



Ann Desroches

June 5, 1954 - December 23, 2024

Ann (Carey) Desroches, 70, gained her angel wings on December 23, 2024 with her loving family beside her. She was born in Springfield, MA on June 5, 1954 to the late James P. Carey and Mary Agatha (O'Connell) Carey. Ann grew up in South Hadley and graduated from South Hadley High School in 1972. She later attended Holyoke Community College. Ann married the love of her life, Gary M. Desroches on November 9, 1974 and they built their life together in Chicopee, MA. Besides her husband Gary, she leaves behind her three beloved daughters, Melanie (Desroches) Patterson and her husband Daniel of Hampden, Tara (Desroches) Celani and her husband Justin of Harwich, and Kelli Desroches of Chicopee, and her significant other Justin Billings; her precious six grandchildren, Mckenna, Madeline & Ainsley Patterson, Jacob and Caitlyn Celani and Molly Rajpold; two sisters, Rosemary Carey of South Hadley, and Laura Barrick and her husband Mike of Granby; three brothers, Patrick Carey and his wife Cindy of Albuquerque, NM, Christopher Carey and his wife Tami of Granby, CT, Dan Carey and his wife Ann of Granby, CT; and her sister-in-law, Debra Perrault of Agawam. Ann was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, cousin and a friend to all whose lives she touched. She worked many years as an administrative assistant and payroll specialist. Ann received a life changing double lung transplant in 2016. She was a beautiful soul with radiant emerald green eyes, she had a fighting spirit and defeated all odds living life to its fullest. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her, including the numerous transplant patients she

inspired and supported following her own life saving surgery. She loved animals, being outdoors and soaking up the sunshine while reading a book. In earlier years she loved traveling with her husband to Aruba (her favorite island). She also enjoyed her summer vacations to Cape Cod with her family. On November 9th, Ann and her husband Gary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary where they renewed their wedding vows and celebrated the momentous occasion with their immediate family. Along with many nieces, nephews and cousins, she will be missed deeply by her standard poodle Rudy, who always laid by her side even in her final hours. Calling hours for Ann will be held from 3-6PM on Sunday, December 29th, at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee. On Monday, December 30th, at 11AM, family and friends are invited to meet directly in Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St, Chicopee, for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will follow in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made to Donate Life America, 5516 Falmouth Street, Suite 302, Richmond, VA 23230.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 592-9256
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ste. Rose de Lima Church
600 Grattan St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *David lit a candle in memory of Ann Desroches*



David - May 19, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BC

“ *Gary, our deepest sympathies to you and family. Bill and Deb Celani*

Bill and Deb Celani - December 30, 2024 at 06:02 PM

PD

“ *I wish I was there today to be with all of you and grieve with you. Her's is a loss deeply felt by anyone who knew her. It's hard to think of this world without her. She was the matriarch of the Carey family and a force of resilience and grace I've long admired. Thinking of you, Gary and family.-Your cousin, Paula*

Paula DuPont - December 30, 2024 at 12:19 PM

NM

“ *Ann was a beautiful soul I was neighbors with her and Gary for 35 years, she was a caring person and was a loving Wife, Mom and Grandmother she loved you all deeply and was so proud of all of you. She was bound and determined too make it to her 50th Anniversary and she did I was so Happy for them to celebrate it and for her loving family to make it happen for her and Gary and now she is a Angel that will watch over you all I'm sorry for your loss. God Bless her and all the family*

Norma Menec - December 29, 2024 at 02:44 PM

DF

“ My deepest sympathy to Gary and family, my heart breaks for all of you. May all your memories of her bring you comfort at this difficult time. Ann was a bright light in everyone’s life. I had not seen her in awhile but we chatted through Messenger from time to time she always ended her chat with Love you. Rest in Peace sweet Ann. ❤️



Donna Forwood - December 29, 2024 at 09:34 AM

HP

“ Gary my heart goes out to you and your family.
Heather Peterson



Heather Peterson - December 27, 2024 at 06:30 AM

PD

“ Ann has been a friend for many years. We are so sorry for Gary and the whole family. Ann was always smiling and upbeat even with the challenges she faced. She was an important part to our group....we called ourselves the Fab 4 and would meet once a month to go out to eat and catch up with everything. May she rest in peace. Your friends Portia, Joanne, and Susan.

Portia Desroches - December 26, 2024 at 06:37 PM

CM

“ I so enjoyed working with Ann. She was the friendly smiling receptionist face of MassWest for many years. She glowed when she spoke of her children, grandchildren and husband. Her bright light will continue to shine in and through her beautiful family! ❤️ May she rest in peace in God's beautiful garden.

Carole Malek - December 26, 2024 at 01:30 PM

DB

“ I worked with Ann at General Casualty for 8 years and have stayed in touch since 2003, mostly via Facebook. She was a very special person and brought out the best in everyone. She fought the battle hard and wish that she is resting peacefully. May God bless her devoted husband and family to find the strength in dealing with thos grief. ❤️



Deborah Barlow - December 26, 2024 at 01:21 PM

CR

To my Chicopee family please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your beautiful wife, mother, and grandmother. Ann was a remarkable woman. Anyone who was blessed to know her loved her. She was truly an angel on earth. Her pure heart of gold, her kindness, compassion, and love of others was admirable. Her positivity, her outlook on life, and her smile were contagious. She brought true light into any room she entered. She will never be forgotten and forever loved. Sending prayers of comfort, and strength to her husband, her beautiful girls, grandchildren and family during this most difficult time. May Ann be resting in the sweetest and heavenliest peace.

Cousins Kim, Paul, & Kelsey Raposa - December 26, 2024 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Marsh lit a candle in memory of Ann Desroches*



Debbie Marsh - December 26, 2024 at 12:53 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Carmody lit a candle in memory of Ann Desroches*



Deborah Carmody - December 26, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ *Our condolences to Ann's family and friends. I loved working with Ann in payroll and our get together lunches. She was truly a special lady and will be deeply missed.
Deb and Paul Carmody*

Deborah Carmody - December 26, 2024 at 12:39 PM

AS

“ *Alice S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ann Desroches.*



Alice S. - December 26, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ *I only knew your mother for a short time as I worked with her at Complete Payroll Solutions and I myself had to leave when my own father had cancer and I needed to take care of him. She had such a positive impact on everybody she met and I myself became an organ donor when I learned of her struggles. Wishing all of her friends and family peace during this difficult time.*

Amy Wisniewski Dunbar - December 26, 2024 at 12:21 PM

KC

“ *I'm so sorry Mel and family she was a fighter. And will always be with you all watching over you. Love Kathy Charest*



Kathy Charest - December 26, 2024 at 12:09 PM