



## Anita Louise O'Leary

March 9, 1944 - January 5, 2012

Anita L. O'Leary, 67 years of Toledo passed away Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Advanced Specialty Hospital.

She was born in Maumee to the late Ademer Gouttierre and Adeline (Yeager) Gouttierre.

She attended St. Joseph Catholic elementary school in Maumee and was a 1962 graduate of McAuley High School and the former Warners School of Cosmetology in 1963.

She married Thomas O'Leary on August 21st 1965 and they had one daughter, Michelle Lynn, born in 1968.

Her father owned Gouttierre Pastry shop in Maumee and she along with her three brothers were expected to work early every Saturday morning which didn't always thrill them. She enjoyed golf, tennis, bowling and hosted many golf outings with her sister-in-law, Anne O'Leary. She was also an avid reader, often reading 3 or 4 books per week. Anita had a wonderfully close relationship with her family, especially her daughter, Michelle and loved spending time with her. When the grandchildren, Matt and Ali came along, they were the love of her life.

Anita was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at age sixteen and endured 26 surgeries in her 51 year battle with the disease. She had an amazing ability to cope with her illness and she helped many young girls who were facing the prospect of having a colostomy. Even when she wasn't feeling well she would greet people with a smile and keep a positive attitude about life.

Anita is survived by her husband, Thomas O'Leary, daughter, Michelle (Trevor) Chillson, grandchildren, Matthew and Alison, brothers, Thomas (Marylu) Gouttierre, Michael (Marcia) Gouttierre and James (Sue) Gouttierre, brother and sister-in-law, Timothy and Anne O'Leary, mother-in-law, Dolores C. O'Leary, seven nephews, Adam, Nestor, Edward and Matthew Gouttierre, and Todd, Andrew and Thomas O'Leary, niece, Heather (Steven) West. Also surviving is her aunt and godmother, Sister Marie Michelle (Rosemary) Gouttierre, OSU and Mary Rita Gouttierre.

Anita has donated her body for medical research to the UT Medical Center.

The family will be receiving friends Monday, January 9th beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose Church, Perrysburg where a Memorial Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Holiday Inn, French Quarter Perrysburg.

Memorials may take the form of contribution to the Crohn's Disease and Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. 7th Floor, New York City, NY 10016. Please direct any floral tributes to the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 So. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43614 for distribution to the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to you and your family, Tom. May your many wonderful memories sustain you in the days ahead. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Dottie Leonhardt Nortz##imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Tom,  
Just came across Anita's obituary as I was reviewing the one for my Mom, who passed away this past Saturday. My family is so sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now.*

*Warmest regards,  
Joe and Mary McCarty##imported-begin##Joe McCarty##imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Anita quite well. We were classmates at McAuley H.S. and had a very close friendship, I pray to our lovely God to have her in the place where she can intercede for all who still live in this valley of life. We keep in our heart to see you!  
To all her family I send my deepest condolence.##imported-begin##Norma Chajon - Guatemala  
normachajon1@gmail.com##imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom,  
*It has been many years since our days at St Francis. It is sad to hear of your loss with the many years together. Know that you and Anita will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*I hope that I will see you at our upcoming 50th reunion.*

*With sincere regrets,  
Chuck & Diane Preas###imported-begin##Chuck Preas cpreas@openx.com###imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy on the loss of your wife. My thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time. Suzanne Sutton Wright BGSU 1966###imported-begin##Tom and Family wsuzannebg@yahoo.com###imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Anita was one of the sweetest people we've ever known. It was an honor to know her. You've been such a good husband and care taker. Anita was an angel here on earth and now an angel in heaven.*

*Evelyn & Al  
Athens, GA###imported-begin##Evelyn & Al Gephart gephart@windstream.net###imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita was the sweetest thing. We went to grade school together. She had a wild sense of humor and enjoyed playing tricks on me in school; like the day she shot ink from her fountain pen at me and all over my new skirt. By the time I got the attention of our nun, it had disappeared and Anita just shrugged her shoulders as if to say, "what ink, Sister?" Disappearing ink was one of her specialties. God love her. She was such a neat person with the most beautiful eyes and eyelashes. She was a great childhood friend.##imported-begin##Connie Pauken Williams cw4rw00@yahoo.com##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ The thoughts and prayers of the extended Walter Schwartz family are with you. I still remember how gracious Anita was at Todd's wedding, even after just being in a car accident. While I did not see her often, when I did, she always had a smile on her face.##imported-begin##susan schwartz lammert##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tom & family members,  
Most of us live our lives not really knowing how we impact others. I want you to know that Anita truly had an impact on me. Her sweetness and caring for others was apparent when I met her when she was 14 years old. Her beautiful smile and contagious laughter always gave joy to others. Her sense of humor and ability to joke made her lots of fun to be around. Everyone who knew her couldn't help but love her. Her life was a huge contribution to everyone she loved as well as others she touched along the way. The single word that comes to mind when I think of her is "precious."  
I regret that I missed out on many of her years as an adult and especially as a mom. Since we reconnected she often told me how very much she loved her daughter, how proud she was, and how much she treasured her grandchildren. And Tom, her love and devotion to you was amazing. She often said, "What would I do without my Tom?" Your devotion and commitment to her is a love story, indeed.

