



## Anna Marie Whelan

November 3, 1947 - November 28, 2021

Anna Marie Whelan (nee Massa), 74, of Bensalem, PA, passed away on November 28, 2021, after a long bout with cancer.

Anna Marie was the wife of her loving husband, Paul Whelan, for nearly 53 years; loving mother to Paul Whelan, Jr. and Jack Whelan (Bridget Shope); and grandmother to Julian Whelan, Adeline Mae Whelan, and Scarlett Rae Whelan.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Michael Massa and Caroline (Amoriello); brother, John Massa, and her sister, Irene Massa (Richardson); and is survived by her sister, Kathleen Massa McCarthy and her two best friends, Barbara Ann Holzapfel and Theresa Ann Leone.

A graduate of West Catholic Girls High School in 1966, Anna Marie went on to work first at the Philadelphia Zoo (during her junior year of high school), one of her favorite memories, and then later at Atlantic States Group, where she spent nearly 14 years among a terrific support group of women who kept her spirits high while she battled cancer.

A member of Immaculate Conception Church of Levittown, PA, from 1969 until 2003, she served as Eucharistic Minister and Minister of the Sick, and taught Catholic education for nearly 18 years.

Anna Marie later joined the Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly, NJ, also serving as Eucharistic Minister, and became deeply committed to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, where she volunteered her time feeding the hungry and helping the needy for a number of years.

Her Memorial Mass will be Celebrated on Tuesday, December 7th at 10:30 AM at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly. There will be a livestream available at this link: [https://youtu.be/mZ\\_9fbBoDhs](https://youtu.be/mZ_9fbBoDhs)

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in her name to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,  
c/o Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1404. Arrangements by  
the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly.

# Events

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**DEC** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St., Mount Holly, NJ, US

# Comments

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“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Anna Marie Whelan.



December 06, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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“ With love, Charisse & Nicole purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Anna Marie Whelan.



**With love, Charisse & Nicole** - December 06, 2021 at 12:13 PM

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“ Your Friends at Atlantic States Group purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Anna Marie Whelan.



**Your Friends at Atlantic States Group** - December 06, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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“ Anna Marie was a wonderfully, beautiful woman who I had the pleasure and honor to call my sister-in-law for almost 25 years. After the death of my husband, her brother-in-law, she remained my good friend. Anna Marie, I will miss you greatly. You fought a long fight. Rest In Peace.



**Carole Fernandes** - December 04, 2021 at 04:45 AM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Anna Marie Whelan.



December 03, 2021 at 03:44 PM

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“ Oscar, Kim and Kids Gonzalez purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Anna Marie Whelan.



**Oscar, Kim and Kids Gonzalez** - November 30, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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“ We were blessed to have AnnaMarie as part of our Violetwoo family. Coffee or wine chats with mom, teasing sunshine, or just a meeting at the backyard fence where the 3 yards came together. trading secrets of children and other friends. I will miss AnnaMarie and those simpler days

**theresa** - November 30, 2021 at 01:55 PM

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“ Everyone loved you and your Big heart and wonderful sense of Humor - she said to me "Don't forget Me" and I will always remember that!! She was one of a kind and I will not forget her - Thoughts and Prayers to Paul, her Sons and Grandchildren which I know was the "Light" of her Life!! -Love & Blessings always - Patricia White

**Patricia White** - November 30, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Anna Marie and I had been friends since our sophomore year in high school – West Catholic Girls. My earliest memories are of us riding the 52 bus from West Philly to Market Street and then riding the el to class. I boarded at Lancaster Avenue and waited patiently for the bus to arrive at Girard Avenue and my friend to join me. That’s how far we go back.

On November 28, 2021, after living through a worldwide pandemic and a ravaging surgery, God wanted my friend to be closer to Him. He called her home. Rest in peace, sweet friend. I miss you already!

**Terry Leone** - November 30, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ I lost someone who I’ve known since childhood and who became my sister-in-law many years ago. After my divorce we didn’t see much of each other but remained friends, kept in touch and talked often. Through the years we had a lot of good times.

She fought so hard for the last five years and God bless her, she did it with grace, dignity and bravery that can’t be put into words.

She was really tired and God rewarded her and took away her pain and brought her home to Him. I will miss her and our talks but I have wonderful memories to look back on. I was blessed to have known her.

RIP Dear Annie. Love you bunches.

**Phylis Horner** - December 02, 2021 at 01:02 AM



“ Your services were so beautiful, Anna Marie. We should all be so lucky to have that kind of love & support. Of course you made it so easy to love you with that huge kind heart of yours. Rest easy sweetheart.

**Colleen Bakely** - December 07, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ What a beautiful service! I was so blessed to have had you in my life since our childhood. You fought a long, hard battle. I’ll miss you. Rest In Peace darlin’.

**Phylis Horner** - December 07, 2021 at 12:40 PM