



Anita Louise Gilmore

August 6, 1933 - June 19, 2024

On June 19, 2024, the best mother, sister, relative and friend ever, passed away at the age of 90 to live with God for eternity in heaven.

Anita was born on August 6, 1933, in Hays, KS, and was fourth of ten children born to Mary and Ig Rupp. She graduated from Girls Catholic High School in Hays and attended a business program in Denver, CO, where she met Walter, her husband of 70 years.

Anita enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was always looking forward to her next adventure. She loved the mountains, playing cards with family (Pay Me & Oh Heck in particular - which she almost always won!), and traveling domestically and internationally. She also truly loved her cats, Sam, Leo, and Frankie, and they are missing her.

Anita's generous heart and compassion was endless. She was involved in all types of service for others and was even known among friends as a "professional mourner," going to funerals where there would be few family or friends.

She was a long-time member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, a two-time president of the Council for Catholic Women where she attended national and international conventions and was known to dress as the Energizer bunny

at these and other meetings. She was a member of St. Robert's Circle, was a Holy Roller bowler, and introduced funnel cakes at the annual church fall festival which her family made for over 40 years. Additionally, along with a group of dear friends were known as Msg. Patrick Caverly's "Caverly's Caterers" and Fr. Paul Henry's "Henry's Helpers," who cooked dinners for events in the church social hall.

Over the years, Anita served on the board and fundraised for the Greater Reading or Writing Skills (GROWS) Literary Council, supported the Hope CommUnity Center, the BETA Center, Morning Star School, and helped countless local Catholic organizations. Anita was instrumental in early Rh factor research due to the loss of two infants. This truly does not encompass all of Anita's wonderful attributes and achievements.

Anita is dearly missed by all of her family and friends. She is survived by her husband Walter, daughter MarySue, sons Greg, Matt (Donna), Damon (Stefanie) and three granddaughters, Sarah, Katelyn, and Stephanie (Michael). She is also survived by a sister, Sr. Marilyn Rupp, an Adorer of the Blood of Christ, brothers John Rupp, and Tim Rupp (Terri), as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by infants, Elizabeth Ann, and Gregory Wade.

The funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 28. A reception follows at the Family Life Center. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a local non-kill animal shelter.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Jack and Dounia Brown / "Freedom Ride" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Louise Gilmore.

Jack and Dounia Brown / "Freedom Ride" - June 27, 2024 at 03:31 PM

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“ Jack and Dounia Brown / "Freedom Ride" purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anita Louise Gilmore.



Jack and Dounia Brown / "Freedom Ride" - June 27, 2024 at 03:31 PM

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“ John and Debbie Riggle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Louise Gilmore.

John and Debbie Riggle - June 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Anita Louise Gilmore.



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anita Louise Gilmore.*



June 25, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ *I remember Anita most for being of my first friends when I moved to Floria in "75. Later our friendship developed through many years of helping her in the funnel cake booth. Her loving smile, warm giving spirit and joy for the Lord will surely be missed. Mary Fran and daughters.*

Mary Fran Schmidt - June 25, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *I'm pretty sure that anyone who knew her loved her, she was such a cool lady. Anita was game to participate in all that life had to offer. If something was going on, she'd like to be there & bring her special energy to the event. I never heard her utter an unkind word. She continues to live on in our hearts, which she so generously touched during her lifetime. My sympathies for her loving husband Walt as well as family & friends who will be mourning her passing.*
Margaretanne McJunkin



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“ My deep condolences & prayers to Walt \$ his beautiful family on Anita’s passing, she wa a sweet caring giving also sharing with a smile lady , who will be missed many times over! She’s got her wings & Gods beautiful greeting home Job well done my faithful Servent . May u Rip! Carol Viau SM !

Carol Viau - June 25, 2024 at 11:51 AM

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“ I will always remember Anita for her giving heart and warm smile. She was one lucky lady when it came to playing 50/50 as she worked tirelessly at the Funnel Cake booth. Another Angel joining Father Ed in Heaven.



Annette Moskop - June 25, 2024 at 07:29 AM

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Anita will be greatly rewarded for her love, kindness and support of the Morning Star special needs individuals. May she rest in peace.
Elizabeth Seaver

Elizabeth Seaver - June 26, 2024 at 11:41 AM

GG

You will be deeply missed for your unconditional luv and support throughout my life. Your son, Greg. I Love always

Gregory Paul Gilmore - June 27, 2024 at 07:10 AM

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I remember Anita for friendship during our children's growing up years, for the baby shower she gave me, for the choir she introduced me to, for the first night of Funnel Cakes outside a tent on a card table with an electric frying pan.....she was a gutsy gal! Now I am crying. She was the best friend ever.

Carol Vevera - June 27, 2024 at 04:43 PM