



## Anita M. Colitti

December 25, 1942 - December 4, 2020

Anita M. Colitti, age 77, passed away December 4, 2020. She was born in Cleveland, on December 25, 1942, to the late Joseph and Rose Panichi (nee DiBartolomeo). She was a proud and loving sister, aunt, cousin, and cherished friend who will be greatly missed. Anita is survived by her sister Marie (Gerald) Powers. Anita also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved and cared for her dearly. Anita was a jack of all trades who embodied an Artist. Her joyful heart, creative nature and free spirit will have a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Flory Panichi and Carol Masitto, nephews David Panichi and Joey Panichi. A private prayer and burial service will be held for the immediate family. Please visit [monreal.com](http://monreal.com) to offer your condolence or share a memory of Anita.

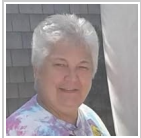
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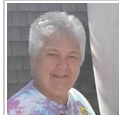
**Judy Paterson** - December 28, 2020 at 04:41 PM



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**Margaret Wendell** - December 10, 2020 at 11:52 AM



*Good times with Louise & Margaret. We will miss you every day our dear friend.*

**Margaret Wendell** - December 10, 2020 at 11:55 AM

CF

*Anita, everything I have read here is amazing. You were so loved and had a wonderful family . You were a "Jill" of all trades .when you visited me up here in Mass. if I had let you. you would have remodeled my kitchen.Instead you made your chicken soup. I will miss our chats .*

*Rest in Peace my Friend*

*Your Friend "Katrina "*

**catherine g Fadden** - December 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

SP

“ I was fortunate to have Anita come into my life when my daughter Mallory was dating and eventually married her nephew Steve. I am so appreciative for all the love, friendship and laughter she shared with me and my family. She is to be admired for teaching my son in law Steve numerous life skills while acting as his substitute mother. I would ask Steve I'd there was anything Aunt Anita couldn't do and he laughed and replied "no".

I cherish the times we spent together especially at our favorite park sipping wine and solving the problems of the world while sitting in front of a warm fire. Although it's impossible to visit the Emerald Isle together just know I'll carry you there in my heart. You will be missed my friend and free spirit.

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**Susan Pastor** - December 08, 2020 at 02:30 PM

MM

“ Auntie was the closest person I had to a mother-in-law. I can't imagine life without her. I have only known her around 9 years but in that time we have had so many great memories together. She was a mom to Steve after his mom passed away and She took that role Very seriously always offering us advice and help when needed. She was in our wedding as that role too which was very special to her and us. Everytime I look at my kitchen I think of her. She helped us redo our kitchen. She helped us tile our basement, bathroom etc. she was so talented and amazing. There wasn't anything she couldn't do. I'm going to miss giving her fresh herbs from my garden. She always loved talking gardening tips. I'm going to miss getting plants together. I'm going to miss our late night fires at the park talking and drinking wine and our annual clam bake with my family. I'm going to miss talking to her about anything and everything. She was always there when you needed to talk. The last advice she gave me was not to worry and everything will be ok. I love you Auntie! Gone much too soon but always forever in our hearts and memories.

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**Mallory Masitto** - December 08, 2020 at 01:06 PM

GG

“ Cuz, no words will ever be able to describe how much you were loved and cherished by your family and friends. I have 60 years of memories of you. I will hold in my heart always. My heart is breaking... the loss of you I will never get over. Like everyone in our family that wrote before me.. you were one of a kind cuz! The best ever! You were ALWAYS there for your family. You have helped me in so many different ways throughout my life whether it be to help fix something at the house or help set up one of my daughters at college or just come over and sit in the back yard and talk. You helped me get through some very difficult times always saying “ you will be fine” . You are what the word FAMILY stands for! I will never forget you cuz.. fly high.. I'm sure you are already rearranging things up there showing them all a better way to do things. I love you forever.. we will all be together again one day.❤️

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**Gina Giangiacomo-Herak** - December 08, 2020 at 08:15 AM

JL

“ Anita was a very caring and loving person..I enjoyed her company when we would all get together. We all shared alot of laughter that is for sure..she will be deeply missed. Fly high with the Angel's now and keep everyone smiling.



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**Jamie L.Pollock** - December 08, 2020 at 07:54 AM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy. Words can't explain what a wonderful person she was

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**Shirley Woods** - December 08, 2020 at 07:19 AM

SE

“ I cannot imagine my world without Cousin Anita. She saw the worth in any object, the special in any person. She could see a piece of junk and find a purpose for it, or turn it into something cool. When I was little we did crafts on the weekend. As I got older she taught me that a girl can do anything a guy could do. Plumbing, dry walling, tiling, upholstery, there was no limit to what she would undertake. She had a project going at all times, and helped so many of us do home improvements around the house. She loved to laugh, dance and sing, She talked continuously even when she was sleeping. She had a jaunty walk, and a way accenting a word that I cannot explain. She was always learning and saw the world with a child like wonder. But most of all she loved life, and all of us. She made each and every one feel special and loved. And we all loved her back.



