



Roberta F. MacDonald

April 6, 1941 - August 4, 2020

WINDHAM – Roberta F. MacDonald, 79, passed away peacefully at her home on August 4, 2020. She was born in Portland on April 6, 1941, the daughter of Lavanthia Dennison.

She met the love of her life, Fred at just 13 years old and they married at age 20. Roberta and Fred moved to Windham in 1962, building a home in Grandpa's Village, a place overflowing with love.

Roberta was a doting homemaker and raised her three girls with enormous love and kindness. She dedicated over 30 years to Windham Middle School, reluctantly retiring at age 74. She loved walking those halls, making friends with the children and, sometimes, breaking up a few fist fights in her day. She was tiny but mighty, and her heart was huge. Every school year she loved and looked out for the kids, even selflessly giving shoes or clothing if she thought someone was in need. She would often bring homemade treats to the teachers and staff at school, spreading her love everywhere she went. After retiring, Roberta missed her WMS family dearly. She formed a very special bond with the teachers and staff over the years.

Roberta will be remembered for so many things, but most of all her absolute pure kindness, generosity and unselfish love. She will be forever missed. Rest well mom. We know you're dancing with Dad in heaven.

In addition to her loving husband, Roberta was predeceased by her siblings, Hazel Dennison, Betty McDonough, Richard Dennison, John Dennison, and Leo Dennison. She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Colcord and husband, David of Standish, Donna MacDonald and Philip Becker of Standish, Diana Ferrante and husband, Tony of Scarborough; sister, Gail Gray, of Watertown, NY; sister-in-law, Betty Plummer of Windham; and brothers-in-law, Michael Paskewicz and Richard MacDonald; her beloved grandchildren, Matthew Rogers, Brittaney Rogers, and Rachel Ferrante, whom she adored beyond measure. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, all of whom were dear to her heart.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Arlington Cemetery, Windham, with Pastor David Patterson, officiating.

Cemetery

Arlington Cemetery

Rte 302

Windham, ME, 04062

Events

AUG 12 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Roberta was a valued team member of the staff at W.M.S. Berta always went above and beyond what was required. She was a kind, caring and true friend to all whose lives she touched. Those of us who had the opportunity to work with her as well as the many students she interacted with will miss her. Rest in peace my friend. John Gato



John Gato - August 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Deb sorry to hear about your mom. Thinking about you and your family at this difficult time.

Wendy Connolly - August 10, 2020 at 09:11 PM



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Diana Ferrante - August 10, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta F. MacDonald.



August 10, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ I’m so sad to her of her passing. Like so many of us that had the opportunity to work at WMS, Roberta was a beken of joy and happiness. After a hard school day you could always count on Roberta’s smile to assure you that everything is OK. I never heard a loud or angry word from her. It was as though she was incapable of getting mad. She always put others first, stopping whatever she was doing to help out. She left her mark on all of us. I’m really glad that our paths cross. God bless her!

Bob Asselin - August 10, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Deb, I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. My heart goes out to you and your sisters, all of whom were such great daughters to her. She was blessed with your love. Keep the memories in your heart where she will live with you forever. Sending a big hug your way.

Marlene Donovan - August 10, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Berta was at the heart of Windham Middle School, and her heart was big enough to touch every student and staff person, every single day. We all adored Berta, and everyone knew she felt the same way. Berta was at the heart of our WMS family, she made everyone feel a part of the school family. She was fierce and game for anything, and I really loved her for that.

A middle school is a unique place, and it does take a special type of person, like Berta. Some days working at a middle school felt like plot development for a sit com, and with Berta it felt like we were in an episode of the "I Love Lucy" show.

I will always be grateful to Berta.

Eliza Jane Adams - August 10, 2020 at 06:13 AM



“ Our condolences peter/paul jeffery

peter/paul jeffery - August 10, 2020 at 12:58 AM



“ Roberta was a kind and gentle person, though, a strong, effective leader and head custodian. In the many years that we worked together, I never saw her express anger. She led by example. The respect of her fellow workers, her abilities, and desire to do a good job allowed her to successfully build an excellent custodial staff ! It made the school a more friendly and clean environment.

I remember many pleasant and enjoyable conversations, as I'm sure many of the staff do. On many occasions, she went out of her way to do a little extra for staff members. They often expressed to me their appreciation for that! Many times I observed her chatting with students or assisting them. She was loved by all. She will be surely missed, but she left the world a better place! Good-by and God bless you.

Harry Chaplin

HARRY I CHAPLIN - August 09, 2020 at 02:13 PM