



Cecilia A. Unangst

October 22, 1946 - July 7, 2016

COLEBROOK, NH — Cecilia Ann Unangst - “Ceal” (Nee: Robson), 69, after a harsh two-and-a-half year struggle with cancer, passed away peacefully in East Colebrook on Thursday, July 7, 2016. She was with her family in the home she helped build. She was born Oct. 22, 1946, in Spring Field Gardens, NY, the daughter of Joseph Robert Robson and Agnes Mary Robson (Nee: Treloar).

She lived the early part of her life in Bergenfield, NJ, where she attended Ascension School in New Milford. From there she attended Immaculate Conception in Lodi, NJ. Her family then moved to Smithtown, NY, where she completed high school at Smithtown High School in 1964. After completing high school she attended Dowling College and Blake Business School. After graduating from business school, she went to work at Instrument Systems Corporation in Huntington, NY, as an office secretary.

On Dec. 23, 1969, she married Robert W. Unangst Jr., a returning Vietnam veteran, in Roanoke, Va., while he was completing a college degree. For the next two years she worked as an office secretary for Windshield Glass in Roanoke.

She and her husband then returned to Long Island, NY, where they began raising their family. At that time, she worked as an attendance secretary at

Finley Junior High School in Huntington, where she and her family lived.

Between 1984 and 1985 she and her family moved to Colebrook where her husband began his science teaching career at Colebrook Academy. She became one of the original employees at the LaVerdiere's Drug Store when it opened its doors in 1987. She was later promoted to assistant manager about the time the store transitioned to Rite Aid. Despite several offers to be store manager, she chose to remain as an assistant manager. In 2004 she left Rite Aid to join the staff at Colebrook Academy. Although the position at the Academy was her last, it was her "dream job." When it came to interacting and working with the kids at CA, she was "The Natural." Whether it was working at Rite Aid, as Ceal, or whether it was working at CA as "Mrs. U," she had a personality and a smile that lit up any room. She had an honesty, an integrity, a work ethic, and an insight tempered by compassion that earned her the respect of customers, students, and other friends. She had the gift to quickly turn a student's bad day into a good day, and the culinary talent to make teachers entering the Academy in the morning to first look into the office to see what gastronomic treats might be there for them that day.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Robert, "Skip" of Colebrook; her son David and his wife, Cindy, of Ashland, NH; her daughter, Suzanne, and her husband, Bruce MacDonald, of Gorham, NH; her son Daniel of Littleton, NH; her granddaughter, Summer, and her grandson-to-be of Ashland, NH; her grandsons Benjamin and Nicholas, and granddaughter Hannah from Gorham, NH; her sister Susan and her husband William Hersh, and nephew, Jon, of Athol, Mass.; her brother, Thomas Robson, of Whitefield, NH; her sister-in-law, Anne Unangst and family from Montpelier, Vt.; her sister-in-law, Peg Mariani and family, from Wilder, Vt.; her sister-in-law, Mary Charlton, and family from Old Lyme, Conn.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A graveside service will be held the next morning, July 13, at 11 a.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ceal may be made to the American Cancer Society, for the express purposes of colonoscopy screening and education, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Colebrook Village Cemetery
North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

JD

“ We will miss Cecilia's bright smile and her pleasant attitude, she was a large ray of sunshine in this world. She is gone, but our memories of her will always be with us. Cecilia has brightened and made better the lives of the people she helped.
Joeng and Mike Divney

Joeng and Mike Divney - July 15, 2016 at 02:45 PM

LM

“ Dear Suzanne, Bruce and family, and all of the Unangst family, Our heart is broken for you during this time of deep loss. Losing my Mom on May 22, with fresh pain myself, I can empathize with you. No matter how prepared one thinks they are, there is really no preparation for losing a parent, especially Mom. We will continue to lift you up in our prayers and thoughts, and please know our hearts are with you. Love, Lori and "uncle" James xxoo May God grant you His peace and comfort.

Lori MacDonald - July 15, 2016 at 07:00 AM

DL

“ Mr. U and Family - I was so sad when I heard about Ceal's passing. I was fortunate to have known her both through work at the school and outside of work and she was one of the bravest and strongest people I have ever known. No matter when and where you saw her you never knew she was sick. She was always smiling and always made those around her smile .I will never forget our phone conversations and our chance meetings at LaPerles and discussions about treatments and how we were feeling. She always made me laugh!!! She will be missed by all who knew her. My prayers are with her family. Donna Laughton, CES

Donna Laughton - July 15, 2016 at 04:46 AM

JD

“ Remember working with Cecilia at Rite Aid many years ago. Such a sweet person while on the job, and also outside of work. Thoughts and prayers for her family and friends.

