



Annette Marie Cox Kneeland

December 16, 1939 - November 11, 2021

Annette Marie Cox Kneeland, 81, of Gorham went peacefully to the Lord on November 11, 2021. She was born December 16, 1939, the youngest daughter of Robert and Annette (Rioux) Cox.

Annette grew up in the White Rock area of Gorham and graduated from Gorham High School in 1959. After high school Annette worked at a bank in Portland. She met her long-time love Ron Kneeland and the two were married in February 1960; they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year. In 1968, they purchased the same home that Annette grew up in and raised their four children in her childhood home, building years of happy memories.

For many years Annette was a stay-at-home mom and in 1973 she took a job at Gorham High School working in the music room and later as Ed tech in the library. She took the job expecting it to be a short-term job and retired in 2000. Annette was always kind and helpful to the students, they fondly referred to her as "Mrs. K", and many students stayed in touch with her after they graduated.

Annette had many talents; she would always be working on multiple projects such as cake decorating, knitting, quilting, crocheting or a craft project. Many special gifts were created from her handiwork. She enjoyed her Thursday evening craft night with good friends Joan, Linda, Martha and Cindy. The evening was a great way to stay connected and have some fun with their creativity. Annette was a great cook and loved to cook for her family. Annette loved her gardens and she would spend many hours making them perfect, which showed all summer as her yard was filled with many colors.

Annette and Ron loved to travel and they frequently took day trips in the New England area. A ride to Burlington, VT for an ice cream and returning home the same day was something they both enjoyed. They especially loved traveling to Pennsylvania for longer trips, where Annette would enjoy finding her favorite wine. After Annette retired, they took a 3-month trip traveling out west. Hotels were not booked in advance and they went at their own pace, seeing so much of our beautiful country. They both loved to drive on their trips; they would say you see so much more that way and much of their traveling was "on the back roads" as the goal wasn't to just get there but to enjoy seeing the country.

Annette was a thoughtful and caring wife, mother and grandmother and was always there

for her family. She was a sweet, gentle person that everyone in the immediate and extended family loved. As Annette grew sicker, two things would always catch her attention and make her smile - babies and dogs. In 2017 the family made the difficult decision to move her to a nursing home as Annette suffered from dementia and could no longer live at home safely. As Annette's illness progressed, it's the same sweet smile from her that everyone looked for at their visits and luckily, we continued to see her smile and loving gentle nature on most visits. The family would like to thank the Millay unit at Sedgewood Commons for taking care of her over the last 4+ years, treating her as family, as well as Compassus for their wonderful care of Annette over the last year. The love she was shown by the staff provided comfort to her family.

Annette had 7 grandchildren who she adored and she could always be found at soccer, football, tennis and hockey games; whatever they were doing she would be there to cheer them on.

Annette is predeceased by her parents and siblings Loraine Knighton, Robert Flaherty, Frank Tozie, Gloria Wiggin, Roberta Cox and Thomas Cox.

Annette is survived by her husband Ronald, sons Ronald Jr and Kathy, Robert and Margaret both from Windham, daughters Michele and Tim Rowe of Standish, Sue and Grant Maines of Windham. Grandchildren Danielle and Chip Stevens of Leeds, Curtis and Amy Rowe of Gorham, Tyler Kneeland and Dawn Smith of Scarborough, Eric and Julie Kneeland of Worcester MA, Connor Maines of New York City, Kate Kneeland of Worcester MA, Lauren Maines of Windham, and 5 Great Grandchildren. Brother-in-law Richard and Joan Kneeland. Sister-in-Law Jean and Ralph Weeks and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, November 14 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Dolby, Blais & Segee Funeral Home, 434 River Rd., Windham. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, November 15 at 11:00am at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 268 Brown St., Westbrook with a burial to follow at White Rock Cemetery in Gorham. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Annette's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/maine>

Events

NOV 14 **Visiting Hours** 03:00PM - 05:00PM
Dolby, Blais & Segee - Windham Chapel
434 River Road, Windham, ME, US, 04062

NOV 15 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM
St. Anthony's of Padua
268 Brown St., Westbrook, ME, US

NOV 15 **Burial**
White Rock Cemetery
North Gorham Road, Gorham, ME, US, 04038

Comments



“ Sorry for your lossUsed to sit near her at Mass nice lady always said hi to me she knew I worked with Ron !!

Gerard Moreau - November 15, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ Annette was such a kind and friendly person. We worked together at the Gorham high school library and had many good times and laughs together. She will be greatly missed.

Denise Bordeaux - November 15, 2021 at 03:36 AM



“ Susie From Sedgewood lit a candle in memory of Annette Marie Cox Kneeland



Susie from sedgewood - November 14, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ My second Mom. I have so many wonderful memories of Annette. She treated me just like one of her own kids. It's a good thing because I was always there! She taught me so much about crafting, cooking, decorating cakes and making Barbie doll clothes out on the porch for hours. She made being a mom look like a piece of cake! So grateful to have had such a wonderful influence in my life. Sending love and hugs to the whole family. The record player is playing in Heaven and she's dancing until she sees her family again.

Ann Mallory - November 14, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ We have many great memories of our times together.
Our nights of cards/crafts and snowmobile trips are all pleasant memories.

Many of us have gifts of her handiwork that are constant reminders of her friendship.
She will be missed.

Linda and Roland Tetrault

Roland Tetrault - November 13, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Oh my. So VERY sorry to hear of Mrs.K's passing. What a godsend she was. Always easy to talk to and so very kind. She made going to high school a little less stressful and was always a smiling face. She'll always be loved and cherished.
Deepest sympathies to her family - thank you for sharing her with so many. She was a treasure!
-Marcia

Marcia - November 13, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ If we wanted blueberry muffins all we had to do was bring her a cup blueberries

gerald minard - November 13, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Love that stories..

Michele Rowe - November 13, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Mrs. Kneeland worked at the Gorham High School Library when I attended school there. She was a lovely person - kind, helpful, and polite. She will always be remembered.
I hope fond, happy memories of her help her family to get through this difficult time.
Sharon (Kimball) Beaver

Sharon - November 13, 2021 at 12:25 AM



“ Esther Davy lit a candle in memory of Annette Marie Cox Kneeland



Esther Davy - November 12, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1GurXQe1kU&list=RDMMSBJI5BH4Ycg&index=6>

Marty Hamlin - November 12, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Michele, so sorry to hear of your moms passing - thinking of you, your dad and the rest of your family at this difficult time. Thursday night craft nights with our moms was special and one of many memories to be cherished. Deepest sympathies.

Wendy Tetrault Connolly - November 12, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Thanks Wendy we had fun when the daughters joined. Good memories..

Michele Rowe - November 13, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ I went to high school with Annette. She was a gentle sweet soul... I lived in White Rock also and she was so kind to me.. I named my first daughter after her. May she rest in peace.

Mary Ellen Nugent Landry - November 12, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ What a wonderful story to read, thanks for sharing.

Michele Rowe - November 13, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ You were such a good friend, Annette, and I am fortunate to have had you in my life.

Jean - November 13, 2021 at 04:11 PM