



## Anna Marie Avram

June 3, 1930 - January 9, 2022

Anna Marie (Michels) Avram was born on June 3, 1930 to Bernard “Ben” and Marie (Ludwig) Michels. She passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, at the age of 91. Having fought through several health issues, she was at peace with going to be with the love of her life and meeting the Lord. She died peacefully in her sleep.

She married Cornelius “Nello” Avram, the boy who lived across the street, on May 13, 1950. They were devoted to each other for just shy of 70 years with a deep love, mutual support and strong commitment. They raised four wonderful children, who are extremely grateful for the love she showered on them.

Anna Marie graduated from Madonna High School class of 1948. She stayed very close to her classmates and friends over the years. When her children were grown and on their own, Anna Marie went to work for Dr. William Weigel and then Dr. Ghulam Sheikh.

Anna Marie and Nello enjoyed traveling. They went to Europe and Hawaii several times and enjoyed many trips to Las Vegas and the Florida Gulf Coast. She loved playing cards-bridge, canasta, poker and shove-it and was a wickedly strategic player. She was a voracious reader, particularly espionage novels and enjoyed flower arranging. She especially loved giggling with her girlfriends, many of whom she knew since kindergarten.

After her mother passed away, Anna Marie became the beloved “matriarch” of the very large Michels clan. She was considered a second mother to her brothers and a few special nieces and nephews. At Christmas time, she

baked, decorated and distributed up to 4 batches, almost 500 citron cookies too many family members and friends.

Anna Marie's Catholic faith was a vital part of her life and brought her great strength and comfort. She was a lifelong parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church and served as Extraordinary Minister for over twenty years. She devoutly prayed the Rosary every day.

Anna Marie was preceded in death by her adoring husband Nello; infant daughter Mary Ann Avram; her parents; three brothers and their spouses Robert (Patricia) Michels, Arthur (Lilian) Michels and Bernard (Lois) Michels; sister-in-law Carole Michels; and son-in-law David Lidecka.

She is survived by her children Michael (MaryAnne) Avram, Gary (Mary) Avram, Elizabeth (Robert) Simmons and Susan Lidecka; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother James Michels; sister-in-law Delores Avram and many nieces and nephews.

Anna Marie's family is forever grateful for the compassionate and loving care she received from the Copley Heath System, Avantara and Cindy (her personal caregiver). We also want to thank Anna Marie's brother, Jim as well as nieces, nephews and friends who offered much comfort to mom and all of us. She treasured her time with each and every one who came to visit, played cards, or took the time to send a note or just gave her a call.

Anna Marie will be forever in our thoughts and will be greatly missed by many.

Due to Covid 19 concerns, her visitation, funeral and burial will all be private.

Those who wish to go onto St. Joseph Church's Facebook page will be able to watch the Mass take place on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11:30am. Fr.

Matthew McMorrow and Fr. Jerome Leake will concelebrate. Following her Mass, her private interment will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our website where you may leave condolences for Anna Marie's family.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



# Cemetery Details

## **St. Joseph Cemetery**

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.  
Aurora, IL

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Michael and family,  
So very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was one of the ‘coolest’ moms growing up. She would play cards and games in the ‘breeze way’ and always managed to come up with special treats. Popcorn, kool-aid etc. I even remember your family’s ‘place’ in church. It seems as if our faith was nourished by good Christian women like your mom. God bless you in your time of morning.  
May she Rest In Peace..  
Steve and Sue Puscas*

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**steve puscas** - January 18, 2022 at 10:19 AM

JA

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, Anna Marie was a great lady, I am sorry for your loss!*

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**John M Adam** - January 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM

JC

“ *Mike and family, my condolences to all at this sad time. Your mom and I got to know each other on occasion via Face Book.  
Jim Cassidy*

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**Jim Cassidy** - January 13, 2022 at 07:17 PM

SL

“ I feel so blessed to have known her and Nello, Bernie & Lois, Art & Lil and members of their families when I had the good fortune to live on Lehnertz Ave. Anna Marie always had a smile and positive greeting when we met, and her acknowledgement of my Mom's passing was so very kind and thoughtful. I will keep her, and the entire family, in my prayers.

