



Noreen O'Rourke

April 24, 2023

Noreen Frances O'Rourke, 77, passed from this earth into the arms of Jesus on April 24, 2023. She was born on June 21, 1945, in Waterbury, Connecticut to Francis and Nora O'Rourke. Noreen (Reni) grew up in the small town of Middlebury CT, and later graduated from the University of Connecticut and New York Medical College.

As a young graduate, Reni worked at Perkins School for the blind, Boston, Mass and Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital, New York. Then she relocated to Ft. Collins, Colorado to pursue new adventures where she worked as a public health nurse for Larimer County, and later became a massage therapist.

Reni enjoyed traveling, snow skiing, hiking and quiet remote beaches in Mexico. In recent years, Reni moved to Affinity in Loveland, CO, where she played water volleyball, Scrabble, Quiddler, and Wii bowling. She also enjoyed her monthly card game and luncheon with close friends. Reni supported animal rescue centers throughout her adult life, rescued many animals and especially loved her cats.

Her final month of life was spent at Capstone at Centerra, AKA "The Resort." She loved making new friends, and was impressed by the gourmet food, and the caring and attentive staff.

Reni was preceded in death by her mom, Nora, her dad, Francis, and her stepdad Richard Curtis. She is survived by a son, Nathan Cluster, of Fort Collins, her sister Peggy (Lance) Hunt, Lakeland, FL, two nieces, Cathi (Scott) Roth, Fort Collins, CO and Sandra (Doug) Roth of Lakeland, FL. and many grand-nieces and nephews in Colorado and Florida.

A celebration of life will be held at Affinity in July with family and close friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Smart, intelligent, beautiful, and no doubt a natural healer. Despite her gentle and graceful appearance she was also a hardened warrior, a master teacher, and possessed the mind of a military combat strategist. Her impact was immeasurable as her love and respect for life led her to use her natural abilities to help heal as many people as possible. She impressed upon me the acceptance of others, the power of forgiveness, and one of her best qualities - the importance of balance. Cause and effect. She was loving but she was sharp when she had to be and wasn't afraid to draw boundaries or assist in some rather tough but necessary life lessons. I put this woman through hell on a pretty regular basis, but she returned the favor by allowing me to be homeless, afraid, strung out and pathetic. She was able to teach those harsh often times misunderstood lessons involving consequences for actions and how pain can be used as an effective tool to become stronger, wiser, and better. We should consider ourselves lucky she was born at a time when she was able help the world be a better place because had she been born during a time of war and bloodshed throughout the world, her ability to strategize and conquer paired with her ability to wreak havoc at any board game or card game, would have made her a legitimate military advisor and threat. Her poker game alone still haunts many of her unsuspecting partners and friends, among the trail of destruction, confusion, and of course broken egos and empty wine bottles. It took a few years to process your loss, but I'm certain beyond any doubt I couldn't have asked for a better mother. I love you Mom and I'm honored to have been a part of your life. I have since entered into my higher calling and who would have guessed it, Jesus Christ is infact the correct answer. That's Jesus Christ for a hundred and 44 thousand. Which is about the amount of prayers Bob could use right about now so don't forget to pray for Bob! See you when I'm lookin at you! Love & Respect -Nathan

Nathan Cluster (Renie's Son) - May 15 at 08:55 AM

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“ I miss my dear friend and confidant. She was really great at being a friend during fun times and challenging times. She was a fabulous role model of living your life to the fullest. She made a difference in a positive way to everyone in her path. Her people circles were large. She was very smart. And had a special gift for helping anyone and everyone. Her family and friends are better people for having known her. I never knew anyone who could navigate thru health and personal challenges with such skill and grace.

Thank you Reni for being my friend and “sister”. I love you. 💜🕊

Joan Grant - June 05, 2023 at 03:45 PM

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“ Reni was a good friend. We worked together. She was a thoughtful advocate for older people. She provided preventative care to many people at county senior centers (Berthoud, Wellington, Bellvue and Estes Park) and contributed a lot to those centers' success. She was also a founder of the Mildred Arnold Women of the Year Project to bring women together to share their lives and contributions to the community.

I loved her laughter, and her willingness to adventure in her life. I loved her and am sad she is gone from our world.

Anita Montgomery - May 12, 2023 at 05:35 PM

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“ *Deepest Condolences*



Katherine Spendlove - May 09, 2023 at 05:37 PM

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“ I am missing my sweet and beautiful Aunt today. She was always so supportive and encouraging. Had a positive outlook on life! She was the fun Aunt that gave interesting gifts to her nieces from the big cities--she loved well and I look forward to seeing her again in glory...until then Auntie!

Cathi Roth - May 08, 2023 at 03:06 PM

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“ Reni had a wonderful sense of humor and was cracking jokes when I visited her the day before she moved out of Affinity. Also, I'll always remember our wonderful conversations in the Internet Cafe at Affinity where Reni told me about her family and two cats as she would sit and sort through her mail, throwing out her junk mail. She will definitely be missed. Lovingly, Diane Biegert

Diane Biegert - May 05, 2023 at 09:23 AM