

ANNA LOUISE BABIC



Born at home on February 1, 1929, to Anna Katherine (Hartz) Babic and Frank Joseph Babic of Glenshaw, PA. She died on October 14, 2024, age 95, at Kendal Crosslands retirement community in Kennett Square, PA.

She had a younger sister, Sara May "Sally" (Babic) Abbott of South Bend, IN. She was known as Anne to colleagues and friends, Professor Babic to students,

and "Weeze" to our family. Anna Louise attended Glenshaw Grade School 'down the hill' and later Shaler High School. She told stories of growing up in Glenshaw near many relatives. For years, she and Sally went to Heinz House Sewing School on Saturdays and Heinz House Camp in the summer.

In 1951, Anna Louise graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Anna Louise lived much of her life in Syracuse, New York. She worked at the Syracuse Girls Clubs and in President Johnson's Model Cities Program in the 1960s before earning her Master of Science in Social Work (MSW) at Syracuse University in 1969. She taught at Mohawk Valley Community College and Onondaga Community College, then was on the faculty of Falk College, Department of Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University for more than 20 years. At Syracuse University, Anna Louise taught the first undergraduate course in Gerontology, while working towards her PhD there, awarded in 1992 at age 63. She retired in 1998.

She loved camping adventures and is remembered for the entertaining songs she taught her favorite nephew, nieces, and great-nieces! She could always be counted on for holidays, reunions and family trips. During Anna Louise's retirement, she traveled to England several times to see her college roommate, to Italy, Greece, France, and Croatia, on Elderhostel trips with her sister and many trips with family. Researching family genealogy was a passion, she documented her grandparents arrival in the U.S.A and searched historical records in Germany and Croatia.

Anna Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Anna; and her sister, Sally. She will be greatly missed by her brother-in-law, nieces, nephew, and great-nieces. Thanks, "Weeze," for all the memories! We love you!

Burial is in the Hartz family plot at Dorseyville Cemetery near Glenshaw, PA. Contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

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