



## Annette E. Boynton

May 4, 1936 - January 1, 2023

CANAAN –Annette Maurais Boynton’s prayers were answered in the wee hours of the morning, Sunday, January 1, 2023. Annette, Annie, Mrs. Boynton, Mom, Ma Tante (Aunt), Memere, Grandmaman...and sometimes The General were all names she was called in her 86 plus years on this earth. What a life she lived!

Born in East Hereford, Quebec, on May 4, 1936, the daughter of the late Pepere (Adrien) and Memere (Marie-anna Paquette) Maurais, she immigrated to the United States at a young age. As her knowledge of the English language was limited, she quit school as a Freshman. She went to work at the Coös County Hospital, became an LNA and worked there for ten years. Because of this, she met her future husband, Harvey Boynton, while he was a patient, having fallen in the hot pond at the North Stratford factory. They got married on July 2, 1960, and resided at their camp at Wallis Pond in Canaan, that was until one night when a car stopped in their drive which made her nervous. The next day, she searched and found an apartment in Canaan, where she lived for the remainder of her life until going to the Morrison Nursing Home in July of 2022. During that time in Canaan, Harvey and Annette purchased the apartment house and countless memories were made there.

Annette’s job was raising their daughter, Terrie, after having lost their son,

Bruce Harvey, in 1964 after surviving thirteen days. Being a Mom was a job she took seriously until her last breath. She was so involved with every aspect of raising her daughter, supporting her, and being there in each endeavor. When Terrie went to college, Annette needed a new career. She became a rural route carrier and had that job for the next 35 years, six days a week, with not much leave taken for most of it. When she retired at the young age of 83, messages of good wishes poured out with the words kind, caring, thoughtful, hard-working in each of them, a true testament to her character. Before retiring, she was highlighted as a Super Senior on WCAX TV, a classic interview if there ever was one, as it was truly her throughout the piece.

Annette was well known throughout the community for being a wonderful and helpful person, but also for not holding back her opinion and having a knack for telling it like it is. She always told you the truth, even if it wasn't something you wanted to hear. How else do you think she got the nickname "The General," started by a family friend years ago? It can be said that she took care of every one of her brothers and sisters in one capacity or another in their lives, as well as Memere and Pepere Maurais, her husband, daughter, and her grandchildren. Family came first, no matter what was going on with her personally, or if she wasn't happy with one of them. She would help them, but certainly they got to hear what she thought at that moment.

Described as "a tough old bird" she was handed many hard challenges through her life, meeting them head-on. She conquered all of them until the last; but even then, it was her decision to stop the fight as she had been praying for her mother to come and get her for quite some time. Her Faith in God was so incredibly strong, along with Mary and her two favorites, St. Jude and St. Anthony. She would start her day in prayer and continue intermittently throughout the day until her bedtime prayers. God is owed a lot in her surviving her challenges and answers she received from praying for others.

Annette leaves behind a very broken-hearted family, though so very glad her suffering has ended, and she is now at Peace. She will live on in each of her family members in some manner or another...how can we forget her voice.

Annette is survived by her daughter, Terrie Herr and husband David of Canaan; two grandchildren, Ryan Vincent and his wife Marya, and Averill Herr; and two great-grandchildren, Camden and Norah Vincent; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Boynton in 2000; a son, Bruce, as an infant; and seven siblings, Victor Maurais, Raymond Maurais, Rodolph Maurais, Albert Maurais, Rita Ladd, Yvette Beloin, and Edith Marquis.

There are no public calling hours. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Albert's Catholic Church on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. Interment will occur at a later date in East Hereford.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Boynton may be made to the Harvey Boynton Memorial Scholarship, c/o Canaan Town Clerk, 318 Christian Hill Rd., Canaan, VT 05903.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Albert's Catholic Church  
10 Church St  
West Stewartstown, NH 03597  
(603) 246-8829

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Terrie, Please accept my deepest sympathies. Suzanne Cook*

Suzanne Cook - January 15, 2023 at 12:23 PM

PN

“ *Terrie,  
So sorry to hear this. Keeping her and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I remember her watching you in high school at the Canaan ball games. She was another true icon of the North Country.*

