



Agnes C. Van Antwerp

September 2, 1926 - September 9, 2022

Agnes C. Van Antwerp

Agnes was born in Detroit on September 2, 1926 and died at her residence in Troy on September 9, 2022.

She was the eighth of eleven children born to former Mayor of Detroit, Eugene I. Van Antwerp and his wife, Mary Francis (nee McDevitt) Van Antwerp. She leaves a sister, Rita Dacia (Patrick Pollard) Van Antwerp, brother, Daniel J. (Cecelia) Van Antwerp, and sister-in-law Mary Lou (the late George) Van Antwerp. Also survived by over fifty nieces and nephews.

Her education included Gesu Elementary School and the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Detroit. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart in 1949, and a Master's degree in Art from Wayne State University in 1953. She taught Art at Dossin and Pasteur Public Schools in the City of Detroit. Thereafter, from about 1970 to 1985, she taught in various schools of the Warren Consolidated School System.

Upon her retirement, she moved to an apartment in Palm Harbor, Florida, near her brother, Gore, who retired from the US Air Force. Finally, in 2006, she became sick with pernicious anemia. It was then that she purchased a co-

op apartment in Royal Oak, Michigan. In 2018 she sold the co-op and moved to the Oxford Park Apartments in Berkley. In 2021 she moved to American House in Troy where she was a well known Bingo winner and enjoyed the retirement community and staff.

She was a member of National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica and attended Mass daily. She was always kind and generous. She loved travel, art and skiing and often took her nieces and nephews with her on trips.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 14 from 4:30 pm - 8 pm with Rosary at 6:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Thursday 10 am at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak. The family will receive friends at the church at 9:30 a.m. The Mass will also be livestreamed at www.livestream@ShrineChurch.com.

To honor the memory of Agnes, please perform a random act of kindness or make a donation to your favorite charity. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 14. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Rosary

SEP 14. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Mass

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Miss Van Antwerp was my first grade teacher at Hesse Elementary School in Warren, Michigan. I will never forget her! Memories of her taking our entire class to her apartment in Detroit for an outdoor Easter egg hunt. That was over 50 years ago! Great teachers make memories like that! R.I.P. you did well! 🙏

Tony - February 21 at 03:26 PM

MF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marcy Feldman - February 16, 2023 at 05:02 PM

MF

“ I sent an e-blast with a beautiful photo of Aggie taken in her apartment to the Friends of Pasteur School Detroit last September.

Aggie was the last of our beloved teachers from the 50's and 60's. About 20 years ago she came to Pasteur to teach an art class on Career Day. I walked down Woodward Avenue with Aggie from Grand Circus Park to Hart Plaza for a DPS parade about 15 years ago. I heard such amazing and interesting stories and she wanted to know the latest about what our group was doing for the kids at Pasteur. She was a devout Catholic, but also a devout supporter of the children of Pasteur School.

AGNES VAN ANTWERP

Sept. 2, 1926 - Sept.9, 2022

Aggie taught at Pasteur for 19 years. She was a Life Member and still an annual supporter because she was so grateful for what the Friends of Pasteur Detroit do for the children today.

I visited her over the years and found her to be so interesting. Her father was Mayor of Detroit and she shared lots of stories. I spoke to Aggie recently and she sounded weak, but still interested in what we are doing.

The funeral was today, September 15, 2022, at the Shrine of the Little Flower.

You can see her obituary and if you wish you can leave a memory on the site.

Sadly, I found out this information too late for me to attend.

Marcy Feldman - February 16, 2023 at 04:59 PM

CP

“ Aunt Aggie was a special part of our family, bringing joy, smiles, and stories attending numerous birthdays, graduations, weddings, and holidays.

Aunt Aggie was adventurous and liked to take us exploring and sightseeing when we visited her in Florida. She also loved her annual visits to Cape Cod.

Most memorable Aunt Aggie liked to pray, for all of those who needed prayers. God Bless you Aunt Aggie.



Catherine Partalis - September 21, 2022 at 09:35 AM



R.I.P. dear Agnes 🙏 is her mass on-line? My aunt Joan Yaremy is a friend of hers and would like to watch it. We're watching the church's YouTube channel.

Andy Shaw, Naples FL

Andy Shaw - September 25, 2022 at 10:49 AM

KA

Andy Shaw, please email me for more information kva67@hotmail.com
xx karen VA her neice

Karen Van Antwerp - September 26, 2022 at 11:35 AM

PR

“ I remember her ! And her Art room ! She was awesome ! Fun memories.

Patti Roberts - September 19, 2022 at 03:28 PM

DJ

“ Ms. Van Antwerp remains in my mind some 60 years since she was my teacher at Pasteur. Like others have said, she was my favorite teacher as well. Being a quiet elementary student and not at all artistic, she took note and bonded with me, calling me Alice in Wonderland due to my long dark hair. That was special between us and I will always remember her kindness. My heart goes out to all whose lives she touched. It really does take a village, and her kindness was extended to so many.

djs - September 18, 2022 at 05:27 PM

SM

“ Remember Miss VanAnrwerp and her AVA signature well and her classroom on the east side if the school at Pasteur... She was a kind and gentle person...RIP

Stu Miller - September 18, 2022 at 03:24 PM

JR

“ “Stop, don’t move, don’t even breathe”....and giving us RedWing tickets. She was the best.

