



Anita Lapera

November 16, 1946 - February 23, 2015

Anita Ingrid Lapera, 68, of Lake Villa, IL passed away on Monday, February 23, 2015.

Anita was born in Germany on November 16, 1946, the daughter of the late Hans and Rosa Götz. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, and Mimi.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Joe; children Susan (Jeff) Nielsen and Joe (Cameo) Lapera; grandchildren Jeffrey Nielsen, Grace Nielsen, Matthew Fleming, Cierra Fleming, and J.D. Lapera; and by her brothers Peter Götz and Werner Götz.

Memorial visitation will be from 10a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. A memorial service will begin at 12 noon on Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Anita's memory to:

Northwestern Memorial Foundation
<http://foundation.nmh.org/lapera>

or to:

Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center
Suite 1700
750 E. Pratt St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
www.hopkinskimmelcancercenter.org

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anita Lapera*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Anita Lapera*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *I worked with Anita for 22 years at The Globe Department Store. She was a good soul and I will remember her. thinking of her family.*

fran worthley - August 12, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ *Familie Schwinn lit a candle in memory of Anita Lapera*



Familie Schwinn - February 28, 2015 at 08:18 AM



Dear Joe , dear Susie , dear little Joe , dear family . Our thoughts are with you. We wish you much strength for the sad day. We light a candle for you and Anita . We have a new angel who always looks down on us. Love your family in Germany

Familie Schwinn - February 28, 2015 at 08:18 AM

JF

“ Jeff Goodwin Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anita Lapera.



Jeff Goodwin Family - February 28, 2015 at 05:00 AM

CL

“ Mimi.... where to begin...

When Joe and I first started dating, we found out about your diagnosis. I recall how scared we all were. You quickly put on the gloves and started to fight. We all supported you as Team Mimi. There were many ups and downs along the way. There were moments of happiness, and moments of sadness. We know how hard you fought. We know your fight allowed you to be part of Joe and my marriage. We know your fight allowed you to meet our first born son. We appreciate the extra time your fight gave us.

I grew to love and admire you. I was one of the few to never have mother-in-law horror stories. Despite everything, you'd always respond with "not a problem." You were an amazing woman. You had class, and spunk. We were always the "stubborn Germans." You raised my soul mate.you accepted Matthew and CC. I can't begin to thank you enough for that. I'm saddened we do not have more time together. You really were a positive influence to every one of us.

We will keep your memory alive. We will be strong for one another. We will show JD all the videos and pictures of you to maintain your memory. Most of all we will miss you.

Cameo Lapera - February 28, 2015 at 01:52 AM

SG

“ Joe, Susan & Joe Jr.,
Anita truly was an amazing person. We were very blessed to have her as a close friend and neighbor. We will cherish all the wonderful memories we shared over the years.
Our Deepest Sympathy,
Mike & Stacie Gaido

Stacie Gaido - February 27, 2015 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Carr purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Anita Lapera.



Jennifer Carr - February 27, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Anita Lapera.



February 27, 2015 at 04:00 PM

ST

“ Es hat mich gefreut deine Mutter zu kennen. Sie war immer sehr lieb un nett zu mir. Obwohl ich sie nur ein paar mal getroffen have, war es immer nett, uns auf deutsch zu unterhalten.

Stefanie - February 27, 2015 at 03:10 PM

JN

“ Anita, I have one regret. I am so very sorry that I never got the opportunity to tell you **THANK YOU!!** Thank you for your words of wisdom, You always knew the right thing to say. Thank you for being such a fantastic grandmother, you always took time to enjoy Jeffrey and Grace. Thank you for always being so classy, no matter what type of situation you found yourself in you always knew how to handle it. I was and always will be proud to call you my mother in law and your friend. I will miss you so very much, love you!!

Jeff Nielsen - February 27, 2015 at 01:44 PM

PJ

“ Peter C. Jarvis purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Anita Lapera.



Peter C. Jarvis - February 27, 2015 at 12:37 PM

PG

“ Peter Götz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anita Lapera.



Peter Götz - February 27, 2015 at 08:35 AM

DD

“ *My memory of Anita is how beautiful, happy and what a wonderful mother she was. I admired her so much. So many times in my life I would recall her beautiful smile and how she loved her family. She was one of those people you meet in life that you never forget. My condolences to the family. May your happy memories live on forever and have comfort that God has a greater plan.*