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**Suzanne Theis Lawrence** - January 13, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JM

“ I will personally miss my sister, Anna Marie, as she was a 'link' to many deceased members of our family. She had a great memory and we had many enjoyable visits about deceased members of our family. Yes, she was prepared for death and joins her beloved husband Nello and others in the hereafter. God rest her soul. Love, Jim Michels

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**Jim Michels** - January 13, 2022 at 03:45 PM

CW

“ Mike, Beth, Gary & Sue, my sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Words cannot express what a wonderful lady she was and how much she was loved. So may lasting memories of great conversation, laughter and fun times together. A true angel who will be greatly missed.



*Connie Wright*

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**Connie Wright** - January 13, 2022 at 01:16 PM

PO

“ Anna Marie and nello , great neighbors at belles Terrence ,smile and talked to you ! Will miss you and thanks for being a good neighbor Down the hall!

Patrick ohstrum - January 12, 2022 at 03:45 PM

DN

“ My sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Anna Marie was such a wonderful woman who will be missed by all who knew her. I will always treasure our friendship.

Debi Michels Nolte - January 11, 2022 at 03:08 PM

KR

“ We send our deepest sympathy to Anna Marie's family and loved ones. We lived next door to Anna Marie and Nello on Lehnertz Avenue for seven years. They were wonderful neighbors, welcoming us and our growing family. We had some great conversations in the backyard, and it was fun to get to know their adult children when they'd come to visit. Anna Marie always had a beautiful smile. She will always be our neighbor. Kate Reuland

Kate Reuland - January 11, 2022 at 12:39 PM

MS

“ Thank you Anna Marie for sharing your cherished gift of friendship with me. May you Rest in Eternal Peace!

Mary Ann Sestak

Mary Ann Sestak - January 11, 2022 at 09:53 AM



LT

“ I know Aunt Sis was totally prepared to join Uncle Nello and their daughter in the arms of her Lord. She was a Faithful believer! Personally, Aunt Sis ALWAYS had time to visit. She could be ironing, cooking, whatever but took the time to stop and enjoy some company. Her welcoming hug was always enthusiastic! She had an especially soft heart for our brother Dan. She was quick witted, empathetic, irreverent (with limitations) and I loved her and will miss her.

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**Linda Michels Taylor** - January 10, 2022 at 06:32 PM

MP

“ Mike and MaryAnne. So sorry to hear of your loss. Anna Marie surely is in a much better place. Know that your family is in our prayers. Love to you. Rick and Michele

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**Michele Pitello** - January 10, 2022 at 05:42 PM

LC

“ To know Anna Marie was to love her. She was a strong woman whose love for her family was fierce. Knowing her for the past 45 years we came to know how she cherished her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her beloved Nello. Anna Marie raised a wonderful family, dedicated and loving children. Her work here is complete, a job well done. May she rest in peace. We will miss her, her sense of humor, and those delicious citron cookies.

*With all our love,*

*Louise and Tom Cradick and family*

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**Louise F Cradick** - January 10, 2022 at 05:13 PM

CZ

“ Aunt Sis and I kept in touch all the while I lived in Aspen. Her last Christmas exchange with me was of her beloved citron cookie recipe that we all cherished. God rest her sweet soul in Heaven. She was so special to me as we shared the loss of an infant child together, and that takes a very special understanding. God rest her sweet soul. I will miss her very much....

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**carolann zaha** - January 10, 2022 at 03:16 PM

DN

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**Debi Michels Nolte** - January 10, 2022 at 06:16 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to you all on the loss of Anna Marie. She's now reunited with Nello in God's kingdom. May she rest in peace.*

*Jeff Michels*

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**Jeff Michels** - January 10, 2022 at 02:57 PM

TP

“ *Our sincere condolences on the loss of Anna Marie to all who loved her. May God's eternal light shine upon her.*

*Tom and Joleen Petit*

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**Tom / Joleen Petit** - January 10, 2022 at 02:18 PM