Paula Noll - January 12, 2023 at 07:09 PM

BB

“ *Terrie... our thoughts are with you and your family as you grieve. When I think of your Mom, go, go, go, and do it right, come to mind. If what they say about idle hands being tools of the devil is true, we all know there's nothing to worry about there! She was always very nice to me. Good memories!! God bless.*

*Ben Burns.*

Ben Burns - January 11, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette E. Boynton.*



January 11, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ *JANA SIERAD lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Boynton*



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**JANA SIERAD** - January 09, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JS

*Our sympathies to you all. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**JANA SIERAD** - January 09, 2023 at 10:39 AM

LL

“ *Sending our sympathy and prayers.*

*The Paquette Sisters  
Lola Lambert  
Pauline (Juju) Roberge  
Elaine Neil  
Janet Bouchard  
Louise Durant*

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**Lola Lambert** - January 08, 2023 at 04:49 PM

AM

“ *Annette C Mailhot lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Boynton*



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**Annette C Mailhot** - January 07, 2023 at 09:15 AM

WD

“ I shall miss Annette deeply, she was my mother hen. She had her finger on the pulse of our town and kept track of everyone. I once told her she should be doing less and enjoying life more because “she was no spring chicken!” She never let me forget that remark. Sympathies to David, Terrie, Ryan, and Averill, you were her whole life.

Wendy Danjou - January 06, 2023 at 08:35 AM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a great lady.

Rosemary and Gerard Riendeau - January 05, 2023 at 07:19 PM

SB

“ Our prayers to you and your family. Sam & Joan Bird

Samuel and Joan Bird - January 04, 2023 at 06:02 PM

AD

“ To Terrie and family  
My sincere sympathies to you and your family.  
Nos sinceres sympathies aux familles Maurais, egalement.  
Sincerment,  
Alain Dupont et Gilberte Dupont, Canaan, Vermont

Alain Dupont - January 04, 2023 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ Lynn Mathieu lit a candle in memory of  
Annette E. Boynton



Lynn Mathieu - January 04, 2023 at 09:59 AM

YT

“ *Your cousin Theresa purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Annette E. Boynton.*



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**Your cousin Theresa** - January 04, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Annette E. Boynton.*



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January 04, 2023 at 09:23 AM

GB

“ *Glenn-Marie Blazys lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Boynton*



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**Glenn-Marie Blazys** - January 04, 2023 at 07:45 AM

BM

“ *Terrie and family my deepest sympathies for your loss, I'm sure the community will miss her and have great memories of her. She will never be forgotten!*

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**Becky Masters** - January 04, 2023 at 07:09 AM

KK

“ So saddened to learn of Annette's passing.  
I enjoyed my visits with her and hearing her stories. She could make me laugh!!  
I loved her and her big generous heart ! She was certainly one of a kind. I am so privileged to have known her and been one of her tenants. Sincere condolences to all of her family. Rest in Peace sweet lady.

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**Karen Kidder-Prehemo** - January 03, 2023 at 06:10 PM

BL

“ Two memories I have of Annette involve her postal career. The very first day we met I was learning the Canaan office from Wendy d'Anjou. Annette came in and firmly told me to never let anyone talk me into buying an apartment house and being a landlord! LOL. And the other was on her last day of work as the Rural Carrier for Canaan and Beecher Falls. She came into the Beecher Falls Post Office where I was the clerk and told me this was her last day of work doing the mail route and that she considered me her friend. She never used the word retiring. It was just not Annette. If any angel has earned her wings, it surely is my friend.

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**Brent Lyons** - January 03, 2023 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ *The obituary says it all. We rented from Annette when we first was married that was 50 years ago. She kept that building tidy. She was always working outside and in her earlier years she shoveled that whole driveway all winter long. I actually admired her with those quick answers she gave you. If you knew her you also knew she had a big heart.*

*Rest in peace*

*Carey and Jane Cross*

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**Jane Cross** - January 03, 2023 at 01:44 PM

TC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you Terrie & your family at this difficult time. Rest in peace Annette... you were always a joy at Christmas time. Sending prayers.*

*Terry & Claude Charest*

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**Terry Charest** - January 03, 2023 at 01:03 PM

FC

“ *Our deepest condolences to you Terrie and your family.*



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**Francine and Andre Champagne** - January 03, 2023 at 12:59 PM

