



Anna Mary Hampton

October 23, 1929 - August 5, 2021

Anna Mary (Cornetta) Hampton, 91
October 23, 1929 – August 5, 2021

Anna Mary (Cornetta) Hampton, 91, died in Troy, Michigan, on August 5, 2021. Born on October 23, 1929, in Leominster, Massachusetts, Anna was the daughter of Marco and Katherine Antoinetta (Ferzaco) Cornetta. Raised in Leominster, Anna graduated from Leominster Senior High School in 1947 and continued her education throughout her lifetime. Between 1948 and 1961, Anna earned a secretarial certification from Fisher School (Boston; now Fisher College), an Associate of Arts in Business Management from Worcester Junior College (Massachusetts), a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Boston University, and a Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Missouri, as well as attending Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. Concurrent with her schooling, Anna worked as a stenographer for the Navy in Washington, DC, and a secretary for the Army in Camp Zama, Japan, among other clerical posts before pursuing a career in journalism. Her journalistic accomplishments ranged from establishing a new branch office for the Salem Enterprise in Derry, NH, as both Reporter and Manager to editorial positions at McGraw Hill and Kellogg Company, both in New York City, to Feature Writer for the Detroit Free Press, the Romeo Observer (Michigan), and the Italian News (Boston) to helming the Michigan Planner magazine as Editor for 13 years. Along the way, she also taught journalism and worked in public

relations designing an audience development program for the performing arts, both at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. In 1989, at the age of 59, Anna earned her second Master of Arts in Counseling at Oakland University, beginning a 15-year career as a Child Sexual Assault Therapist at HAVEN in Pontiac, Michigan, initially as a Social Work Technician and later as a fully licensed Social Worker.

In addition to her multiple careers, Anna found time to volunteer for several organizations, including the League of Women Voters (LWV), the Association of American University Women (AAUW), the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the March of Dimes. She was most active with the Rochester Area LWV in the mid-1970s, when she wrote nationally-published publicity articles and redesigned fundraising techniques that tripled the chapter's income. Her involvement with the AAUW Romeo Branch continued into the 21st century, for which she assumed various posts over the years including Legislative Committee Chairman, Vice President of Programming, and President, a position she held twice, once alone and once as Co-President with her dear friend Sharon Allen. She canvassed tirelessly for the March of Dimes well into her 80s.

Anna's hometown of Leominster was the plastics capital of the world, where her father worked for Foster Grant for more than 60 years and where her family was personally acquainted with the Foster family. It was Joseph Foster who encouraged and financed, over her father's objections, Anna's desire to continue her education in Boston at Fisher School. When she returned to Boston to attend BU several years later, Anna worked as a volunteer on John F. Kennedy's successful senatorial campaign, getting the chance to meet the future president. Many years earlier, Leominster was in the path of the 1938 New England hurricane; unwitting teachers sent Anna and her schoolmates home in the eye of the storm as it was not recognized as a hurricane at the time. Fortunately, Leominster did not sustain severe damage, and Anna's

strongest memory of the day was holding her older brother's legs as he hung out of the window battling the wind while reeling in the clean laundry on the clothesline.

Anna was a voracious reader who particularly enjoyed mystery fiction and political history. A lifelong world traveler, she lived in Japan for two years and visited at least two dozen countries and countless states in her lifetime. She was also a skilled seamstress, knitter, and crocheter. For 50 years, she was a faithful parishioner of St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church in Romeo, Michigan.

Anna was predeceased by eight months by her husband, Nigel Hampton of Clinton Township, MI, and earlier by her two brothers, Eugene and Martin Cornetta, both of Leominster, MA. She leaves her daughter, Carol Hampton of Norwalk, CT; son and daughter-in-law, David and Mary Hampton of Fayetteville, NC; son, Reed Hampton of Romeo, MI; and two granddaughters, Sabrina Hampton of Oxford, MI, and Katherine Hampton of Fayetteville, NC. She is buried in the Garden of the Cross in the Eastlawn Cemetery in Lake Orion, Michigan. Donations can be made to HAVEN at <https://www.haven-oakland.org/donate> or to the Anna Hampton-Sharon Allen AAUW Scholarship Fund (payee: Romeo Area AAUW; mail to 70536 Mellen Street, Romeo MI 48065). Further inquiries may be directed to Carol Hampton at carolhampton@msn.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Mary Hampton*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Anna Mary Hampton*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



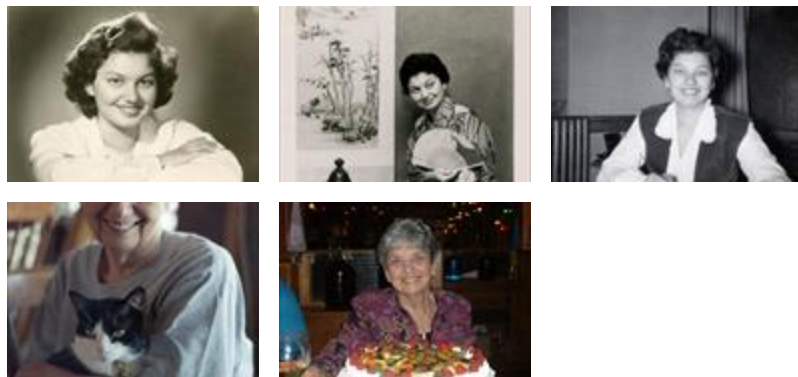
“ *1 file added to the album Collage*



Carol Hampton - July 20, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *6 files added to the album More Photos*



Carol Hampton - July 19, 2022 at 04:46 PM