



## Anita Freimanis Nicholson

May 19, 2011

Anita Elizabeth Freimanis Nicholson, 58, of Mt. Jackson, died Monday, May 16, 2011 at Envoy of Staunton. Ms. Nicholson was born October 7, 1952 in Baltimore, MD, daughter of the late George William and Olga Lipart Freimanis. She was a graduate of University of Maryland Baltimore County. Anita was a great person that loved people. She was a long distance bicycle rider, taught aerobics and accomplished businesswoman. She is survived by her significant other, Mark A. Gentile; a daughter, Rachael Nicholson of Hiroshima, Japan; a son, Matthew T. Nicholson of Annapolis, MD; and a brother, Eugene Freimanis of Fargo, ND. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Dellinger Funeral Home in Mt. Jackson with Pastor Dave M. Casto officiating. Burial will follow at the Mt. Jackson Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 2 p.m. prior to the funeral Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Association, 1160 Pepsi Place, Suite 306, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

# Tribute Wall

HE

“ I am so very sad to hear of Anita's passing. I first met her in Jr. High, we attended High School together, and became friends in College. After our marriages, we found ourselves at different ends of the country, but when she moved back to Columbia we reconnected. I remember fondly a Christmas party I had and we had 4 sets of twins here. Matt and Rachael were the baby twins and we all oohed and aahed over them. After some years, we lost track of each other, until Anita moved to Reisterstown. My heart goes out to her family and hope that the love of God and the many wonderful memories you made together bring you peace at this very sad time.

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**Helen** - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so shocked to learn of Anita's passing. I remember her as a young girl, when Rachel and I were friends in grade school and Girl Scouts. Anita was so warm and really creative. I remember her doing us arts and crafts projects with us in Girl Scouts. I am so sorry for your loss Rachel and Matt, and my prayers are with you and your family.

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**Melissa Litvak (nee Misch)** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I was so sorry to here about your loss. Many may wonder at times like this. Why do people die? Will I ever see the one I love again? I have felt the pain of loss, also. Knowing the answers to these question, have brought me comfort and hope! I just wanted to share that with you from the holy bible. God never wanted any one to die! Adam & Eve disobeyed and loss, the gift of everlasting life. Gods love for us is so strong that he sent his own son, so we could be saved [.John 17:3; Rom. 5:12] Soon God will give Jesus the word to start the resurrection! [Acts 24:15] That means that we will see our loved ones again! Please read the account in John 11:11-44 it is an account of Jesus bringing Lazarus back from his grave. Picture a time, when this will happen for you. May our God of comfort help you endure your loss.[Romans 15:4.] Sincerely yours,

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**barb** - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ There was always dessert when Anita was around! My favorite was the cake that she made for our St. Patick's Day party one year. It was so totally green with a dancing leprechaun. The kids all had green tongues for days! My other favorite memory, which I still have hanging in wherever home has been for the past couple of years, is a framed Irish cross stitich piece. It just reminds me how much Anita shared her talents with all her family and friends. Christmas Eve was always special between our two families and now we have those wonderful memories to treasure forever. The presents were spread out from the tree, taking over Nana's and Papa's back room and it was a wonderful celebration for all of us. I am saddened by the disease that took Anita's life, but will remember always her enthusiasm for everything she was involved in. She once diligently explained to me how she had to look through a magnifying glass and count the cross threads and warp threads in a piece of fabric and I thought, how can she do this? She was so dedicated to her jobs, family and friends. Rest in peace Anita.

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**John and Sunny McGuinn** - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Thank you very much.

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**Matthew Nicholson** - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I don't know where to begin, but I know that I wouldn't be where I am today without my mom. I think back on everything she has done for me -- from Girl Scouts to school projects, bake sales, birthday cakes, halloween costumes -- and I realize that I have given nothing back. Watching my mom enjoy cooking and baking always made me want to help. She made it look so simple, so fun. She taught me that cake batter should flow like ribbons, to put underwear on your cake, and that licking the spoon is the best part. She encouraged me to follow my heart and to do what I wanted to, no matter how far away it took me from her. I think that my mom struggled with many things through her life -- but she had such a brilliant smile that would light even the darkest moments. When her mother passed away, I tried so hard just to bring that smile back. But now I realize why it was so difficult to do. This is my first time back home for many years, and I want to meet my mom with a smile. I want to tell her how grateful I am for being her daughter, and I hope she'll watch over me and brother until we can meet again. A good friend once told me that nothing can break the ties between mother and daughter -- not sickness, certainly not death. I'm home, mom -- and I can't wait to see you.

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**Rachel Nicholson** - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I first met Anita through a baby sitting co-op when she and Marty had just moved back from California to Columbia with the twins. We shared many a day hanging out at the pool with all our kids. Our families vacationed together in Ocean City. During those years we had many long conversations and helped each other through the fun and tribulations of raising children. We both taught aerobic dancing and would often compare our exercise routines. Anita was always upbeat, a dear friend and, don't forget, a marvelous cook. She taught me how to make pizza dough from scratch - a recipe I use to this day. She's also the one who taught me how to put "pants" on a cake before you ice it so the crumbs don't show through. She was immensely proud of her children and during our time together gave her everything to their welfare. I, too, remember when her mom passed away how bereft she felt for a time. It wasn't long before her sunny disposition was back in order giving to all her friends and family. As time passes friends often grow apart. Unfortunately this happened with Anita and I. I was so very saddened to learn of her passing. My condolences to "Match and Rach" as my kids still refer to them. I regret we will be unable to attend her funeral services. Mary Alice, Bill, Colin, Carleigh and Scott Shores

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**mary alice shores** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Anita was my second cousin. She was a friendly, warm, loving and wonderful person. We both attended Western High School in Baltimore, MD. She was 2 years ahead of me, graduating in 1971. She was always health conscious, and athletic with a glowing smile and sweet disposition. She will be missed much.

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**Joanne Schmidt** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita was also my second cousin. She was only a couple of years older than me and I remember playing with her as a child. We played dolls and dress up and we always had fun. I loved going up to her house and being with Aunt Olga. Anita was a kind, soft spoken person and she will be remembered. I know she didn't really remember us the last time we got together but I'm sure she felt our family love. This is just such a shame that this disease has taken her at such a young age. Rest in peace Anita, you are in a better place.

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May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ She was my cousin and my god-daughter. Her father was my father's only brother. Anita was so warm and loving and never was one to talk badly about anyone. I remember after her Mom died that she asked me to go to her Mom's house to clear things out. She felt so alone then. Her brother is a bit older, he is 75 and they weren't very close. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

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**june kemp** - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM