



## Mrs. Annette M. Arena

January 24, 1950 - August 5, 2017

Mrs. Annette M. (Pytko) Arena, 67, of Dalton, died on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at her sister's home in Adams.

She was born in Adams on January 24, 1950, daughter of the late Francis and Levina (Serre) Pytko. She attended schools in Adams and graduated from the former Adams Memorial High School. She then went on to receive her Bachelor's in Science Degree in Medical Technology from the former North Adams State College.

Mrs. Arena last worked as a medical technologist in the blood bank at Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield. Earlier she had also worked for St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford and Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

She was a communicant of St. Agnes Church, Dalton. Her pride and joy was her family and children. She thrived on being a wife and mother and treated her nieces and nephews as her own children. A kind and gentle soul, she enjoyed playing Canasta, cooking, baking and gardening, and was a former member of the Cheshire Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Christopher Arena of Dalton, whom she married on January 8, 1983;

one daughter, Madalyn Leigh Edwards and her husband Mark of Radford, VA; two sons, Zachary Francis Arena and his wife Sierra of West Greenwich, RI and Jonathan Christopher Arena of Burlington, VT;

three grandchildren, Ezra, Zoe and Jack Edwards of Radford, VA;

two sisters, Beatrice Bourdon and her husband Wilfred of Adams and Pauline

Pytko of Adams as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Paul and Raymond Corbiere and by a sister Irene Koch.

The funeral will be held on Friday, August 11th at 9:00 A.M. from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, McKinley Square, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Thursday from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Christopher Arena to establish an education fund for Annette's grandchildren through the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Annette, thank you for loving Chris and our family, you added a lot to all of us. I will miss you. ~Romy Arena*

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“ *I have very fond memories working with Annette at St Lukes. Prayers and deepest sympathy at this most difficult time.*

**Sandra Schard** - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM



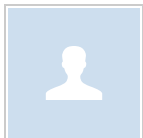
“ *Chris, my sincere condolences to you and your family. I first met Annette at BMC lab when I worked there in the 70's. And I also fondly remember her from the "Mansion Parties" on William. She was a very sweet lady. May your faith and children help you get through this most difficult time. Take care.*

**Mary Jo Janes Romero** - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *We grieve with you as we remember the good times we shared with Annette. We will miss her. Kim and John Edwards*

**Kim and John Edwards** - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Arena Family, We are so very sorry for the sudden loss of Annette. Our hearts are broken for you and we mourn with you during this devastating time. Praying for you in the days, months and years ahead and for the Lord to be close to you. Love, Tommy and Carrie Edwards*

June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ Chris and family,I was not a member of the hospital staff but was welcomed into their end of week venting and hydration sessions with Annette being the spark on many occasions to set the mood for the evening. Her warmth and personality will be a cherished memory. I even got to design your first home and credit her with early support of my career.With greatest sympathies.

Larry Tuttle - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ Our family has a hole that can never be filled. I will always miss Annette and hold onto to the memories she gave us.-Jane

June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ Chris and family,I was saddened and shocked to read of Annette's passing. I recall with fondness the "Mansion" and "O Be Joyful" years. You and Annette were always among the ringleaders of our merry band. Annette was also a beloved co-worker and witty friend.

Kathy Cota - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM

KC

“ It has been months since Annette passed and her loss hurts the same way it did. I still can't wrap my head around not seeing her and talking with her and making plans for our futures. Annette, I miss you so very much. Kathie

Kathie Caffrey - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM