



## Mrs. Anita Avery

April 22, 1927 - July 31, 2020

Mrs. Anita (Kirk) Avery, 93, of Adams, died peacefully on Friday, July 31, 2020 at her home. She answered to many names, including Anita, Orleta and Kirky but was known to her husband as Honey.

She was born in DeLancey, NY on April 22, 1927, a daughter of the late Leslie and Marguerite (Pardee) Kirk. She moved to Adams as a child and attended schools there, graduating from the former Adams High School with the class of 1943. She then attended the former St. Luke's Nursing School in Pittsfield, graduating in 1948 as a registered nurse.

Mrs. Avery worked on the maternity ward at the former W.B. Plunkett Memorial Hospital. She later worked as an industrial nurse at the former Arnold Print Works and the former Hunter Machine Company. She and her husband then embarked on a new career as proprietors of the former Butternut Inn Bed and Breakfast in Adams for several years until retiring. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Adams where she had served as a deacon. She was also a member of the St. Luke's Nursing School Alumni Association. Anita loved her family, babies and a good game of cribbage (she was quite the card shark and usually won!) She always had a kind word to say to someone. She had a great sense of humor and will be remembered for her great smile and hearty laugh. When her health declined in later years, she did not complain, but counted her blessings. She acknowledged her good fortune to have a caring family, allowing her to remain in her home.

She met her future husband, Walter Avery in Boston while she was in nursing school and he was in the Army, they were married on May 21, 1949 in Adams where they spent their entire lives and raised four children. Walter died on February 5, 2013.

She is survived and greatly missed by her two sons, Mark W. Avery and Scott K. Avery, both of Adams; her two daughters, Lisa M. Avery and her husband Robert Henriquez of Pittsfield and Laurie A. Avery of Yorktown, VA; four grandchildren, Jason Avery and his wife Krista of Cheshire, Bryant Avery and his wife Trisha of Cheshire, Sarah Dziegiel Sanchez of Yorktown, VA and Joshua Dziegiel of Richmond, VA; one great grandson, Tyler Avery of Cheshire; her devoted Boston Terrier, Ginger and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her three brothers, George "Bill" Kirk, Burton Kirk and Richard Kirk.

Per the request of Mrs. Avery, there are no funeral services at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, 42 Park St., Adams, MA 01220 or to the Louison House, 395 Old Columbia St. Adams, MA 01220.

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *My sincerely sympathy to Orleta's family & friends. She was a sensational woman! I remember how she taught my Mom's mother to sew a big tote bag out of Waverly leftovers. I ended up with the bag after my Grandmother passed away & it has been with me in all my Air Force world wide travels. I still use it for all my crochet projects today. Every time I take it out, I remember the patience & great sense of humor Orleta had with Gram. I remember your Mom & Dad coming over & paying pinacple and cards with my parents every now & then. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.*

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**Kim Coones** - August 13, 2020 at 03:50 PM

EM

“ *Laurie and Family,*

*Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your mom. While I only had the privilege of meeting your parents once, they were so lovely and welcoming. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Ellen Mendel** - August 12, 2020 at 04:17 PM

WF

“ *My deep sympathy to all of the family. Your mother sounds like a wonderful person. May her memory be a blessing to all.*  
*Bill Frazier*

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**William Frazier** - August 11, 2020 at 02:41 PM

CH

“ Lisa and family, so sorry for the loss of your mother. I only met her a few times many years ago, but Ray has fond memories of her when they both worked at James Hunter Machine. Again, our condolences. Ray and Chris Hanson

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**christine hanson** - August 08, 2020 at 12:26 PM

TH

“ We are saddened by the news of your moms passing. Sending our prayers and love to you all. Theresa and Mike Hosier

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**Theresa Hosier** - August 07, 2020 at 04:43 PM

LC

“ Dear Lisa and Laurie and family we are all so saddened by the news of Aunt Kirky and hope you find comfort in knowing she is with the Angel's in heaven they are lucky to have her

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**Lisa cormier** - August 07, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JE

“ Dear Lisa, Scott, and the entire family,

*So sorry to read of your beautiful mom's passing. She lived quite an accomplished life, and may it comfort you that she is with your dad. Sending you all my love and support.*

*Jeanne Baccoli*

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**Jeanne** - August 07, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RA

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Scott, Lisa and the entire family.*

*- Ray Arsenault & Tim Bushika*

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**Ray Arsenault** - August 06, 2020 at 03:12 PM

VL

“ *Lisa and Robert, my deepest sympathy for you loss. She had quite the life and I am sure endless memories. My thoughts are with you.*  
*Vera Lecocq*

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**Vera Lecocq** - August 06, 2020 at 02:34 PM

LC

“ *My sincere sympathy to all Anita's family.i have fond memories as best friends and family adventures.She was the reason I went to nursing school and became an RN. She was so kind and professional. ,Lucy Anthony Czaja*

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**Lucy Czaja** - August 06, 2020 at 01:59 PM

TH

“ *To Mrs Avery's Loving Family:  
I'm so sad to learn of Mrs Avery's passing. She was truly a kind, compassionate and lovely lady, with a warm, beautiful smile. I feel blessed to have known her. Thank you for all you did. Rest In Peace, Anita.  
Love, Theresa Kennedy*

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**Theresa** - August 06, 2020 at 03:43 AM

BB

“ *My sincere condolences to Anita’s family. I worked with Anita at Hunter Machine for many years. She was a joy to know and the sweetest lady. Rest In Peace dear Anita.*

*God Bless*

*Barbara Bessette*

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**Barbara Bessette** - August 05, 2020 at 09:57 PM

SG

“ *Both Anita and Walt were a big part of our family history. Really good friends of my parents. Lisa and Laurie were my students for many years and I even babysat for Scott! Sending my love to you all.....Susan (Hakes) Girard, Las Vegas, NV*

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**Susan Girard** - August 05, 2020 at 03:44 PM



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**Paciorek Funeral Home** - August 05, 2020 at 11:44 AM