



Ann L. Sunderland

November 16, 1940 - December 2, 2019

Wellesley – Ann L. (Medelinskas) Sunderland, 79 of Wellesley and formerly of Methuen, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Newton Wellesley Center for Alzheimer’s Care. She was the beloved wife of the late Allan E. Sunderland.

Born in Lawrence on November 16, 1940, she was the daughter of Adolph and Bertha (Knops) Medelinskas. Ann graduated from Lawrence High School and earned her bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Lowell. Ann worked part-time at Bob’s Stores in Salem, NH. In her free time, she enjoyed playing golf and racket ball. She also loved spending time at Salisbury Beach.

Ann will be deeply missed by her 2 daughters, Jill Coughlin and her husband, Butch of Wakefield and Tracey DeLano and her husband, Al of Methuen; her sister, Carol Elliott and her husband, James of Salem, NH; her brother, George Medelinskas and his wife, Ginger of Haverhill; 6 grandchildren, Brendan and Abigail Coughlin and Callie, Carter, Casey, and Camdyn DeLano; 2 brothers-in-law, Robert Sunderland and his wife, Frances Jean of Texas and Edward Sunderland of Florida; her sister-in-law, Marion Drummond of Wellfleet, MA; her close friends, Maureen and Jim Lever of Methuen; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor and celebrate Ann’s life by gathering for her calling hours on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 1 -5 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street in Methuen. Her Funeral Mass will be held at 11 AM on Monday at St. Lucy’s Church, 254 Merrimack Street in Methuen. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Newton Wellesley Center for Alzheimer’s Care, ATTN: Activity Fund, 694 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA 02482. For directions or to send an online condolence, please visit <http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com>. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sunderland family.

Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery
North Lowell St.
Methuen, MA, 01844

Events

DEC 8 **Calling Hours** 01:00PM - 05:00PM
Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home
233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

DEC 9 **Mass** 11:00AM
St. Lucy's Parish
254 Merrimack St., Methuen, MA, US, 01844

Comments



“ Dear George
I saw the obituary of your beautiful sister in today's Eagle Tribune and I want you to know that you and Ginger are in my thoughts at this sad time.
Jane Thiefels

JANE THIEFELS - December 07, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ I remember Ann from LHS. We were not in the same class, but I always admired her. Ann was kind and friendly to everyone. She was a beautiful girl inside and out,
My condolences to her family.

Janet (Cuomo) McSweeney

Janet McSweeney - December 07, 2019 at 04:20 AM



“ Some pictures of my sister Ann from my Scrap Book. Sent by Carol Elliott



Carol Elliott - December 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM



- “ - the many beach days at “Nana’s Beach”
- cards games of war
 - Canobie trips (even the dreaded rides on the Blue Heron Boat Cruise and Carousel)
 - unlimited hard candies
 - crossword puzzles
 - trips to the Dollar Tree to buy puzzles and Jacks when she babysat us

I’m so lucky to have so many happy memories with my Nana, the most beautiful sunshine. When I think of her, I will always be reminded of bright and sunny days. I know she is her old self again, resting peacefully and looking over her entire family as she beams with pride and joy.

Abbie Coughlin - December 03, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ We had joy. We had fun. We had seasons in the sun.



Jill Coughlin - December 03, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ When my son. Chris was very young, and my wife was pregnant with Sarah and we lived in Deerfield NH, Ann would meet Chris and I in Atkinson and take him for the day...she returned him with one of her long handwritten notes describing everything they did...she continued that when she would take them for a weekend... it was wonderful... I wish I had one of those notes right now...Ann was a wonderful sister and a pretty good basketball player in college and the proud owner of a blue VW bug that always contrasted well with Alan’s Cadillac in the driveway.

George Medelinskas - December 03, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ We shared so many chapters in our book of life.
From friendships, engagements, weddings, babies, first homes and especially vacations with dreams of more to come.
Shared heartbreak when we lost Al. Remained always a call away until Alzheimer's took away Ann's ability to recognize and communicate with us.
Jill and Tracey provided everything they could much beyond what could be expected. I hope they know their sacrifices have been recognized.
Rest In Peace Ann. Now you are with Al again.
Love, Jim and Maureen Lever

Jim and Maureen Lever - December 03, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ After reading Maureen and Jim's thoughts, I feel compelled to share a few memories: Babysitting Jill and Tracey when the "adults" enjoyed the Sweetheart Inn...I was never relieved from duty early. Hanging around Wheels and Reels with Uncle Al and Papa (I went for the comic relief). Talking about life with Auntie Ann while frying on Salisbury Beach. Christmas at Myrtle Street was always a highlight for me as a kid. Great times were always had with Al at the comedy controls.

Although I have not seen or talked to Ann for a long time, my mother always said that Tracey and Jill were taking great care of her, as Alzheimer's took her from us. Well done, Girls, you should be very proud of your commitment to family.

May you Rest In Peace.... if Uncle Al will allow it....

With Love,

Mark Elliott

Mark Elliott - December 03, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ Auntie Ann you were the best!!!

I remember driving in your orange Volkswagen rabbit to the beach....no seat belt....just standing up behind you in the back seat holding on!!! I loved it, especially lathering in baby oil...we got the best tan ever!!!

I can go on and on.....you were fun, intelligent and the best!!

You gave me your blue couch for my first apartment and it was so comfortable!!!!

I will never forget waiting so patiently every Christmas to go to your home on Christmas night, it was awesome Auntie Ann, thank you!!

Through the years you were there for me more than you'll ever know.....our talks about life, your support and most of all your encouragement, you were my inspiration!!!!

May you rest in peace now.....

Love you Auntie Ann!!!

Kim

Kimberly A Elliott - December 06, 2019 at 10:05 PM