Judi D - July 13, 2016 at 09:54 AM

BC

“ Mr. U and Family-So sorry for the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother, friend. She was so fortunate to have you there to provide care and love when needed. I am sure this is why she carried on for as long as she did. What a strong person. I know she will be missed by not only your family, but everyone else who knew her.

Bridget Cross (Ouimette)

Bridget Cross - July 12, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



July 12, 2016 at 10:23 AM

GM

“ Gary and Joanne Melanson purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



Gary and Joanne Melanson - July 12, 2016 at 09:59 AM

SC

“ *Suzanne, my heart goes out to you and your family. Treasure the many memories that you have made.*

Sue C.

Sue Cloutier - July 12, 2016 at 09:26 AM

JM

“ *I had the pleasure of working in the office at Colebrook Academy with Ceal. She was the first person everyone would see in the morning. What a smile and such laughter! As a first year principal at Colebrook Academy, she made my days brighter with her presence in the office. I always looked forward to coming into work. I am a better person to have known and to work with someone like Ceal.*

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Unangst family and to you, Bob. She will be missed by many.

Joanne Melanson - July 12, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.*



July 12, 2016 at 08:24 AM

SB

“ I feel fortunate to have worked with Ceal and gotten to know her. I was 21 years old and just out of the Army when I landed at LaVerdieres as an Assistant Manager Trainee, I never would have made it without her. She was always someone I looked forward to seeing. She had a sense of humor and a sincere wisdom that carried many of us through some turbulent times. I remember, more than once, how Ceal seemed to know just what to say or do. She could also be pretty entertaining when she got a 'bee in her bonnet', so to speak. She was such a genuine soul that even today, some 20ish years later, I look at her picture here and feel like I lost a true friend. We certainly lost a beautiful person when she passed, but we are left with her example of a life well lived. Rest in peace Ceal, and thank you: you made a difference in a million little ways.

Steve Bissonnette - July 12, 2016 at 07:22 AM

RM

“ Cecilia was a colleague and a friend. Everyone that knew her is a better person because of her. She will be remembered and missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Rich Maurais - July 12, 2016 at 07:18 AM

TF

“ The Gilbert Family lit a candle in memory of Cecilia A. Unangst



The Gilbert Family - July 12, 2016 at 06:05 AM

C2

“ CA Class of 2014 purchased the Full Heart for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



CA Class of 2014 - July 11, 2016 at 10:40 PM

DP

“ Cecilia is a women of light with so much soul! I am blessed to have the light of her strength shining on my life. In every moment Cecilia chose to rise and hold faith for the highest good of all for each of us. Love you Angel xoxo

Dana Patterson - July 11, 2016 at 09:32 PM

DP

Tears typos :)

Dana Patterson - July 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JB

To all my much loved family in New England.....On behalf of my sisters Madelyn and Marilyn I express the great loss we feel on the loss of our beloved cousin Cecilia.We share wonderful memories of Ceal from days gone bye. Days that seem like yesterday but, alas, were long ago and far away.We pray for you all that you find peace and comfort with the knowledge that she has found her peace with the Lord.....God bless
Johno

John Burke - July 13, 2016 at 01:04 PM

FD

“ To one of the nicest, most positive people I have ever known. When I visited the family at their home or at their camp, they would always make me feel welcome and one of the family. I will dearly miss her. I also pray that her husband "Mr. 'U' " also finds peace in his life as he continues his journey on this Earth and who ultimately will join his dear wife in eternal life in Heaven.

Frank Doe - July 11, 2016 at 08:11 PM

FF

“ From your Dell Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



From your Dell Family - July 11, 2016 at 04:02 PM

MF

“ Marvin Calvendra & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



Marvin Calvendra & Family - July 11, 2016 at 03:53 PM

CB

“ Bob (Mr. U), we are so sorry to hear of Ceal's passing. She was always so funny and friendly when I would see her at Rite Aid. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. Christine and Steve Breton

Christine Breton - July 11, 2016 at 11:41 AM



“ It was a pleasure to get to know such a cheerful person! Weather seeing her at the local store or at the office of Ca she make would us laugh and bring a joy to our lives. You will be missed by all who knew you, Mrs. U ! We love you ! Robert and Janet

Janet Hart - July 11, 2016 at 06:10 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Ceal's passing. She was the assistant manager at Rite Aid when I was hired for my first job at 16 and I will always remember her kindness towards me (and everyone she encountered) and her smile. Praying for her family at this time.

Suzanne Curtis - July 11, 2016 at 04:56 AM



“ I am very sad to hear of the loss of Ceal. I had the pleasure to work with her at Rite Aid. She always had a fun sense of humor. We had a lot of good times at work. My condolences to the Mr U and family.

