



Anne Marie Theresa Leone

January 21, 1948 - March 18, 2022

Anne Marie Theresa Leone, of Newportville PA, was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She left the world peacefully at home on March 18, 2022 at the age of 74 surrounded by her family. Anne Marie succumbed to frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) after a seven-year battle with the disease. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Robert, who cared for her during her illness; her three children, Rob (Lori), Jennifer (Roy Rakszawski), and Janel (Max Levine); and her seven beautiful grandchildren Marcus, Bailey, Cullen, Trevor, Adilyn, Emily, and Reid.

Anne Marie grew up in Philadelphia with her brother, Richard, and her father and grandparents. She graduated from Saint Mary's Academy where she was an avid basketball and softball player. Anne Marie spent much of her childhood and adolescence with her beloved cousins, who were as close to her as siblings. In 1968 she and Robert married and moved to Newportville where they raised their family. Here she shared a lifelong friendship with her best friend and neighbor, Lucy. In 1985 Anne Marie and Robert founded and operated their business, Fabricraft, where they made custom window and bed treatments for interior designers in the Philadelphia area. Anne Marie was a talented seamstress who learned her skills from her grandmother, a tailor. She and Robert operated Fabricraft for 35 years. Anne Marie loved to travel, and she and Robert traveled to and camped in most of the National Parks in the United States including the Hoh Rainforest in Washington, Denali National Park in

Alaska, Glacier National Park in Montana, and Acadia National Park in Maine. They also camped and spent time at their log cabin in West Virginia, where they created fond memories with their closest friends and family.

In addition to traveling, Anne Marie was an incredibly talented cook who rarely followed recipes. Instead she cultivated her own satisfying, homestyle meals that nourished her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included playing Scrabble, bargain hunting, reading, and flower and herb gardening. Anne Marie always looked forward to loading the grandchildren into her minivan and going to the local and New York parks to play and camp. Her grandchildren cherished this special time with their grandmother.

Anne Marie's kindness and compassion were felt by those around her. She held leadership positions and volunteered to serve at her children's schools throughout their childhoods. She inspired her daughters to use their voices to create social change, and modeled for them the importance of women's independence.

As a final act of kindness, Anne Marie requested that her brain be donated to the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research at the University of Pennsylvania in an effort to assist in finding a cure for FTD.

A memorial to honor Anne Marie will be held during the summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD): <https://www.theaftd.org>.

Comments



“ Even though we were cousins, Anne Marie became a sister to all of us. Anne Marie lost her mother when she was just three and was raised by our grandparents but we spent every weekend together as we were growing up. When we were young, every Friday after school I would walk to my grandparents' house and we spent the evening at church, hoping that we would get home in time to see Route 66 and 77 Sunset Strip. Each Saturday afternoon Grandpop would take us to the matinee often a double feature. On Sunday, we would either go to our grandparents' home for dinner where we were joined by more cousins or Anne Marie, her father, Uncle Dick, and my grandparents would have dinner at our home. Holidays were always spent together and summer vacations at the Jersey shore were a given. We went to our first dance together and lots of sporting events. As we grew, our lives got busier and we saw less of each other but our closeness never decreased. Anne Marie was part of the fabric of our lives. She was funny, bold, irreverent, and confident. She loved music and dancing and her friends, but nothing meant more to her than her family. She was fiercely protective of them and there was no sacrifice too great. Anne Marie always lived life to the fullest. It was a tragic and ruthless illness that took her from us long before her time. While I will miss her tremendously, I have so many wonderful memories of times spent together to sustain me. For me Anne Marie will never truly be gone.

With love,

Betty and Leonard King



Elizabeth King - March 29 at 05:35 PM



“ Anne Marie was the best cousin and friend you could ask for. I have so many wonderful memories of my childhood growing up with Anne. There were the weekly Friday night sleepovers, Saturday afternoon movie dates with Grandpop, fishing at the Schuylkill River, summer vacations at the beach and dancing...dancing...dancing. Anne Marie was responsible for me meeting my husband of 54 years (Mike). Thank you Anne Marie for talking me into going to that LaSalle mixer with you in December, 1961. Anne Marie will be greatly missed and never forgotten. She will love on in all our hearts.

Love you forever,. Teresa and Mike Leese

Teresa Leese - March 28 at 08:35 PM



“ Anne Marie was a loving and dear friend and cousin. I will never forget our Red Lobster lunches and how many times she came over to my house, kids in tow, to help me during my last pregnancy. We had so many adventures together. Making apple butter, trip to Lancaster, camping, and so many picnics. Annes’s cousin Mike Karabin will miss her terribly. They were more like brother and sister having grown up together. I will always remember your smile and laugh. Thank you for all the good times and the life long friendship. Miss you forever!

Michelle and Mike Karabin - March 24 at 07:56 AM



“ Anne Marie will forever be remembered as a kind and generous person who made a lasting impact on everyone who was fortunate to have known her. Her love for life was infectious, and her passion for the things she held dear was unparalleled.

I couldn't possibly have asked for a more loving mother-in-law, or grandmother to my kids. She made each of our lives more rich; her presence always seemed to make everything more fun and fulfilling. She will be sorely missed, but her spirit lives on within each of us.

Sincerely,
Max Levine

Max Levine - March 21 at 11:20 AM