deborah dezoma - February 26, 2015 at 05:09 AM

JJ

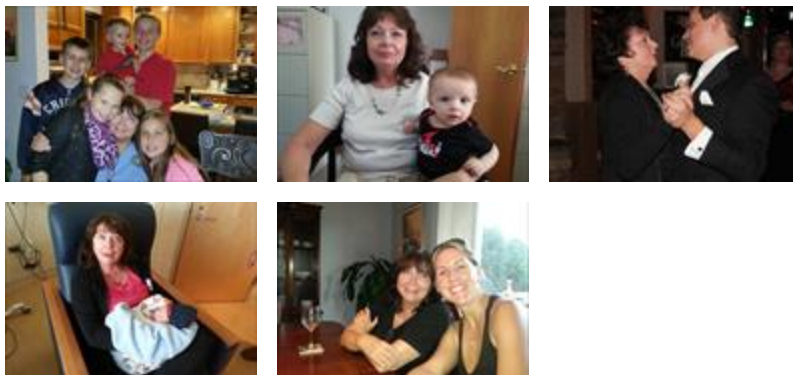
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Joe Lapera Jr - February 25, 2015 at 10:46 PM

JJ

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Joe Lapera Jr - February 25, 2015 at 10:44 PM

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Joe Lapera Jr - February 25, 2015 at 10:41 PM

CA

“ *I love you, Anita.....you will always have a special place in my heart!!!! You were always there for anyone that was in need.....you touched the lives of many!*

Cheryl Anclade

Cheryl Anclade - February 25, 2015 at 08:25 PM

MM

“ *Our condolences. May your happy memories help you through this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary and Steve Meves*

Mary Meves - February 25, 2015 at 07:33 PM

GT

“ *George, Karen, Mary & Tena purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anita Lapera.*



George, Karen, Mary & Tena - February 25, 2015 at 06:40 PM

JD

“ *Jamie D. lit a candle in memory of Anita Lapera*



Jamie D. - February 25, 2015 at 06:21 PM

CD

“ *Christie Dykstra lit a candle in memory of Anita Lapera*



Christie Dykstra - February 25, 2015 at 05:30 PM

CD

“ *Christie D. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Anita Lapera.*



Christie D. - February 25, 2015 at 05:29 PM

BB

“ *Please accept my condolences. I truly enjoyed working with Anita. We have had some long conversations. She was a wonderful person and I will miss her greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Brenda Bortko - February 25, 2015 at 05:23 PM

SN

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Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anita Lapera.



February 25, 2015 at 02:37 PM

SZ

“ Stacey Zaba lit a candle in memory of Anita Lapera



Stacey Zaba - February 25, 2015 at 02:11 PM

CD

“ Christine Diehl lit a candle in memory of Anita Lapera



Christine Diehl - February 25, 2015 at 01:22 PM

CD

I love you, anita was the best aunt ever!

Christine Diehl - February 25, 2015 at 01:22 PM

SN

Viel und danke Schatzchen. Ich liebe dich so viel, und ich weiss dass meine mutti hat auch so.

Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 02:56 PM

DS

“ *Daniela Schwinn lit a candle in memory of Anita Lapera*



Daniela Schwinn - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM

SN

Viel und danke Schatzchen. Ich liebe dich so viel, und ich weiss dass meine mutti hat auch so.

Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 02:57 PM

RB

“ *She was an amazing women and I feeling truly honored to have know her. She will be greatly missed and we send our love to the family.*
- Becker Family

Roxanne Becker-gorsline - February 25, 2015 at 11:30 AM

SN

Thank you Roxie.... You know mom loved all of you too. Kiss your mom for us!!!

Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 02:58 PM

JJ

Roxanne, Pam, Shaun, I love you! Thank you!

Joe Lapera Jr - February 25, 2015 at 10:51 PM

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Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 10:05 AM

DS

Susan, look at this beautiful woman. She ist amazing, and was ever amazing, i love her and you.

Dani Schwinn - February 25, 2015 at 12:02 PM

SN

Ya, sie ist so ganz die beste. Und unser ganze familie ist auch so gut. Ich Liebe dich!

Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 03:00 PM

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Susan Nielsen - February 25, 2015 at 09:38 AM

JO

The start of a 46 year LOVE affair.....

Joe - February 26, 2015 at 07:03 PM

SZ

“ We send out sympathy and love to you all during this very hard time. Anita was an amazing woman, with incredible strength. She ALWAYS had a smile on her face and made you feel good when you were around her. I hope that the pain gets easier as the days go on.

The Zaba Family, Stacey, Mark, Griffin and Garrett

Stacey Zaba - February 25, 2015 at 09:06 AM

KV

“ Joe, Susan and Joe,
It is with a heavy heart that we send our sympathies to you all. Anita was a very special person and our lives were enriched by having known her. Anita handled her illness with much dignity and seemed to never want to burden anyone else with it and kept on going. We hope that over time, the pain you are experiencing now will turn into very happy memories of one incredible lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Kathy and John Vodak

Kathy Vodak - February 25, 2015 at 05:17 AM

JJ

Thank you John and Kathy!

Joe Lopera jr - February 26, 2015 at 08:02 PM