



Ann C. Mataraso

April 23, 1932 - June 10, 2020

Guilderland, NY-Ann Carol Forman Mataraso, 88, of Guilderland, NY, and Manchester Village, VT, passed away June 10 at home after a long battle with breast cancer. Ann is survived by her husband Matt of 65 years and her 5 children: Nancy Fitzgerald (Don) of Lenexa, KS, Bob (Debbie) of Halfmoon, NY, Amy Flint (Kevin) of Fishers, IN, Meg Hochman (Russell) of Fairfield, CT and Ned of Denver, CO; her 5 grand children: Madeleine Fitzgerald, Courtney Flint, Lauren, Dean and Austin Hochman; and her brother William (Bill) Forman.

Ann was born in Troy, NY, in 1932. She graduated from Lansingburgh High School (1950) and earned her undergraduate degree (BA 1954) and Masters Degree (MS in Education 1958) from the College of Saint Rose. Her first teaching job in 1954 was in one of the few remaining one-room schoolhouses in Boytonville, NY (Tamarack School District). Ann was introduced to Matt at the Saint Rose May Day parade in 1954, by her dear friend and classmate Carol Fogarty Reed. Ann and Matt married in 1955 and settled in Guilderland, where Ann taught school at Westmere and Guilderland Elementary in the Guilderland School District for a number of years. She was quick to share that she put Matt through Albany Law School with a little help from the GI Bill.

While raising her family in Guilderland, Ann spent years shuttling all 5 children to sports, music and other art activities, while always pursuing her own deep passions of which there were many: sewing, weaving, spinning, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, bobbin lacemaking, primitive rug hooking, and beading, to name a few. She was a founding member of the Hudson-Mohawk Weaving Guild, taught basket weaving and other basket forms at the Arts Center of the Capital Region, and later taught two-dimensional design at the University at Albany. Ann had exuberance for life; she loved cooking, baking, gardening, birding, antiquing, reading, languages, skiing, swimming and biking. She studied Italian for a number of years at the University at Albany after the age of 40. Then following the onset of cancer at the age of 61 and her 70th birthday, she pursued a Master of Fine Arts from the University at Albany – the degree she was most proud of having earned. Her artwork was joyous, vibrant and extensive. Throughout her life, her hands were never idle.

A celebration of her life will be held at the College of Saint Rose at a date to be determined once family and friends can safely gather in this time of the novel corona virus.

Those wishing to honor Ann's memory may send a contribution to either the Matthew and Ann Forman Mataraso Endowed Scholarship Fund at the College of Saint Rose at 432 Western Ave, Albany, NY, 12203 or The Ann Mataraso Art Museum Endowment, c/o The University at Albany Foundation at 1400 Washington Ave, UAB 226, Albany, NY, 12222.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann C. Mataraso*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *We at Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home in Manchester, VT send our condolences to you. Your family's generosity has been deeply appreciated. Deepest sympathies, Nan, Brian and the Hildene team.*

Nan Bambara - June 23, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *I was saddened to learn about Ann. My parents thought so very highly of her, and I wanted to share the condolences of the Moore family with you. She was such a creative person, and just a delight to be around. I hope the memories you share will sustain you at this difficult time.*

Melissa Fox (Don & Joan Moore's daughter)

Melissa Fox - June 17, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *So very sorry Matt. Although I didn't know Ann, by all accounts she was a magnificent woman. My thoughts are with you and the family, Vin Bonventre*

Vincent Martin Bonventre - June 17, 2020 at 01:13 PM

HM

“ Dear Matt and The Mataraso Family, my deepest condolences. Ann was magical, Inspirational, a complete joy and beamed in her fulfillment of life and learning. Ann taught me what living was about, knowledge was the key. I am eternally grateful Ann, you will be in my heart always...

Heather Mitchell - June 15, 2020 at 05:38 PM

EP

“ I remember her fondly from seeing her with Matt at ACC. We will miss seeing her there,

Evelyn Pitt - June 15, 2020 at 10:09 AM

TT

“ Ann is very much in our thoughts and prayers Matt. With fond memories of the time we spent in Vermont, we offer our deepest sympathies

Tom & Leah Tyrrell - June 15, 2020 at 08:56 AM

LC

“ Dearest Matt and Family, Sheila and I share our sincerest condolences to you and yours in this period of grieving on the passing of Ann who was a friend to both of us but particularly Sheila in their shared interests in the Hudson-Mohawk Weaving Guild in which they were both committed. Matt, you and Ann had 65 years together as partners, loved ones, and parents, grandparents, and most importantly as best friends.

You are in our thoughts and we extend our friendship to you.

Fondly, Len and Sheila

leonard cutler - June 14, 2020 at 06:29 PM

MD

“ I met Ann about 25 years ago at the RCCA(Renselaer County Council of Art). We became fast friends and shared many great days painting together. One of my favorite memories was painting up in Thacher Park. We were in a class of about 6 people. It became lunch time -we all sat at a picnic table. Ann said "I brought a wonderful bottle of wine. Let's share it." It came from Matts birthday party last night. She laughed and said -oh my----it's a good one, about \$130 worth.

We all sat there and laughed so hard. I think we all painted a wonderful scene that afternoon.

I will never forget her "get up and go". I will never forget her smile. Thanks for the memories Ann. RIP.....

Marje Christiansen Derrick, Troy NY

Marjorie Derrick - June 14, 2020 at 03:25 PM

BC

“ Dear Matt and Children,

Ann was a CSR classmate and friend and although we did not see one another frequently, whenever we met at St. Rose functions, our conversation just continued from the last and there was always much more to say.

So talented, creative and accomplished was Ann, yet she demonstrated great humility , more than anyone else I know. She evidenced total joy in her creations only matched by her love of you, Matt and children.

My sorrow for you all at her loss and my prayers to aid in your healing.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Carr, CSR Class of 1954

Barbara A. Carr - June 14, 2020 at 01:48 PM

MD

“ Dear Nancy, Bobby, Amy, Meg and Ned: I can't put in just a few words how much your Mom (and all of "you kids") meant to me in my teens. I first met your mother when she was my substitute teacher at Westmere. And then I got to be your babysitter. You guys were all great and showed me how wonderful a big family could be. (Remember, I was clueless being an "only.")

Your mother was so talented. I am sorry we lost touch. I still live in the area, the past 30+ years in Delmar. My family ended up a bit smaller than the Matarosos: I had two sons Bill and John and recently became a grandmother to Margaret Mercy White.

Please let me know when you know when the commemoration will be at St. Rose.

Mercy Dugan White

Mercy A Dugan-White - June 14, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DA

“ Darcie Abbatiello lit a candle in memory of Ann C. Mataraso



Darcie Abbatiello - June 13, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MS

“ Dear Mataraso Family,

I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife and mother. I always admired and appreciated her uniqueness and upbeat attitude. I was in awe of her artistic work and her ability to do so much! My heart aches for you all. May your positive memories remain alive and well!

*With love, hugs, and deep sympathy,
Michele (Higgins) Sirois*

Michele Sirois - June 12, 2020 at 11:26 AM