*Her suffering is over and for that I am truly relieved and happy. I hope that you will get the rest and peace you need.*

*My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all and I hope Monday is a wonderful celebration of a beautiful life.*

*Love, Pat Roberts###imported-begin##Pat Roberts cewoolwine@gmail.com###imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Words can't describe how sad I am to lose my dear friend since age 6 she was the best I will treasure all our memories and she will always be in my heart. Rest in peace my friend you deserve the glory of Heaven.##imported-begin##Kathy Current##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I only attended Mc Auley H.S. for the year 61/62 I remember Anita very well. She was always very kind and helpful. We played in the volleyball team...I recall.... To her family I send my deepest sympathy. It was a pleasure to have met Anita. May God hold her "in the Palm of His hand".  
Sincerely,  
Cecilia Urbina Haffele##imported-begin##Cecilia Urbina Haffele##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of grie. God be with you and give you strength##imported-begin##Tony Kirdahy##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita was such a great friend that I met at McAuley. We all shared many laughs which I will always cherish. I know Anita will be watching over her family now that their very special caregiving has ended. Thank you Tom and family.##imported-begin##Kathy Taylor##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, my condolences to you and your family. I know it has been a difficult time for all of you. Perhaps there is some comfort in knowing Anita's suffering has ended and she is at peace. Regards,  
Chris###imported-begin##Chris Krauser  
cpjmkrauser@juno.com###imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, ,Michelle and Trevor  
Our hearts go out to you. We know God has her in his arms now.###imported-begin##skillitrs###imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom,  
I am so sorry for your loss but we know that Anita is now in a much better place. I don't know if I ever told you or not but she and I went to St. Joseph's as Did Rick Haddad for grades 1-7 before my family moved to OL. I won't be able to make it into Town on Monday but my thoughts and prayers will be with both of you.  
Take care old friend and team mate.###imported-begin##Bob Kerstetter###imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom and family and the Gouttiers. She was a beautiful woman. thanks for all your care and love for her. she will be missed.  
  
mary###imported-begin##MaryNally Moawad marymoawad@hotmail.com###imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, I am confident you share my feelings that at a memorable time like this, a blessing has been granted and we are enriched to accept the future and what we will all share.##imported-begin##Joe Mertz joe.mertz@yahoo.com##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, I'm sorry to hear you lost Anita. She was one of the most attractive and nicest female I've ever met. I was always a bit envious. Count your blessings. She was special.##imported-begin##John English jenglish@birchtreestate.com##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tom, Michelle and Family,

*I wanted to write and tell you how truly sorry I 'am for your loss. While there is nothing I can say to ease your pain, I wanted you to know that I'm grieving and thinking of you all as well. "Aunt" Anita as I would refer to her as, because You, Anita and Michelle are like family to the "Murphy Clan", was such a wonderful and happy person, her loss will be felt by many.*

*Some of my best childhood memories involved the O'Leary family. From playing cards on Friday or Saturday nights, to the time you stayed with us during "the Blizzard of 78", or the time spent at the lake. Those are memories that I will cherish forever.*

*If there is ever anything I can do for you both, please don't hesitate to pick up the telephone.*

*May the love of Family and Friends comfort you during the coming days.*

*With Love and Deepest Sympathy,*

*John Murphy, Jr and Family##imported-begin##John  
Murphy##imported-end##*

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart aches for you, Tom, Michelle, all family, & friends, in the loss of your beloved, Anita. She was my sisters best friend since she was 6, & I have loved her for 62 years. She was an angel here on earth, & is now a 'real one in heaven', I feel. She was sweet, but she could be 'bawdy' too, which made her all the more precious. My condolences to all of you, & may you be comforted by your faith, friends, & each other, .... & may God hold you in the palm of his hand, during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Delia & Gary Parker##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to the O'Leary and Gouttierre families at this time of your loss. You have our heartfelt sympathies as Anita's mother, Adeline, was Chuck Yeager's cousin.##imported-begin##Charles and Geri Yeager kcy eag@yahoo.com##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, we are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Larry & Jeannie Toon##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the O'Leary and the Gouttierre families.##imported-begin##Noreen Pacitti Sniadecki pixiej1947@live.com##imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, Michelle, and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to all of you at this sad time. Anita, "Gouch", as we called her at McAuley was a beautiful person and a wonderful friend. She always kept in touch even after I moved to Traverse City. Tom, the love, commitment, and courage that you and Anita have shown is an inspiration to all of us. I thank God that she is now out of pain and in Heaven watching over you.  
I will miss her and love her forever. Take care of yourself Tom and God Bless You. Love, Sharon###imported-begin##Sharon Imhof Jennings sharon2331@gmail.com###imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a friend of her when we were in 5 or 6th grade ...I would always go to her house to play...Her parents and my grandmother were good friends...in fact my grandmother worked in her dads' bakery.The brothers might remember Helen Botte(My grandma )Anita was such a sweet girl ,I will remember her always..###imported-begin##jackie botte schweitzer###imported-end##

---

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM