Bonneau Roy

April 20, 1941 - January 18, 2018

Lewiston- Anita C. Bonneau Roy of Sunrise Lane, Auburn passed away peacefully on Thursday January 18 at d'Youville Pavilion after a long courageous battle with ALS. She spent the last 28 months of her life at d'Youville attended to daily by her loving husband Regis. Her gentle spirit and winning ways attracted almost constant visits to her bedside by her children, her brother and sisters, friends, and patients at the facility. Anita and her family were especially delighted by the frequent visits from members of the staff from all over the facility, including former caretakers who often brought their children when they visited. She will be dearly missed.

Anita was born in Lewiston on April 20, 1941 to Victor O. Bonneau and Alberta C. (Levesque) Bonneau. She attended Holy Family School and then went on to St. Dominic High School. Although she was only 16 when her father died suddenly in 1957, she joined forces with her mother and grandmother to help raise her four younger siblings. She excelled in this dual role of surrogate mother/elder sister, and served at both for the rest of her life. She continued her studies at St. Dominic's and graduated in 1959. She then went on to St. Mary's School of Nursing (1961) where she earned an RN degree.

In 1962, she married Regis D. Roy thus beginning a love story that lasted 55 years. Their first child was born the following year and the other four soon followed. She worked as an RN at St. Mary's General Hospital for several years, switching to private duty nursing when her childcare duties became more demanding. After a few years, she turned her full attention to raising the five children. She was a superb mother, excelling at all aspects of this most important role, from 6 am hockey practice driver to late night homework helper, finding time to nurture the children, and support her husband. She managed these tasks, plus the cooking, cleaning, and laundry, without complaint and with her sense of humor intact.

She was also the spiritual guide of the family, as evidenced by the children's nickname for her which was "St. Anita". Attendance at Mass each Sunday at Holy Cross Church was mandatory. She served on the Parish Council at

Holy Cross, and was Den Mother to her sons' Cub Scout troops. She was rewarded for her efforts by seeing all five children become good productive adults with families of their own.

The family moved to Taylor Pond in 1983. The patterns of the family's existence changed, boat rides at dusk in the Summer and skating and snowman building in the Winter. Anita's year-round favorite was cooking a huge dinner every Sunday night without knowing if anyone would be coming to dinner. Inevitably children, grandchildren, siblings, or friends would appear, and the feast would be consumed. She treasured her eight grandchildren and doted over them constantly. Anita shopped for bargains year-round, and amassed a huge stash of gifts to be given to family and friends on birthdays and at Christmas. She was a rabid fan of all the New England sports teams. After the children had grown, she joined Regis and son Michael working at Roy's Foodland, the family's business on Broad Street in Auburn.

Anita is survived by her husband, Regis D. Roy, her son Michael (wife Becky), his sons Colby and Evan; her son Gregory (wife Patrice) their daughter Hanna; her son Brian (wife Barbara) their children Dylan and Lila; her son Peter (wife Nancy) their children Austin, Alex and Emma; and her daughter Maureen (partner) Elizabeth. She is also survived by her brother John Bonneau (wife Doris) their daughter Nicole; her sister Lucille Jean (husband Denis) their sons Philip and David; her sister, Rachel Bonneau; her sister-in-law Donna McDonald, brothers-in-law, Michael Roy and Bertrand Ouellette and her sister-in-law, Celeste (husband Charles) McNees. She was predeceased by her sister, Pauline Bonneau, and by her brothers-in-law Robert McDonald, and her sisters-in-law Geraldine (Roy) Ouellette and Jeanine (Couillard) Roy.

Anita's family will be eternally grateful for the loving care given to Anita every day by the staff at d'Youville and Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. There are too many persons to name here but they include the doctors, the nurses, the CNAs, the food service personnel, and the janitors. You are all doing God's work and you are doing it in world-class fashion. Thank you.

Roy- Anita C. Bonneau age 76 of Auburn. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday January 22, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Holy Family Church Sabattus Street Lewiston. Committal prayers to follow at St. Peter's Mausoleum. Donation's in Anita's memory may be made to St. Dominic Academy 121 Gracelawn Road Auburn, Maine 04210. Family and friends are invited to visit Sunday January 21st from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway Lewiston, ME 04240.

Cemetery

Events

St. Peter's
Cemetery
217 Switzerland Rd.
Lewiston, ME,

JAN 21

Visitation

02:00PM - 04:00PM

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

JAN 21

Visitation

07:00PM - 09:00PM

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JAN 22

Service

01:00PM

Holy Family Church
615 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

Comments



“ Anita was the best boss I ever had and more than that I came to consider her a wonderful friend. She was thoughtful, kind and generous to everyone. Completely genuine. I will think of her and miss her every day. Rest in the Lord, free of pain and the woes of life. Regis, our thoughts are with you, Mike and your families as you go through tis sad time. Our hearts are with you~

Steve and Sandy Rozanski~



Sandra Rozanski - January 22, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ Cindy Leavitt lit a candle in memory of Anita Bonneau Roy



Cindy Leavitt - January 21, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ The Rivers Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Anita Bonneau Roy.



The Rivers Family - January 20, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Bonneau Roy.



January 19, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Anita Bonneau Roy.



January 19, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, from what I read in the obituary - she sounded like an amazing wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother. I didn't know her on a personal level but I saw Regis frequently when he came to pay us in the Business Office, Regis she will be sadly missed, she will be welcomed by Jesus with open arms. Your family will be in my prayers at church this weekend, again so sorry.

Kristine Adams - St. Mary's DYP - January 19, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ Regis and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers as I share in your grief at the passing of Anita, your beloved wife/mom. She, indeed, was a spirited, strong, and wonderful person, a blessing to those who knew and loved her. Regis, I've known you for more than 70 years and my heart aches as I think of the loss of your soul mate. Mike, I know you better than I know your siblings so I pray you will convey my condolences to your brothers and sister and will be there for your dad, my boyhood classmate, fellow Boy Scout, and old friend. God bless you all. Dick Michaud, Green Valley, Arizona

Dick Michaud - January 19, 2018 at 02:07 PM