



Anna Maria V. (Martello) Gapp

December 19, 1929 - December 16, 2015

Clifton Park - Anna Maria V. (Martello) Gapp. Born at sea December 19, 1929 and entered into rest on December 16, 2016.

Widow of Joseph A. Gapp. Daughter of the late Anthony and Mary Martello. Mother of Cheryl Dreis Cole of Clifton Park, NY and the late Charles P. Dreis II. Grandmother of Caitlin Cole of (Long Island, NY) and Dylan Cole and his wife Tanya (Hoboken, NJ). Great-Grandmother to Kinsley G. Cole and Quinn M. Cole (Hoboken, NJ). Step-mother of Joseph M. Gapp and wife Marguerite (Troy), Paul E. Gapp and his wife Denise (CA), Ronald J. Gapp (CA), and loving step-Grandmother of their children. Sister of Andrew Martello and his late wife Marguerite (Albany), and the late Rose Grembocki, Louis T. Raona, Christina Mills, Anna Martello, and Emma Martello. She was a devoted Aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Also survived by her beloved neighbors Michael and Jackie Kingsston.

She retired as a Sr. Administrative Analyst with the NYS Dept. of Labor after 32 years of service. She was an active member of the Public Employees Federation and served as Vice President of Council 202. She was a member of the Department's Golf and Bowling Leagues until her retirement.

She was an accomplished artist and creator of many original stained glass works. An avid duplicate bridge player, she was a member of the American

Contract Bridge League. For several years, she was a member of the Albany, NY and Pittsfield, MA Camera Clubs. She was also a member of the Sand Lake and Clifton Park Seniors and Red Hats Chapters. She was a constant reader, wrote poetry, enjoyed gardening, bible study, and touring the USA with her late husband in their motor home during their retirement years.

She was a communicant of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Averill Park, NY, and she supported and enjoyed the fellowship of the West Stephentown Baptist Church for many years.

Funeral services Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 12:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Anna Maria's family 10:30 am to 12:00 pm Saturday morning in the funeral home.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Maria V. (Martello) Gapp*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

“ I have been sorting my emails since I retired last month and find that there are many I never read; I am going to paste a very relevant one that my "Aunt Virginia" (Anne Marie) sent me way back in September of 2012;

My current goal in life is to wake up in the morning and accomplish one more task on my bucket list. LOL

Winter of My Life

*You know. . . Time has a way of moving quickly
And catching you unaware of the passing years.
It seems just yesterday that I was young,
Just married and embarking on my new life with my mate.
And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago,
And I wonder where all the years went.
I know that I lived them all...
And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes
and dreams...
But, here it is... The winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...*

*How did I get here so fast?
Where did the years go and where did my youth go?
I remember well...
Seeing older people through the years and thinking that those
Older people were years away from me and that winter was so far
off
That I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like...
But, here it is...
My friends are retired and getting grey...
They move slower and I see an older person now.
Some are in better and some worse shape than me...
But, I see the great change...
Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...*

*But, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those
Older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.*

*Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the
day!*

And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory!

'Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared

For all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability

To go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come,

And I'm not sure how long it will last...

This I know, that when it's over... Its over...

Yes, I have regrets.

There are things I wish I hadn't done...

Things I should have done, but indeed,

There are many things I'm happy to have done.

It's all in a lifetime...

So, if you're not in your winter yet...

Let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think.

*Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it
quickly!*

Don't put things off too long!!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today,

As you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...

*So, live for today and say all the things you want your loved ones to
remember...*

And hope they appreciate and love you for all the things

You have done for them in all the years past!!

Life is a gift to you.

The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after.

Make it a fantastic one.

~ And, Remember ~

*"It is health that is real wealth
And not pieces of gold or silver."*

~Author, Unknown

Bob - October 28, 2020 at 06:01 PM

LT

“ *Cherie, thinking of you and your family. Wishing you peace and comfort during this time.*

Lyn & Tom Tobin

Lyn & Tom Tobin - December 23, 2015 at 02:34 PM

CC

Thank you for your kind words and thinking of us . It means so much to us that our family is with us in spirit at this sad time.

Cheryl Cole - December 24, 2015 at 12:39 AM

MB

“ *We loved seeing Ann Marie at bridge in Schenectady. For some reason she took a special liking to Myra and whenever she baked something special she always brought some for me. We missed seeing her since the Studio closed in Schenectady. But we'll always remember her sweet nature.*

Louis and Myra Brickman

Myra Brickman - December 19, 2015 at 07:16 PM

JF

“ Jean Feeney lit a candle in memory of Anna Maria V. (Martello) Gapp



Jean Feeney - December 18, 2015 at 07:48 PM

JF

“ I truly loved this wonderful woman. She will always remain in my heart as a true lady. I was so lucky to have known her and her wonderful daughter and grandchildren. I will never forget how she treated people, with much kindness and generosity. I am lucky enough to have been the recipient of one of her beautiful stained glass creations, which as always had a special place, proudly displayed. I always treasured it. Now, as we say goodbye, I will treasure it even more, if that is even possible. My heart is breaking for her wonderful daughter and grandchildren. I know she was everything to them, a true matriarch. With much love and sadness, sincerely, Jean

Jean Feeney - December 18, 2015 at 07:46 PM