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Andrea C. Smith, age 70 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, formerly of Leesburg, VA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at her residence. She was born on Thursday, August 5, 1948 in McKeesport, PA, daughter of the late Andrew and Irene Chomo.

After graduating from Clairton High School and McKeesport Hospital School of Nursing, Andrea joined the Army Nurse Corp and was stationed at the military field hospital in Danang, Vietnam. She then pursued her nursing career in multiple settings, including the Graydon Manor Children's Center in Leesburg, VA, where she met her husband Rob. Taking a break from nursing, Andrea was accepted into the AT&T training program, and began a 20 year high-tech career as a phone systems account manager with AT&T, Cincinnati Bell (CBIS), and several independent telecommunications firms. After the tech bubble burst in 2000 she returned to the medical field and became a certified hospice nurse, working in Northern Virginia with Capital Hospice and Heartland Hospice. She capped her career as Case Manager at Inova Fairfax Hospital's level I trauma unit. Having spent many years visiting the Dewey/Rehoboth area, the Smith's, with their dog Admiral, retired to the area full time in 2015. Wanting to stay involved, and using her unique sense of style, she enjoyed part-time work at her friend's In2Soles shoe store. In retirement she also enjoyed socializing with family and friends, reading, and partaking of the local live music scene. Being on the dance floor was a favorite location.

In addition to her parents, Andrea was preceded in death by her sister, Joyce Bossi. She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Rob; and her two nieces: Allison Graves of Gainesville, VA and Collette Brosky of Madeira Beach, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Andrea's memory to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, DE chapter, 600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720 or by visiting their website at or to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Sussex County, 1315 Mt. Herman Rd, suite D, Salisbury, MD 21804, with attention to Team Sherri's Village.



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Please sign Mrs. Smith's online guest book located on this site.



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GD

Geri Deane posted:

Rob, Admiral and Family, I cannot tell you how sad I am to have read this in the Loudoun Times Mirror this morning. I loved working with you both and soooooo lucky to have had the opportunity to meet you. I also so loved how we laughed when I had my chemo hot flashes..... Sending you hugs and please know that I am here to assist with whatever I can. Geri Deane

December 4 at 12:27 PM

DO

Dixie Orrison posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Andrea's death. I had the privilege of knowing and working with Andrea at Capital Hospice. She had a wonderful spirit, said it like it was and always made my day brighter when I talked with her. She was a ray of sunshine with a wry sense of humor! Peace and comfort to her loved ones! Dixie Orrison

November 30 at 1:18 PM

JG

Josephine Gyamfi posted:

I worked with Andrea at Fairfax hospital for several years . She was always a ray of sunshine whenever she entered the unit . We talked about one day if I ever came to reboboth beach to meet up . Unfortunately I never made it before her passing. My deepest condolences to the family . She will surely be missed . 🙏🙏

November 26 at 3:56 AM



Janet Huston posted:

Andrea and I were roommates in nursing school. Starting dating my fiancee after we broke up. Remained friends. Helped her pack when she left for Nam. I remember visiting her in Leesburg Va. She had put a sliding glass door in her house and then found out she wasn't allowed. Lost contact after last reunion when we went to the girl scout camp. She was a wonderful person, just like the rest of her family.

November 24 at 10:42 AM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 6:53 AM

Thank you Janet. I remember hearing about that scout camp reunion, and some wild stories from your cloistered nursing school days. Rob.



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GM

Ginny Moran, Rn shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

With deepest sympathy and fond remembrance of our dear classmate Andrea, Mckeesport Hospital School Of Nursing Class of 1969

November 23 at 7:07 PM



CA

Cathy lit a candle in honor of Andrea.

From the first time I met Andrea I was jealous that Allison had a really cool aunt. Getting together whenever I visited Allison we would get together and have lots of laughs. Andrea I hope you are pain free and resting in peace. Sending prayers and love to Rob, Allison and Colette

November 21 at 1:37 PM



RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 6:54 AM

Thanks so much Cathy. Appreciate your kind thoughts and always enjoy seeing Al's old roommate. Rob.

