



Mrs. Alanna Boudreau

September 22, 1951 - October 17, 2019

Alanna Boudreau was born to the late Gordon Payne and Anne MacArthur on September 22, 1951, in Mabou, Nova Scotia. She went home to her Lord on October 17, 2019, at her home in Cortland, New York, surrounded by family.

Alanna was a force for good, a “lamp set on a hill”. She was a devoted wife and mother and the heart of her home. Her faith was the driving force behind her compassion, generosity, and warmth. She strove to build up the church community through hosting countless potlucks in her home, organizing multiple pilgrimages so that local youth could experience their faith in a new way, and lending a listening ear to any soul in need of tenderness.

Alanna loved people and she loved music. Her favorite musician of all time was the late John Denver. In her early twenties she was a member of a nationally-renowned folk trio in Canada which traveled to military bases, providing cheering melodies for troops. She graduated from Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, going on to work as a psychiatric nurse. Throughout her time in Halifax she earned a reputation as a marvelous singer on the club circuit, singing the hits of Patsy Cline. She would later channel this love for music into the youth of the Cortland area, establishing and directing a youth choir that drew kids from all over.

Alanna was predeceased by her mother, Anne MacArthur; her father, Gordon Payne; step-father Allan Beaton; and brothers Terrance Payne and James Beaton. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Bill, and their children: son Ian Boudreau and his fiancée Theresa Levine, son Zachary Boudreau, son Jacob Boudreau and his wife Michelle, daughter Magdalene Glemkowski and her husband Timothy, and daughter Alanna-Marie Boudreau. She is also survived by three grandchildren - Eva Glemkowski, Theo Glemkowski, and Lewis Mahon; as well as by her siblings Fran Payne, Marie (Larry) Elke, Dena (Jack) Redden, Jack (Heather) Payne, Joe (Robin) Beaton, and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 5 - 7 PM on Thursday, October 24, at Riccardi Funeral Home, 69 N. Main Street, Cortland, New York, 13045. A funeral service celebrating her life will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church 50 Pomeroy Street, Cortland, NY, 13045. Rev. Thomas Ward and Rev. Joseph Zareski will celebrate the Funeral Mass. In true Alanna form, all are welcome to attend.

Alanna had a deep love for Franciscan spirituality, particularly its emphasis on embracing those in need. She worked closely with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal over a 10-year period, and continued to hold a special place in her heart for their order. Memorial gifts made in Alanna's memory can be made to Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, 375 13th Ave, Newark, New Jersey, 07103.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
50 Pomeroy St.
Cortland, NY 13045

Tribute Wall

AL

“ 3 years singing together! The memories of our lives! 1967-69.
My condolences to Fran, Marie, Dena and Jack, the Beatons, and
the Boudreaux family.
Andrea (Stephens) Lynn , 1/4 of the Ardorfolk

Andrea Lynn - October 24, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Alanna Boudreau.



October 24, 2019 at 10:32 AM

LL

“ It is hard to imagine Cortland without Alanna. She was a force to be
reckoned with: beautiful, gracious, and passionate. I will always be
grateful for her generosity to my children--and, indeed, every child
who walked through her door. She was a dear godmother to my
daughter, Mary Rose. I beg that God will welcome Alanna into his
eternal embrace.

Lisa Lickona - October 23, 2019 at 10:51 PM

DS

“ Heartfelt condolences to all of Alanna Payne Boudreau's family. We were friends in high school and in the 70's. It has been many years since I have seen Alanna, but I have many fond memories of time spent together with her and other family members. There were lots of fun times, many laughs, thinking of all the crazy things we did working together at Gordon's Grill. I can't think of her without thinking of the important part music played in her life. I enjoyed our visits and chats and always appreciated her advice.

I remember when she was chosen Miss Windsor and I was there the night she was chosen as Miss Nova Scotia. That fall we were all glued to the TV watching the Miss Canada Pageant and so excited when she was chosen Miss Congeniality. When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. I know you have many memories to cherish. I hope those memories, as well as, the prayers and kind thoughts of family and friends bring you comfort at this difficult time.

Sending hugs, kind thoughts and deepest sympathy.

Debbie DeWolfe Scott

Debbie DeWolfe Scott - October 23, 2019 at 08:16 PM

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“ Dal/MSVU Nursing class of 1974 purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Alanna Boudreau.



Dal/MSVU Nursing class of 1974 - October 22, 2019 at 04:13 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Alanna Boudreau. Her warm smile will be missed at church. She always spoke so highly of her children and grandchildren, and we hope that provides a little comfort---just knowing how much she seemed to adore and love being a Mother and Grandmother. We can only imagine the "welcome home" she is getting as she flies high with the angels now.

So very sorry for your loss.

-The Ossit Family (Kevin, Sheila, Zack, Nathan and Maggie)



The Kevin Ossit Family - October 22, 2019 at 04:00 PM

MC

“ Fran, Dena, and the entire family of Alanna Payne Boudreau. You perhaps do not remember me but in the summer of 1965, I was working with land surveyors in Windsor and Doug Ross (another Cape Bretoner) often visited your home for parties. I played the guitar so I had the privilege of playing the guitar for Alanna At concerts. She was only 15 at the time but boy could she ever sing. She won at he local concert and competed and won Miss Nova Scotia. By this time, I was married and settled in Port Hawkesbury. We were glued to the tv that night and if I remember correctly, she went on to compete for Miss Canada. She was chosen Miss Friendship by her fellow contestants. I bumped into her a few times in Halifax andher fame did not change her.I read her obituary and was so proud how with music and love, she shared her faith with the young people. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless..Marcellin Chiasson

Marcellin Chiasson - October 22, 2019 at 09:34 AM

KR

“ Alanna could not have known what an influence she had on the youth of the Catholic community. I am grateful to Alanna & Bill for their sacrifices which made it possible for young Catholics to go on World Youth Days & participate in events that would not have been possible without Alanna’s enthusiasm & energy. May perpetual light shine on her beautiful soul.

Kate Reagan - October 21, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alanna Boudreau.



October 21, 2019 at 05:22 PM

CP

“ I worked with Fran at Hants Community Hospital in Windsor, N.S. and got to know Alanna when visiting Fran and Vernon with Valerie. She was an amazing singer

Cheryl L Palmer - October 21, 2019 at 04:41 PM