



Annette E. Rizzolo

June 18, 1942 - November 15, 2020

In Hamden, November 15, 2020 Annette E. Rizzolo 78, of Hamden. Loving mother of Alfred "Kyle" Rizzolo of Hamden, sister of Michael P. Santillo of Cheshire and Phyllis Ann Reed of Carlsbad, CA. Also survived by a niece Melissa Cavaluzzi and a nephew Jonathan Santillo. Annette was born in New Haven June 18, 1942 daughter of the late Philip and Rose Vigliotti Santillo. She was a graduate of the University of CT. and received her Masters Degree from Smith College. She retired from the State of CT. Dept. of Children and Families after many years.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Masks will be required by all who attend. In lieu of flowers contributions to Special Olympics CT. 2666 State St. #1 Hamden, CT. 06517. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Funeral service

NOV **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ Annette was a beautiful person and friend. We went to UConn together in the 1960's and developed a long and lasting friendship even though we were miles apart with me in California and she in Connecticut. We had such fun in College. She would beg me to play Bridge with our friends Carole Porto and Judy S. and Joanne H. even though I was a lousy player and they were great players. We had so many laughs and good times together. I also visited her home in Hamden and was delighted to meet and have dinner with her wonderful family and get to know them all. When I didn't receive a Christmas card this year from Annette, I searched for her. Her picture is so lovely! With that happy smile that I remember. My sincere sympathy to her son Kyle and Brother and Sister, Phyllis, and all her family and friends. She will be so missed. Love, Joyce Davidson Lewis

Joyce Davidson Lewis - January 09, 2021 at 02:31 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear that Annette has passed away. I met her at DCF when we were at State Street, then the Longwharf office. She had a long career at DCF and was committed to the families and children we served. She was a kind and interesting woman and I always enjoyed any time I spent with her. She liked a good story and could share a few of her own with good natured humor. My condolences to her family.

Joyce Clark - November 22, 2020 at 01:37 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear about cousin Annette's passing. I have fond memories of her when I was a kid. One in particular is that she would always call me Sondra. I would adamantly tell her that's not my name! It's Sandra. Well she'd say Sondra is more sophisticated you know and she would remind me all the time! My heartfelt sympathy to all her family. May God keep her soul in His peace.
Sandra Santillo Sansevero.

Sandra Sansevero, cousin - November 18, 2020 at 04:27 PM

MB

“ I've known Annette for almost 50 years. We met through her best bud, Carole Porto, while we were all working for the State Welfare Dept. in Bridgeport. I have so many memories of Annette it's hard to know where to begin. I'll limit it to travels. There have been several weekend trips for this trio to the Cape, New Hampshire, Vermont, Niagara Falls, Aruba and Atlantic City. Pretty much all I remember about the AC trip was how hot it was and that we laughed more than I remember laughing before. We actually pitched a tent at a campground. Try to picture the three of us in a small tent in overwhelming heat. The best trip by far though, was to Italy in 2000. Carole, Annette and I drove all over Italy over the course of three weeks. Since we all had Italian lineage, we visited ancestral villages, Florence, Venice, Rome, and the Amalfi Coast which we all loved. Over those three weeks Annette and I had only one dustup and I don't even remember what it was about. Can you imagine three grown women in a car for three weeks. It got tense at times but there were still plenty of laughs.

Carole and I visited with Annette about 10 days ago. She rarely went out so we went to her and I am so glad I had that opportunity to see her. She was herself, we could not have guessed that she would be gone so soon. Rest in peace my friend. You will be sorely missed.

Jane Byrnes

Mary Jane Byrnes - November 18, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ Spending Christmas Eve with my Auntie-Nette will always be one of my favorite memories. Her voice was distinct, and I can still hear it echo in my head. Auntie Annette, her red jacket, and a silver broach pin rarely missed Christmas Eve. She came even when it was hard for her to travel and I loved her so much for it.

She never called me Melissa, she and my uncle always called me Meliss, or Miss, or Missy which never really caught on with anyone else and is why I loved hearing her say it so much.

She was one of the best card players in our family. She loved giving me the queen of spades when we played hearts, but if it was time for her cigarette break then she would just assume eat it to get it over with, knowing she could beat us next time.

She was a fierce Democrat. She threatened never to talk to me again if cast a vote for Trump.

I don't know if it has really fully hit me yet that she is gone, but I will always carry her with me in my heart.

*Love Always,
Meliss*



Melissa Reed-Cavaluzzi - November 17, 2020 at 11:25 PM

MB

“ Annette was a trusted colleague and friend. We worked together at DCF in the New Haven DCF Offices both on State Street and Long Wharf. Going out to lunch was an almost daily event , with the planning starting at 9:30 AM. I shall always remember her laughter, her dedication to the children we served and her love for her family. May you Rest In Peace my friend!

Maria Brereton - November 17, 2020 at 08:45 PM

 Jodi Silverman

“ Sorry to hear of Annette’s passing . I have some great memories of our interactions at DCF. I always loved her laugh and stories, May she rest in peace. I hope the great memories of Annette , help to comfort her family and friends

Jodi Silverman - November 17, 2020 at 12:43 PM

CJ

“ My sweet cousin Annette was one of my best childhood memories. As a child I’d spend an occasional weekend at their home on Putnam Avenue. I loved that big old beautiful house. It was huge...we’d play hide and seek and gather in someone’s bedroom and tell stories. I thought that house was a castle! Aunt Rose would make breakfast for us in that huge kitchen and we’d all sit around the breakfast table laughing at nothing...it was a joyous time.

Annette was always so kind to me. Always made me feel welcomed in her home and added so much richness to my childhood memories. I’ll always have these wonderful memories, thanks in part to Annette and the whole Santillo family.

Till we meet again.

Love,

Cousin Donna Jean Santillo Ruggiero

cousin Donna Jean - November 17, 2020 at 09:30 AM