



Anne Veronica O'Neill

December 5, 1953 - August 24, 2025

Anne Veronica O'Neill, 71, of Estero, Florida, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2025. Born on December 5, 1953, in Camden, New Jersey, she was the beloved daughter of the late Hugh and Marian Ward.

Anne was a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, and cherished sister. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Richard "Rich" O'Neill of Estero; her son Richard "Richie" O'Neill and his wife Amy of Newark, DE; and her adored grandson, Daniel O'Neill. She also leaves behind her brother Michael Ward and his wife Catherine of North Fort Myers, FL; her sisters Rosemary Ward Camiolo and husband Arthur of Estero, FL, and M. Patricia Collingwood of Naples, FL; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Anne dedicated over 30 years of her life to education as a high school guidance counselor and coach, where she touched the lives of countless students with her wisdom, compassion, and encouragement. She was a proud member of the National Education Association (NEA), continuously advocating for student success and teacher support throughout her career.

A woman of many passions, Anne was an avid cyclist, often biking 15–20 miles a day, and a devoted golfer who enjoyed hitting the course three times a week. She was a proud member of The Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs, where she found community, friendship, and challenge. A first time Triathlete

at age 68, she trained for and competed in the Stone Harbor Triathlon placing 3rd in her age group—a testament to her determination and athletic spirit.

Anne and Rich moved to Estero in 2017 from Washington Township, NJ, embracing Florida life with energy and joy. She was a faithful member of St. Leo's Parish, where her warmth and kindness were felt by many.

A Memorial Mass will be at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 176 Stagecoach Rd, Sicklerville, NJ at 11:00 am on Thursday October 9, 2025 with Father Paul Galetto O.S.A., Ph.D., as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Bridge Fund, whose mission is helping people in personal crises and supporting educational needs.

Donations can be made online at: thebridge-fund.org

The Bridge Fund, 24600 So. Tamiami Trail, Ste. 212, Box 341, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

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To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borrmeo Catholic Church
176 Stagecoach Road
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jim & Ditty O’Neill & family purchased the *Treasu red Lilies Spray* for the family of Anne Veronica O’Neill.



Jim & Ditty O’Neill & family - October 05, 2025 at 10:37 AM

JF

“ Jim & Ditty O’Neill & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne Veronica O’Neill.

Jim & Ditty O’Neill & family - October 05, 2025 at 10:37 AM

JS

“ Anne was a very special person and everyone felt special around her. She lovely embraced my daughter Amy and our whole family. We all had the privilege of spending time with her in Stone Harbor, Orlando, Ireland, and even watching an Eagles Super Bowl game. I’m posting one of my favorite pictures of Anne dancing in Ireland with my granddaughter Cora. Thank you Anne for all your love. We will miss you deeply. Jane



Jane Sowden - September 26, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anne Veronica O'Neill.

September 09, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anne Veronica O'Neill.



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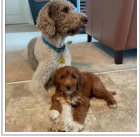
“ I was blessed to have had Anne as my field hockey coach and PE teacher in HS at Kingsway. She loved her students and athletes with all her heart. She will be missed. Whenever we would say “Bless you” after a sneeze she would say “kiss you, I don't even know you”. The things that stick with you from childhood.

Danette Conley - September 08, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Anne always made the best of everything and was a positive person . Our days go back to Ceasars longe in Glassboro . My sincere condolences to Rich and the family . Remember those great 8 years in sunny Florida

james puderbach - September 07, 2025 at 11:44 PM



“ *Rest in peace Anne! You fought the hardest fight...with so much dignity! I will miss you....as so many others!* ❤️

Sandy Wade - September 07, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ *Still heart broken. She was the first person I told happy news to and the first one I called when news wasn't so good,*



Patty Collingwood - September 07, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rosemary Camiolo - September 07, 2025 at 08:50 AM



happy memories

Rosemary Camiolo - September 08, 2025 at 02:48 PM



It is hard to imagine life without Anne. The first thing every morning is to whisper a prayer that she is watching over all of us. Such a big loss and a huge hole in our hearts.

Rosemary Camiolo - October 01, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BM

“ Anne, we walked to church today to say a prayer for you. You will always be a great co-worker yet more importantly an excellent friend. Bruce and Maureen Mercogliano

Bruce Mercogliano - September 06, 2025 at 10:25 AM

KE

“ My beautiful Aunt Anne. The brightest light. I love you so much. I miss you every day.



Kealeigh Eckman - September 04, 2025 at 02:20 PM

EM

“ We will remember Anne as a warm, friendly, and caring person. The times we spent with her were especially made enjoyable thanks to Anne’s engaging and upbeat personality. We will miss her and remember her.
- Valerie & Ed Milliken

Edward Milliken - September 04, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CC

“ Anne was such a good friend. She loved her family and friends and lived life to the fullest.



Carol Costello - September 04, 2025 at 08:05 AM

JH

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Jenny Hudock - September 03, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JH

“ Jenny & Mike Hudock lit a candle in memory of Anne O'Neill



Jenny & Mike Hudock - September 03, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LL

“ I will always remember Anne fondly. She was a kind and caring person. My sincere condolences to her family ❤️

Linda Lafferty - September 03, 2025 at 01:52 PM