MO

“ *What a beautiful tribute for this beautiful lady. She was so supportive In everything especially the Canaan school! My deepest sympathies to all the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Monique ouimette*

Monique ouimette - January 03, 2023 at 11:51 AM

JM

“ *Terrie & family I am so sorry to hear of Annette's passing.. She was a great lady and a hard worker.. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Annette you have earned your rest ...*

Joanne Mathieu - January 03, 2023 at 10:31 AM

JD

“ *Always the "friendly face" at the Canaan post office - and a huge part of the community. She will be missed. Prayers to Terrie and her family.*

Jean-Carol Dunham - January 03, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JC

“ *Rest in peace our friend. We always enjoyed visiting with you when you delivered our mail. Keeping your family in our prayers. Jan and Phil Corliss*



Jan Corliss - January 03, 2023 at 09:09 AM

SN

“ *Our deepest condolences to you Terrie and your beautiful family. Keeping all of you in our prayers. Rest In Peace Annette*

Suzelle &Walter Noyes - January 03, 2023 at 08:34 AM

DG

“ To Terrie and the whole family:  
Please accept our condolences on the loss of your dear mother.  
She certainly was a great lady and a force to reckon with all these  
years. She will be missed by everyone and just remember all the  
good times and that she is done suffering. God Bless you all.  
Donald & Ginette Gagnon

Donald & Ginette Gagnon - January 03, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JC

“ Terrie and family,  
Thoughts and prayers are being sent to you with the loss of your  
mom.  
Bev Uran and Judy Cardinal

Judy Cardinal - January 03, 2023 at 08:01 AM

TF

“ Theresa Ferren-Avery lit a candle in memory  
of Annette E. Boynton



Theresa Ferren-Avery - January 03, 2023 at 06:33 AM

TF

Great lady .sorry for your loss

Theresa Ferren-Avery - January 03, 2023 at 06:34 AM

JO

“ Dear Terry, my condolences to you and your family on the passing  
of your mom. She was a remarkable woman, and she has left her  
mark in North country.

Joanne OBrien - January 03, 2023 at 04:16 AM

LK

“ *Canaan has lost another icon. Annette was an integral part of the community and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

*Pat and Les Klinefelter*

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**Leslie Klinefelter** - January 02, 2023 at 10:56 PM

CH

“ *Dear Terrie and family,  
Thinking of you at this sad time. Sending love and hugs.*  
*Chris Bean*

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**Chris** - January 02, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Annette E. Boynton.*



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January 02, 2023 at 10:05 PM

FB

“ *Please accept our sympathies. She was admirable.*

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**Fran & Guy Beloin** - January 02, 2023 at 09:49 PM

CP

“ *I used to love to visit with her at the post office. How she did that hard work I'll never know. She was a wonderful lady. I'm so glad I got to know her.*

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**Connie Provencher** - January 02, 2023 at 09:44 PM

GC

“ So sorry to hear this Terrie...she's a hard act to follow...

Georgiana Carr - January 02, 2023 at 09:19 PM

RL

“ Loved working with Annette for many years bringing the mail to her at the Post Office. Truly a WONDERFUL LADY!!

Raymond Lavigne - January 02, 2023 at 08:31 PM

BL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers for all if you.



Bona Ladd - January 02, 2023 at 08:19 PM

LR

“ So deeply sorry to hear of your mom's passing.she was a wonderful lady. She will be missed by everyone that new her.

Louise Roy - January 02, 2023 at 08:11 PM

AP

“ Audie Porter lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Boynton



Audie Porter - January 02, 2023 at 08:03 PM

RD

“ *Rita Donnell lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Boynton*



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**Rita Donnell** - January 02, 2023 at 07:59 PM

TB

“ *Terrie & family.....We are so sad to hear that our feisty Annette has passed. We truly loved that woman, and admired her determination to do things regardless of her age. Our thoughts and prayers are with you; and she will always be remembered for her zest.*

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**Tal & Maureen Blanchard** - January 02, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MN

“ *Annette was my mail lady foy years! She was very kind! My condolences to the family!*

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**Marie Noyes** - January 02, 2023 at 06:55 PM

DD

*Terrie, deepest condolences at the loss of your mom.*

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**Deborah Dargent** - January 02, 2023 at 07:59 PM