Brian Riley

Brian Riley - July 10, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Ceal was always so friendly. I always enjoyed talking with her when I would meet her in a store. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Dee Young

Dee Young - July 10, 2016 at 09:30 PM

AH

“ What a great loss for us all. Mrs.U always smiled even when she was feeling so ill. She had so much compassion for everyone, when you went in to get medicine she would say "hope you feel better" like everyone does but you knew she meant it. Mr. U, family and friends I am so sorry.

Amanda Hurlbert - July 10, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



July 10, 2016 at 06:07 PM

MS

“ Ceal always had a story, a smile and an infectious laugh every time I saw her. She had a personality that most of us wish we had. She was an amazing person, and I will miss seeing and visiting with her. To Bob, and the entire family, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Ceal, you will be missed,
Mike Sullivan*

Mike Sullivan - July 10, 2016 at 05:47 PM

MJ

“ So very sorry for the loss of Cecilia. She was always a shining light at the Academy and in fact whenever she crossed my path. She was a great fan of the art of her grand son and made a point to share his work with me. My sincere thoughts are with the entire family.

Michele Johnsen

Michele Johnsen - July 10, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



July 10, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



July 10, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



July 10, 2016 at 12:56 PM

AN

“ Ceal and I had coffee and ice cream for Daniel almost daily in Huntington. She was a powerful and determined person who shared many laughs with me. she truly gave every inch of herself and never stopped smiling!

antoinettedowling - July 10, 2016 at 11:33 AM

LW

“ Love Susie (Sassone), Kevin, Olivia &Kaitlyn Wolf purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



Love Susie (Sassone), Kevin, Olivia &Kaitlyn Wolf - July 10, 2016 at 11:32 AM

RH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Ceal was an amazing woman. She was always so kind and friendly when my mom worked at Rite Aid. I haven't seen her in years but she has definitely left a very positive impression on me.

Rhiannon - July 10, 2016 at 11:22 AM

TF

“ The Trask Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



The Trask Family - July 10, 2016 at 11:17 AM

KS

“ *What a wonderful women and friend . She will be missed.
Thank you Mrs. U for brightening my day every time I walked into
the school or store. I Loved and will miss our chats we had through
out the year.
Much love and prayers to the family
K. Stevens and family*

kelly stevens - July 10, 2016 at 11:00 AM

JG

“ *Her smile and laughter would light up a room, always cheerful and
react to lend a hand. She will be missed by many and will always
hold a special place in our hearts.*

Joyce Griffin - July 10, 2016 at 10:56 AM

GW

“ *So fortunate to have spent time with Ceal a few months ago. She
stopped by to support the Student Council during Drive 4 Your
School. She brightened the day with her smile and enthusiasm.
Went for a ride with Lexie and sat with me telling stories and making
me laugh. You will be missed by many. Prayers for you and your
family.*

Ginette White - July 10, 2016 at 10:34 AM

MT

“ *The smile in that picture is the very smile that lightened the load on
rough days and had us laughing in hysterics on the good ones. Ceal
was one of the people who made Colebrook Academy such a loving
place to work. She will be missed by thousands of students and co-
workers whose lives she touched while she was with us. We are
honored to have known her. Mary and Buddy.*

Mary Trask - July 10, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.*



July 09, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.*



July 09, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Cecelia was a great person to work with and a good friend.*

Jennifer Falconer - July 09, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.*



July 09, 2016 at 01:23 PM

BT

“ Bob, Kathy, and Timothy purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Cecilia A. Unangst.



Bob, Kathy, and Timothy - July 09, 2016 at 09:32 AM

PG

“ So sorry for your loss. Celia was such a joy to be around. She was an absolute sweetheart.

Patricia Grover - July 09, 2016 at 08:15 AM

CU

“ May years of very special family memories bring you comfort & peace as you go through these very, very, difficult days...Please know you are in my thoughts & prayers always!

*Carol Unangst
Paulden, Arizona*

Carol Unangst - July 09, 2016 at 02:00 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - July 08, 2016 at 11:36 PM

LR

“ So sorry for your loss. Cecilia will be missed by a lot of people. She was a really nice person. She was a joy to work with.

Louise Roy - July 08, 2016 at 09:39 PM

DL

“ *Mr. U, David, and Susan and your families. I can't even begin to tell you how sorry and sad I am. It breaks my heart of this sad news. Your wife and mother was a lady that cared for everyone and had a heart of gold. I will miss her dearly. Your in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in piece you BEAUTIFUL LADY.*

Donna (Grady) Lapierre and my family



Donna Lapierre - July 08, 2016 at 07:11 PM

DD

A sweet soul who is now free...may you feel God's peace...thinking of you all...I was blessed to have known her...

Deborah Dimmitt - July 10, 2016 at 10:19 AM

CH

Mr. Ungagst, David, and the entire Ungagst family. My heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mrs. Ungagst. I know this sounds cliché but please take comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering and is at home with our heavenly father.

Cheryl - July 11, 2016 at 05:07 PM