



Anita T. Mackin

March 31, 1931 - March 14, 2026

Rexford, NY-Anita T. Mackin, resident of Coburg Village, Rexford, NY, died peacefully at home on March 14, 2026, just shy of her 95th birthday.

Anita was born in Syracuse, NY in 1931 to Henry and Florence Travis (Trzpis). She received a bachelor's degree from Lemoyne College and a master's degree from New York State College for Teachers, now University at Albany.

In August 1953, she married Robert H. Mackin, Jr., ("Bob") to whom she remained married until his death in 2012. At the time of her marriage, Anita taught English at Waterloo High School. In 1954, when Anita expected her first child, she and Bob moved to Syracuse.

Anita interrupted her teaching career to raise four children, all of whom admired and cherished her very much. They are Barbara Mackin of Herndon, VA, Florence Richardson Mastro (Arkley) of Albany, NY, Marian Roberge (James) of Ann Arbor, MI, and Jack Mackin (Alecia) of Oak Ridge, NC. Anita is also survived by her grandchildren, Lucas Richardson (Mary Patton), Elizabeth Fatseas (Jacob Burnheimer), Kevin Mastro (Christina), Matthew Roberge, and Paul Roberge, and her great grandchildren, Angus Richardson and Mabel Richardson. She delighted in being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother and all the "kids" enjoyed her humor and intellect.

After her children were grown, Anita resumed her teaching career in Syracuse, successively, at Powelson Business Institute, Bryant and Stratton College and Simmons School of Mortuary Science (Simmons Institute of Funeral Service). She was an excellent teacher and felt greatly rewarded by the many students she taught and her fellow faculty members.

Anita was a volunteer docent at Everson Museum and a long-time member of Social Arts Club of Syracuse. Anita loved to travel and often pulled Bob along on excursions to Poland, Ireland and across the United States. She was ready with a suitcase and a sense of adventure at the drop of a hat. One event Anita greatly enjoyed was riding on the Zamboni at a University of Michigan vs. Michigan State hockey game at the former Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Anita was an art lover and avid reader. Until just days before her death, she was a faithful follower of the news. She was perpetually concerned about the state of our country and the problems being created at the national level for the futures of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to Bob, Anita was predeceased by her grandson, Sam Fatseas.

After Bob's death, Anita moved to Coburg Village in Rexford, NY. She lived there for more than 11 years. She made wonderful friendships with fellow residents and staff members. It was the ideal setting for her final years. Her children have been delighted to hear many stories of Mom's interactions at Coburg, most notably how sweet she was.

Anita's family wishes to express its gratitude to Coburg Village, Right At Home Albany, Community Hospice, and McVeigh Funeral Home for their care, concern and assistance.

Funeral arrangements will be private. Anita's remains will be buried alongside

Bob's at Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Syracuse.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

4069 Howlett Hill Road
Syracuse, NY 13215

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Dear Mackin Family.

I had the pleasure of working with your mom at Powelson Business Institute and at CCBI. Those were wonderful days when taught together and shared so many stories with laughter. Anita was a joy to be around--always positive and so "down-to-earth."

I then worked with your dad at OCC when he was on the "night shift" in the library, and I was doing Adjunct duty. Again, such a dedicated man with a wonderful sense of humor.

May you all continue to share the wonderful memories of these outstanding parents. They both truly made a difference!

Barbara Crossett

Barbara Crossett - March 24 at 12:23 PM

CS

“ Dear Barb,

Your Mom lived a long life and raised a very loving family. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm grateful I got the chance to know her all those years ago as your friend. Barb you're in my thoughts during this difficult time and hope the days ahead become a bit easier.

Sending love to you and your family,

Chris Sherpa-Kianka

Chris Sherpa-Kianka - March 23 at 06:27 PM

BM

“ Dear Mackin Family,

I am sorry to read of your mother's passing. I worked with Anita at Powelson and CCBI. She was a wonderful woman and an excellent teacher.

My husband worked with your father at OCC, and I would often hear his praises regarding Bob.

In the years I knew your mother she would glow when she spoke of her children.

Be comforted in knowing you all were loved. My hope is you all will create a positive impact on the world, just like Bob and Anita.

Bud Moody

Bud Moody - March 22 at 03:22 PM

PC

“ Mrs Mackin... what a beautiful life! I have many fond memories of Mr and Mrs Mackin, growing up with Marian. Such kind and caring people ❤️

My condolences to Barb, Flo, Marian and Jack and families...may your many wonderful memories give you comfort 🙏

Patty Salanger Costello

Patty Costello - March 22 at 01:03 PM

PM

“ Jack,Alecia,and family;Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your mother.What a wonderful woman,rest in peace.

Pete and Nancy Mineau - March 21 at 11:20 AM

JM

Dear Flo and Family:

I remember your Mom from so many years ago. A great life. Wishing you peace with your memories.

Jon and P.

Jonathan Maskin - March 22 at 08:25 AM

LA

“ *Dear Mackin Family,*

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

LeMoyne College Office of Alumni - March 20 at 04:29 PM

AL

“ *Condolences to the Mackin family. I remember Anita as a lovely, kind lady. She and Bob were friends with my parents, Virginia and the late Bob Warne. They all belonged to a group of couples who had ties to St. Michael's College in Toronto. The St. Mike's group threw legendary Superbowl parties!*

Andrea LaBarge - March 20 at 02:35 PM

MT

“ To the Mackin children ,
I had a rather roundabout relationship with your family. I knew Florence Travis when I was a member of the junior choir at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Liverpool and she was the choir director. In the early 1960s, Bob Mackin was my 7th grade homeroom and English teacher at Chestnut Hill Junior High. In the late 1970s. I had a part-time teaching position at what was then Bryant and Stratton; there I connected with Anita. She saw my name on a teacher roster and remembered it from Bob's early teaching days. Through the years, i occasionally saw them at various cultural events. Your parents were lovely people. Please accept my condolences and find some peace in knowing that they made a difference in the lives of their students.

Marilyn Tucci
Liverpool, NY

Marilyn Tucci - March 19 at 08:56 PM