



Annette Lina Nowak

February 12, 1934 - August 26, 2021

On Thursday August 26, 2021, Annette Steffen Nowak, loving mother of 4, grandmother of 11 and great grandmother of 2 passed away from cancer at the age of 87.

Annette was born on February 12, 1934, in Gerardmer, France to Auguste and Emma Quirin. She came to the United States in 1957 and settled in Roslyn, New York. Annette worked for the Roslyn Public Schools for twenty years and was loved by the staff, administration, and students. Annette raised her four children Jacques, Jean “Johnno”, Michele and Dominique.

Nothing made her happier than spending time with her family, eating, drinking, and filling the house with conversation and laughter. Especially when that conversation turned to her and her wooden spoon. She loved unconditionally, was selfless, and exuberated nothing but strength through her last breath.

Annette was an animal lover who enjoyed walks through her neighborhood with her dogs. She was an avid reader and knitter who relished a good glass of red wine in the evenings. Whether she was

watching her kids or grandkids play sports, or attending country concerts with friends and family, Annette was a great fan and cheerleader who loved to have a good time. Her infectious smile and quick wit will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. Annette was preceded in death by her

husband Bruno Nowak and daughter Michele Conley. She is survived by her two sons Jacques Steffen (wife Ellen), and Jean “Johnno” Steffen, and her daughter Dominique Schwab (husband Joe). Her eleven

grandchildren and two great grandchildren Nicole Steffen, Denver Conley, Brooke Heitmeier (husband Dylan), Brendan Riley Conley, Dana Steffen, Forrest Conley, Melanie Steffen, Jake Steffen, Grace Schwab, Joey Schwab, Mateo Muniz, Savannah Heitmeier and Hank Heitmeier look forward to honoring her memory. Annette also leaves behind her sister Danielle Betsch (husband Jean Pierre), sisters in law Liliane Steffen, and Monique Thierse, and many nieces and nephews in France and the US.

Annette's grandson Brendan Riley is running the New York City Marathon this fall in honor of both his late mother Michele Conley and Annette. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Riley Conley's NYC Marathon Team For Cancer Research if so inclined by visiting https://secure2.convio.net/mskcc/site/TR;jsessionid=00000000.app271a?team_id=75550&fr_id=3542&pg=team&NONCE_TOKEN=28E8079A7D312F2403F04E59C41C5C1E

. All donations support cancer research through the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Rd
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997
(703) 753-6700

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Annette Lina Nowak.*



September 02, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Sincerely, The Lonergan Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Annette Lina Nowak.*



Sincerely, The Lonergan Family - September 01, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *My memories of my friend are dear to me our talks as we walked the dogs and as we laughed as ginger the cat raced around the house. Most of all I will always cherish the red knit scarf Annette made for me. She will be truly missed my dear friend Rest In Peace. Allie*

Allie Mann - August 31, 2021 at 07:23 AM

SB

“ Dear Family,

I remember very well 32 years ago when tante Annette took me under her umbrella.

I was 14 at the time and was dropped into an unknown world in order, among other things to learn English at the Roslyn High school. It was a real challenge for me but as usual, Annette, being so positive minded, managed to make me confident enough to profit from this stay.

She took me all over the place visiting Long Island and meet all of you.

A little drop of France will rest forever in the States but I really think the most important thing for her was to stay with her beloved family.

I will never forget her smile.

May all of you stay strong and united during those sad days like Annette always was.

Love,

Stéphane, Audrey, Louise, Jean-Baptiste & Pierre

Stéphane Broglé - August 31, 2021 at 06:15 AM

SL

“ Sam and Sheila Llanio purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Annette Lina Nowak.



Sam and Sheila Llanio - August 30, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JS

“ *John R. Schwab purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Annette Lina Nowak.*



John R. Schwab - August 30, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MD

“ *Annette was a very dear friend who we will miss with all of our heart. We were blessed to have met and lived next door to her in Gainesville, VA from 2014-2016 and remained friends to her passing. We so enjoyed our visits and her delicious meals and great conversations. Through the last 7 years she became family. Especially to me. I felt that she was a Sister that I never had. We kept in touch weekly by phone in between our visits. We also fell in love with her beloved dog, Emma, and recently with her new addition, Ginger the cat. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of this amazing woman and friend. She was a true fighter right till the end. There will never be anyone like her to us. She treated us like family and with great love and respect. She truly will be missed. Rest in peace our dear friend.*

*Love always,
Tom and Marion Davidson, and Kramer*

Marion Davidson - August 28, 2021 at 01:07 PM

DS

Thank you Marion and Tom, she loved you both!

Dominique Schwab - August 29, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DE

Tante Annette was not only an aunt, she was also a very good friend. She was a role model, an inspiration and an amazing person Everyone deserves a tante Annette in their lives.

We will miss her so much.

Love Denise & Family

Denise - August 29, 2021 at 03:20 PM