



Bernadette Ambrose

October 6, 1940 - April 5, 2016

Albany-On Tuesday, April 5, 2016 Bernadette Ambrose was called home. A lifelong Catholic, Ms. Ambrose attended the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, N.Y. and her life will be celebrated there on Saturday.

Bernadette was born in Kingston, N.Y. In the 1960's Bernadette attend Lady Cliff College on the Hudson. There she made close friends who gathered in the Capital District each summer after graduation, until recent years. In 1971, Bernadette received a MSW degree from the University at Albany. As recently as 2004, Bernadette renewed her LCSW registration with the NYS Dept. of Education. In 2002, Bernadette also won the "Blue Moon" Award from the Hudson Park Neighborhood Association for her work as Chair of the CLEAN/Quality of Life Committee.

Bernadette spent her entire lifetime fighting for social justice, equality and trying to aid all people in distress. She is well known in both Schenectady and Albany Counties for her direct social work, supervision of social worker and as a consultant for Child Welfare, Mental Health and Parent Education services. Additionally, she was personally responsible for the current Permanency Planning regulations for Children removed from their parents due to Neglect and Abuse that provide for expedited return and for Court monitoring of the children's return home.

She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a supportive of its programs. She also was a generous alumna of the University of Albany and contributed to the support of the library.

Ms. Ambrose had many cultural interests and was a member of the Turpin Banister Chapter Society of Architectural Historians and also the Friends of the New York State Library, where she volunteered after she retired from her practice. She also was a skilled stained glass craftsperson.

Among her fondest memories were her trips to Europe where she delighted in her Italian travels, especially in Rome and on the Amalfi coast.

A mass of Christian Remembrance of Bernadette's life will be said for her on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 9:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St. Albany, NY.

To leave Bernadette's family and friends a message on her guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McVeachFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernadette Ambrose*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *GODSPEED BERNADETTE! JAN MORRISSEY*

JANET MORRISSEY - April 15, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *Bernadette was an extraordinary person. She is an example of someone who cultivates character and lives close to values and principles. She was very intelligent and of the highest integrity. I had the honor of working with her and she was truly a social worker's social worker. She always thought about the best interests of children and families and applied herself with commitment and diligence to get the work done. She was a fierce advocate for children being highly sensitive to their vulnerability. She was creative and encouraged creativity in working with children and families. I always considered her one of the last "old fashioned" social workers who put clients needs first and foremost and not the needs of the organizations within which many social workers find themselves working. She lived social justice and did not hesitate to become involved in situations that were, at times, controversial. Our community, Albany and the planet had lost a true human being.*

Maria Sunukjian

Maria Sunukjian - April 15, 2016 at 10:45 AM

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Thank you, Maria. Your tribute called to my attention the passing of one of my first professional teachers. I was honored to later call Bernadette Ambrose a colleague. Pat Maxon, LMSW

Patricia Maxon - April 16, 2016 at 03:27 PM

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“ Bernadette was lovely and special person. I recall our bus trip to Washington DC in 1993...and dinners with friends at the Larkin Restaurant in Albany..when she left me in stitches from her stories and humor. A wonderful woman. May she Rest In Peace. Ken Screven

Ken Screven - April 13, 2016 at 04:26 PM

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“ Barbara Soldano lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ambrose



Barbara Soldano - April 13, 2016 at 12:34 PM