Sandra Erney - December 07, 2020 at 09:35 PM



Sandy, that is the most spot on thing I've read. What an amazing tribute for an Amazing woman, It couldn't be more true! When I lost my Job 5 years ago I lost my living arrangements as well, I had temporarily moved into Elise's grandmothers home as she was in a nursing home at the time, we went from 2 incomes to one and it was beyond tuff she heard about my situation and was going to help us when NO ONE ELSE would, I mean she was going to help like a parent would help their children! I didn't take her help we did it on our own. Since I don't have parents she was more then willing to step in and Help me.. At that time I asked other family for help and was told by one I should pray and that it would all work out, im not the praying type, I figured NO one is going to help you you have to do it yourself and thats what I did.. but my aunt was there for me when no one else was. I loved my Auntie Anita & no matter how long it was inbetween I know she loved me. She was by far along with my mother & your mother the most giving, loving, caring, compassionate person on Earth.

Jim Masitto II - January 06, 2021 at 08:02 AM

JB

“ Auntie touched so many lives in such a positive way. She was truly unique and creative in every area of her life, and she always forged her own path bravely, boldly, and unapologetically. She could create, install, fix, or refurbish anything she put her mind to with almost unimaginable precision. Just earlier this year she was at my house re-caning a chair, which she had learned to do only a couple days before on YouTube. She rarely missed a family function, always gracing us with her amazing sense of humor, her warmth, and her absolutely unforgettable voice. She deeply loved and was dedicated to her entire family.

*Auntie, you were one of the people in my life who I admired most. Thank you for your wonderful art, your strength, your caring, your love, your infectious laughter, and all the time you spent with us. I can't begin to imagine life without you.*

*Love you always.*

*Jo Ellen*

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**Jo Ellen Bonanno** - December 07, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DO

“ So many memories it is difficult to choose what to share. We lived together when I was just five years old. She was always drawing out our creativity and making regular playtimes into wonderful fantasies. Growing up with her was an adventure. Her unconditional love for all of her family was never ending. She lived life to the fullest, making the best of every situation. She was always available to help with any project you had but it was never as simple as you thought it would be because she was such a perfectionist and would take it a step further than you could have ever imagined it to be. Who else goes to Italy, finds a store that sells hair color and does her hair there because she didn't have time before we left the states. Auntie you are so loved and will be missed every minute of everyday. I know you are rebuilding Heaven already.

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**Darlene Olshansky** - December 07, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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**Jo Dorado-Clair** - December 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JD

*One of my favorite pictures of Cuz*

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**Jo Dorado-Clair** - December 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JD

“ How do you even begin to summarize fifty years of having this amazing person in your life? Growing up, we had the privilege of having "Cuz" in our lives. She lived with us, off and on, throughout the years. As a child, I loved art, and she indulged our creativity with different projects. She was sweet, funny, quirky, generous, artistic, unpretentious, spunky, tough and stubborn. She was multi talented; if there was something she didn't know how to do, she'd learn. With the advent of YouTube, she spent hours watching how-to videos. She had more energy than anyone I've ever met; for her to sit still was a rarity. There were just too many projects and art to be done! She may have been 77 years old but it was just a few short weeks ago that she was helping to rebuild a patio, supervising a garage gutter repair, refurbishing and polishing my aunt's car, rebuilding a radiator for her wagon, and making plans to finish her kitchen by installing granite countertops. She had so many interests but another thing we shared was our love of thrifting and picking. It wasn't unusual to go treelawn picking or to an estate/garage sale or church rummage sale. She got excited about finding the neatest tools for \$1. Cuz, you have no idea how many lives and hearts you touched or just how MUCH you'e going to be missed. I know my life will be much emptier without you. Until we meet again. Love you always.

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**Jo Dorado-Clair** - December 07, 2020 at 04:25 PM

SM

Where do I begin I by talking about our long conversations which included so many different subjects, such as Ancient Rome, Building a cabin in the islands of Lake Erie, or Planning our trips. Speaking of trips we have such a wonderful time traveling through Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia on a tour then ending those 11 days by driving through Italy to Rome. We travel through the mountains staying at one of a kind hotels. I still can't believe we stayed in a 15 century grain storage building that also hid soldiers during WWII. Oh yes and your favorite meal a pork dish we purchased at road stop. So so many memories of our times together. You were not only a friend but a companion in spirit. You always said we knew each other in another life. Rest my friend.

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**Sandra moore** - December 09, 2020 at 06:13 PM

JP

*We are all devastated by our loss of such an amazing and wonderful person. Auntie being born on Christmas day was no coincidence - she embodied the spirit of Christmas every day - a spirit of giving and generosity, and a love of spending time with family and friends - the things most people find time for or put importance to only a few times a year.*

*Auntie was generous and giving, not only with gifts, but more importantly with her time. She was happy to help with projects of any kind; repairs and remodeling or art projects. Her talent knew no bounds. From her artistic ability to her "handy woman" skills, she was the single most talented and creative person I have ever known. She was totally amazing.*

*There was never any doubt about how much she loved her family or how much she was loved. Auntie had a positive impact on all our lives. We are blessed to have so many wonderful memories, so many fun times and funny stories to cherish.*

*Years ago Auntie helped me (well ,actually did the entire project) with artwork for a scripture we were using at vacation Bible school. She drew a dove and wrote the scripture in calligraphy. She liked the scripture and as remembered this, it reminds me of her, always with a loving, kind and peaceful persona.*

*"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."  
John 14:27*

*We love you Auntie and will miss you very much.  
Judy*

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**Judy Paterson** - December 28, 2020 at 04:34 PM