



Anita C. Marrone

May 24, 1943 - November 11, 2020

Anita Caroline (Reno) Marrone, 77 of Westerlo, New York passed away peacefully in the presence of loved ones on Wednesday, November 11th 2020. She was born in Brooklyn, NY

and was the daughter of the late Gasper Reno and Catherine Ganzert and was predeceased

by her brothers, Herbert (Buster) Reno, Charles Verlander & Donald Verlander.

Anita was the high school sweetheart and beloved wife of Andrew Marrone Sr.. They were rounding the corner on being married for 59 years and were partners in every aspect of life.

Whether they were debating the right way to turn while getting lost in Boston while driving their

camper and kids on the latest adventure or cutting off the top of the 'perfect Christmas tree'

that was about 10 feet too tall to make it in the house! (I think they bought a faux tree the following year!) Anita and Andrew always made it through together!

Anita was the loving mother of Andy Marrone Jr. (Lana), Adam Marrone and April Zhang (Wei).

Who knew three kids could be such a handful? She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brittany Quinn (Conor), Jordan Marrone (Kayla) and Cenzia Zhang and by her sweet greatgranddaughter, Sloane Elizabeth Quinn. Anita is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces

and nephews. She valued her friendships highly and maintained an annual gathering with her

childhood and lifelong friends- Flach, App and Rassi.

Anita led many an adventure for her family as her kids were growing up! Road trips were where

Andrew and Anita excelled! Anita organized the itinerary and Andrew did the driving and most

of the time things actually went as planned! From forced museum visits to getting lost in the

fog at the top of the mountains in Virginia with a single pancake for breakfast to be shared, vacations always held plenty of surprises to keep things fresh for the Marrone family! Anita loved learning and discovering and her love and curiosity always kept her trying new things and sharing what she knew or created! This included putting aside her complete and total dislike of baseball and actually enjoying and encouraging others to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown! The only museum Dad ever liked! Holidays are special times for families and Anita made sure they were special for her family! Holiday riddles that she penned and planned, scavenger hunts, calling Santa at the North Pole on Christmas Eve, looking for Rudolph's nose out the window, creating the perfect Bunny Cake for Easter, decorating her house for Halloween (and buying the big candy bars!) prepping the turkey and bringing her gingerbread to birthday brunches are just a few of her special touches that come to mind. Anita's family was everything to her and it was reflected in how she loved every single holiday and the time they spent together. Anita wore many hats in her lifetime. Along with being a wonderful wife and mother, fabulous cook and just as tidy as her mom, Catherine, she also managed the numbers and bookwork for the M & M Bakery. When her kids were in their teens, she also started and managed her own ceramics business - The Countryside Shop-where she taught both children and adults for many years. A favorite quote from Anita, "If you have to ask if it's 'good enough,' it's not!" Anita enjoyed being creative and artistic throughout her entire life. In addition to her skill as a ceramist, she created mosaic works that were inspired by nature and loved ones and wrote poetry. We always looked forward to our cards with her original heartfelt poems inside! Anita was a prolific poet with a completed book of poetry and was in the process of compiling her memoirs into a book and seeking publication. Earlier I talked to Cousin Maria (Anita's cousin and my (April's) second cousin) and we

were talking about looking for signs from our moms. I told her I wasn't that organized and didn't think to ask my mom for a sign. She insisted there would be a sign. Well, as I was writing the part about us kids being a handful (we were perfect, by the way) the most beautiful sunset I've ever seen in my life just appeared. The sky was painted with colors that don't typically grace a November sky, but now that Mom has the potential to have some input, I can see that she'll make sure there are some pretty spectacular sunsets!

Anita's favorite color never wavered; it was always green and she had an incredible connection with nature. Whether it was nurturing the gorgeous flower gardens that surrounded her house, feeding every bird within a five mile radius during the long winters or helping baby birds that had no mom, Anita was there. More than once she nursed those baby birds to fledge. And whether it was the deer that ate her hostas and shrubs or the black bear that continued to rip out her bird feeder, Anita loved all of God's creatures and appreciated and cared for them with her entire spirit.

This petite Italian woman who was the matriarch of our family wasn't afraid to tell anyone what she thought and to fight for what she believed was right. She both cared about her home and family and also the town and place she called home. She was active with the town meetings and wanted to make it a better place for those she loved. She was tireless and gave 100% of herself to everything she did-every single day.

The world is a little less spicy without Anita in it, Tabasco was her fave and I think it was only partly responsible for her zest for life and fiery personality! She made the world a better place and we will miss her and love her every day of our lives.

If you would like to make a donation in Anita's name, you are invited to do so to the The Nature

Conservancy at www.nature.org or call 800-628-6860.

Condolences and special memories may be shared at www.wcbradyssonsinc.net.

Comments



“ Just hearing of this- such sadness. Just a note to let you know we are thinking of you Andy and family. Kim and Dennis Kiefer

Kim Kiefer - December 02, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Anita's passing. She and my Mom were best friends their entire lives. Anita was an exceptional person, so kind and caring, a beautiful lady inside and out. I loved her sense of humor and words of wisdom. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to the Marrone family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Darcy Mueller Ransome

Darcy Mueller Ransome - November 18, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Anita Caroline Reno Marrone was my very best friend since the first grade at Greenville Central School. She was a very sweet and special person. We had many happy times together. Her nickname was "Renie". She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She has a lovely family and she loved them very much. I will miss her so very much, and I will miss laughing and talking with her on the phone. Rest in peace my dearest friend! Love and prayers to the Marrone family from my family.
Joyce Flach Mueller

Joyce Flach Mueller - November 17, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ If I could send butterflies to her, I would -- she reveled in the beauties of nature and we will remember her zest with gratitude for a life well lived.

Aimee and Guy Allaud

Aimee Allaud - November 17, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Ania’s passing. Our Prayers are with the Family. Love and Hugs from Tennessee. - The Fisher Family



Laura Adams - November 16, 2020 at 06:29 PM



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“ My deepest condolences to the entire Marrone family. Pamela Fancher-Brent

Pamela Fancher-Brent - November 16, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ I was so startled to hear that Anita had passed away!!! I always looked forward to the Town Hall meetings, because, from the back of the room, Anita would ask if she could speak. Of course NO ONE SAID SHE COULDN'T!! The pearls of knowledge that she shared were amazing! She had the uncanny ability of saying EXACTLY what everyone was thinking, but afraid to say!! She had an incredible memory and brought facts forward that most people forgot. I considered her my friend and she will definitely be missed. Reading her obituary just confirms what an incredible woman she was. Maybe she will still ZOOM in to the Town meetings!!!

Dotty Verch

Dotty Verch - November 16, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ My family and I send love and prayers for you and your family. Anita’s obituary, while sad, was a delight to read. I am inspired by her spirit and love for family, friends, nature, and life in general. God bless her and welcome her into eternal life. God bless you and your family and those who shared their time with Anita as you navigate the loss of such a special person.

Linda Soraghan - November 14, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Bella and I are saddened to hear of Anita's death. Yet her continuance in eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ testifies to her faith and joy. Our prayers go out to Andy Sr and the entire Marrone family. Rest in peace dear one. Jerry Adinolfi

jerry D adinolfi - November 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM