



Anna Mae Ziamandanis

November 2, 1931 - August 24, 2014

Albany-Anna Mae Ziamandanis (O'Keefe), 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by her four children on August 24, 2014.

Anna was born in Albany, NY on November 2, 1931, the daughter of the late Denis and Nora O'Keefe.

The daughter of Irish immigrants, Anna was an Albany resident her entire life. She attended St. Patrick's School, and graduated from Vincentian Institute.

Anna was a devoted mother of four who dedicated her life to raising her children. She discovered her passion for music and dancing early on when she began singing on the radio, playing piano, and teaching her children and others to dance. Jitterbug lessons in the kitchen were commonplace. Anna shared these passions lovingly with her grandchildren, whom she adored. The quintessential homemaker, Anna enjoyed and excelled at cooking and gardening. She was also extremely active in the PTA, Boys and Girl Scouts, and the Board of Elections, where she worked the election polls for decades. Anna was passionate about politics and never missed an opportunity to engage in political dialogue.

Later in life, Anna began her professional career in the English Department at St. Anne's Institute. She retired in 2010 after twenty-three years of loving,

caring, and nurturing the girls in her classroom.

The oldest of three siblings, she was predeceased by her two brothers, Denis and James, and her stepfather David Manwiller.

Anna is survived by her four children, Eileen Cusick (Paul), Gail Ziamandanis (Rob), Debra Devine (Gus), and Stephen Ziamandanis (Claire); grandchildren, Megan, Alex, Rachel, Adrienne, Madeline, Grace and Dennis. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and several sisters-in-law.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at The Teresian House, Carmel Gardens West for their loving care and emotional support for Anna and her family.

Funeral services Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 12:00 pm at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany where a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, August 29, 2014 in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of NENY, Pine West Plaza, Building #4, Suite 405, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12205.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Mae Ziamandanis*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 30, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ *Eileen. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers as you say your last goodbyes. I will have a Mass for her here in Dublin. Eileen Tuffey Coleman*

eileen tuffey coleman - August 30, 2014 at 04:22 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to my cousins: Eileen, Gail, Debra and Stephen and their families. We love you guys. May you rest in peace now Aunt Anna Mae. You are truly loved and will be truly missed.*

The Gallant Family: Sue (Susie) Dan, Chris and Jess

Sue Gallant - August 29, 2014 at 09:02 AM

JH

“ Gail and family, I will always remember the fun your mom and I had working at St Annes and what a sweet, funny person she was. Judy Harrington

Judy Harrington - August 28, 2014 at 08:43 PM

WA

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Your friends at Wales-Darby, Inc.

Wales-Darby - August 27, 2014 at 10:23 AM

EF

“ Eileen, Gail, Deb, Steve and families, We are so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was such a big part of our Childhood. Always loved your Mom she was such a nice person. Eileen Finn(LeMatty), Gerry Finn and Chris Bendon

Eileen Finn-LeMatty - August 27, 2014 at 07:18 AM

AR

“ Our most sincere condolences...may her memory be eternal.

With love
Anthony and Laura Rodolakis

anthony Rodolakis - August 27, 2014 at 07:01 AM

BO

“ You will be deeply missed Aunt Anna Mae. Have lots of memories of you and all the picnic's that the families have shared growing up. You have lot's of loved one's in heaven waiting for you. Make sure you keep them in line. Always have been in my thoughts and prayers over the years and always will be. Love you Auntie, from Brenda

Brenda O'Keefe - August 26, 2014 at 09:17 PM

CL

“ Greatest mother in law ever! She welcomed me to the family with open arms, shared her time and energy, taught me about gardening, and always wanted to know more about us and the kids. A true family person, and a funny and feisty woman! Love you Mom Z, from Claire.

Claire - August 26, 2014 at 07:28 PM