SH

Sherry posted:

I was very blessed to work with Andrea for many years in the TICU. Always admiring her extensive jewelry collection. You rarely saw her wear the same piece twice. It seems like just yesterday I made her retirement cake. I know that I speak for many fellow TICU coworkers that would agree that there has never been another CM that has filled her shoes. RIP Andrea.

November 20 at 11:46 AM

ML

Michele Lee December 5 at 11:27 AM

I can second every word Sherry shared. What a deep loss, and we are so sorry for your grief. Please know that she made TICU a much better place. She was an incredible person.

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 6:54 AM

Thank you Sherry. Those years with the TICU team were probably the best of her nursing career. I know she always fought for what she felt was best for those families. Rob.



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MC

Mary Carey lit a candle in honor of Andrea.

Lovely Lady God Bless you

November 20 at 11:35 AM



RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 7:54 AM

Thank you Betty. She loved you and your family, and I know the love went both ways. Rob.

FF

Fiora Focer posted:

One of the best nurses I've ever known and worked with! No nonsense, huge heart, full of compassion! Heaven holds a special place for you dear Andrea! Flo

November 16 at 1:13 PM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 6:56 AM

Thank you Flo. I appreciate your find words and your thoughtful note. Lots of good memories. Best wishes. Rob.

DS

Dottie Stackhouse lit a candle in honor of Andrea.

To know Andrea was to see the true definition of vivacious! Andrea's beauty was visible for all to see, but it was her inner beauty that shined through and grabbed your heart. Her zest for life was contagious and got all of us up on the dance floor to join her. I will miss her light.

November 16 at 10:47 AM



RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 6:59 AM

Thank you Dottie. So fortunate to have great new friends like you and Sue. And thanks for passing her those rattles on the dance floor. She loved it. Rob.



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LL

Lawrence E Likar posted:

Andrea exemplified what it means to be an aunt, niece, cousin, and friend to all those who loved her. Larry

November 16 at 7:38 AM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 8:04 AM

Thank you Larry. Your cousin relationship, with those long phone chats was always so important to her. Rob.

RS

Robyn Stone posted:

I will miss her great laugh, her wit and her no nonsense attitude. But also her generosity and her caring for others. My last conversation with her was really special and I know her spirit will be with us. No one will ever replace her style, her shoes or her jewelry. She was one of a kind. Lots of hugs and love to Rob, Alison and Colette.

November 15 at 5:38 PM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 7:05 AM

Thank you Robyn. We appreciate your kind thoughts and the meaningfulness of your last visit with her— very special to her also. Rob.

RS

Robert Streimer posted:

I loved everything about Andrea even when we disagreed.

November 15 at 3:46 PM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 8:05 AM

And I can assure you that she felt exactly the same. Rob



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DS

Debra Ghion Spence posted:

Andrea was a beautiful person. She had a great personality. I also remember how she loved to dance. She was a very good dancer. My thoughts and prayers are with Rob, Allison and Collette. She will be missed. A lovely person gone to soon. Rest in peace dear Andrea.

November 15 at 12:58 PM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 7:08 AM

Thanks so much Debby. Though she didn't see you all very often lately, the family meant a great deal to her. Rob.

LS

Lee Smith posted:

I will always remember Andrea's razor sharp wit and sense of humor. They were both wonderful!

November 15 at 12:21 PM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 8:12 AM

Thanks Lee. She always enjoyed seeing or speaking with you. Rob.

BM

Barb Macik posted:

She was a beautiful person inside and out. I remember how much she loved to dance she was a good dancer

November 15 at 9:03 AM

RS

Rob Smith November 25 at 7:12 AM

Thanks Barb. Dancing remained a love of hers and she Got to enjoy a lot of dancing here at the beach. Rob.



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Debby Aune posted:

My husband Steve and I met Andrea and Rob briefly at a meet and greet for new people in our neighborhood. We instantly liked both of them. We met again a few weeks later when the 4 of us were part of a video for Schell Brothers. It was great fun. Unfortunately we ended up on the cutting room floor and never saw the video. It will always be a great memory of how much fun and full of life Andrea was!!!!

November 15 at 8:37 AM



Rob Smith November 25 at 7:16 AM

Thank you Deb. We were both glad to meet you guys too, and appreciate our new friends. With a fine dinner at Blue Moon! Rob.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Andrea by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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