



Anna C. (Zompa) Cole

August 29, 1931 - February 2, 2022

ATHOL - Anna C. (Zompa) Cole, 90 of Athol, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Born in Providence, RI on August 29, 1931, Anna was one of three siblings born to the late Carlo and Lena (Marrapese) Zompa. Anna was raised by her father Carlo and stepmother Jennie Zompa.

In her early 20's Anna worked at Davol Rubber Company in Providence, RI which manufactured baby nipples. Anna loved working there with her best friend Laura LaConte and was also a member of the bowling team. Anna met her husband William (Russ) in 1956 at Roseland Dance Hall in Taunton, MA. They married at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Providence, RI on October 3, 1958. After leaving Rhode Island, Anna and Russ moved to Townsend and eventually resided in West Groton where they raised their four children. In retirement, Anna and Russ moved to Lake Havasu City, AZ to enjoy the warm winters and would come to MA for the summers to spend time with the family. In 2005, Anna and Russ returned to Massachusetts to spend more time with their children.

Anna was a wonderful cook and baker. She loved to cook for family get togethers, always wanting to make sure everyone had enough to eat. Anna's specialties in the kitchen were homemade hand cut pasta, meatballs and spaghetti sauce, antipasto and her own homemade pizza. She also loved to bake pies, cookies and muffins. She loved to work the church fairs and play bingo. Anna volunteered at both the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent's DePaul. Anna always made sure to attend her children's sporting events, school band and choir concerts, and Brownie meetings. She was a diehard Red Sox fan, always cheering on the Red Sox even if the games continued into the wee hours of the morning. Anna and Russ loved camping in Bar Harbor, ME each July. Anna loved traveling and spending time with family. She loved her grandchildren and her great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Anna was predeceased by her brothers Ralph Zompa and Donald Zompa, half-brothers Frank Silva, and half-sister Delores Singelton.

Anna is survived by her husband of 63 years , William R. 'Russell' Cole, Jr.; her son,

William R. Cole, III and his spouse Beth; her daughters, Brenda Milner and her spouse Michael, Maria Cole and her spouse Karen Motyka, and Carla Turbide and her spouse Mark; her two step sisters Grace Bechaz and Marie Collins and half- brother Joseph Silva; her grandchildren, Nicole Milner and her spouse Danny Margolis, Ian Milner and his girlfriend Meg Redkey, Kristen Majikas and her spouse Matthew, Justin Turbide and his spouse Jessica, Ryan Turbide and his spouse Julie, and Zachary, Brandon and Nathan Cole; also survived by her great-grandchildren, Vincent and Eva Majikas, and Lillian Turbide.

At the family's request, Anna's services will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to Care Central VNA and Hospice at <https://www.carecentralvnahospice.org/about/donate/> or the St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org. All arrangements are under the direction of T.J Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center. For additional information or for online condolences, please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Tribute Wall



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Anna C. (Zompa) Cole.*



February 09 at 03:00 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Anna C. (Zompa) Cole.*



February 08 at 11:30 AM