Jeff Roberts - September 18, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DR

“ Miss Van Antwerp was a very lovely person and an encouraging art teacher. Sending heartfelt condolences to her friends and family. May her memory be blessed. I remember liking very much her style and attention. Donna Adler Ron

Donna Adler Ron - September 17, 2022 at 06:46 AM

LB

“ My two most favourite memories of Miss Van Antwerp occurred years after being her student and graduating from Pasteur in 1959 heading to Mumford. My sister and I had the fun of meeting Miss Van Antwerp and Miss Robinson for lunch in the 1990's. It was lovely to reminisce as 4 adults and share our stories about our lives at that time. After that meeting, I corresponded with both of them. I lived in Scottsdale, AZ then. I was delighted to see Miss Van Antwerp again at the Pasteur reunion in October of 2012. In fact, I took that picture of Marcy Feldman with Miss Van Antwerp and then I took one of her alone and sent them to her. She called me on the phone upon receipt of that mail and asked if I could possibly make copies of that picture of her so she could sent it to some of her friends! I was thrilled that she liked the photo so much and happily mailed off a dozen copies. I find that with the loss of each teacher, I close my eyes and picture myself back at that wonderful little school where we all felt safe. I send my heartfelt condolences to the family and I thank you for sharing your beloved relative with all of us. :) She was a very fun lady indeed and I was not an artistic child! Laurie Tischler Beals Fort Collins. CO



Laurie Tischler Beals - September 15, 2022 at 11:11 PM

BS

“ My condolences..Sorry to hear this..Brian Schiff former _Pasteur student.

Brian Schiff - September 15, 2022 at 10:54 PM

CS

“ I can never forget Miss Van Antwerp for her pleasant smile and how we related while being in her art class. Always willing to help and provide positive thoughts. I am grateful for being able to talk to her about 6 months ago. She remembered who I was, and we shared past memories for almost 30 minutes. She will truly be missed by all. May God bless her!
Respectfully,
Carl C. Stoller

Carl Stoller - September 15, 2022 at 10:08 PM

BR

“ I remember very clearly when the class got too noisy, she used to say in a baritone voice...
STOP, DON'T MOVE, DON'T EVEN BREATHE...
and that's exactly what we did!!
What a great teacher!!

Barbara PARKER Ratner - September 15, 2022 at 06:32 PM

TM

“ My memory of Ms. Van Antwerp can be described in one word "Special". She was so kind to me & I can truthfully say she was my favorite teacher. I'm sure that if my brother Jerry Baxter & my sister Lillian Baxter were still living they would share some very special stories as well. Rest in Heavenly Peace special lady. Love & condolences to the family. Terena Baxter Moore.

TERENA MOORE - September 15, 2022 at 02:06 PM

BC

“ I am sorry that I was unable to be there in person for the funeral, but my heart and prayers are with you all. I will remember the first time, Agnes cooked for me, while in Florida. Needless to say, it was a delight and I shall never forget. The lamb she served by all accounts, seemed to be fresh out of the refrigerator and really not too my liking, but, what a great time we had. I will miss her dearly.
Bridget Cady

Bridget Cady - September 15, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ An early 50's memory: Her musical voice and lighthearted way of starting her classes. I recall she and Mr Matthews were good friends. She was special.

Tom Kuhn - September 15, 2022 at 11:02 AM

MF

“*Miss Van Antwerp*” was the art teacher at Pasteur Elementary for 19 years. She became a Life Member of the Friends of Pasteur School Detroit and was able to re-connect with former students. She was an annual supporter of our programs and even came on Career Day 15 years ago to talk. Aggie marched with me down Woodward for a Back to School event from Grand Circus Park to Hart Plaza with her walker when she was about 80! She shared so many wonderful stories of college, her teacher friends at Pasteur, parties at her house in the University District. She was full of Detroit history. I spoke to her a couple months ago and she still cared about the kids in Detroit today. Aggie had a huge heart! She was the last of our teachers from the 50's. May she rest in peace.



marcy feldman - September 15, 2022 at 09:23 AM

HF

Miss Van Antwerp was one of the Pasteur teachers I remember most clearly. She was my first art teacher -- and among my best. Because of her engaging instruction, I have enjoyed a lifetime of appreciating art and also participating in the process of creating art. May her memory always be blessed. A grateful former student, Hannah Morrison Fisher

Hannah Fisher - September 15, 2022 at 10:34 AM

GT

“ *Deep condolences to Agnes's family. I was her student at Pasteur back in the day and had seen her at several reunions. She was such a nice person and good teacher. I have been volunteering at Pasteur since 1997 reading to special needs classes. I love these kids and their wonderful teachers. Agnes would be happy that I recently donated money for an art program at our former school. RIP dear Ms. Van Antwerp...*

Gaye Tischler - September 15, 2022 at 09:15 AM

PD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Pat Denton - September 14, 2022 at 09:29 PM

CH

“ *Agnes was a very lovely and loving lady. She will truly be missed here at The Towers. We shared great memories and talks together after she moved to Troy. She was a welcome addition to our weekly Meijer trip groups. My condolences and prayers to her family. Connie Holliday #623*

Connie Holliday - September 14, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Agnes C. Van Antwerp.*



September 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *All of the Shannons purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Agnes C. Van Antwerp.*



All of the Shannons - September 14, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Agnes C. Van Antwerp.*



September 13, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Agnes C. Van Antwerp.*



September 13, 2022 at 08:16 PM

CF

“ Chris and Sue Franklin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Agnes C. Van Antwerp.



Chris and Sue Franklin - September 13, 2022 at 04:10 PM

KA

“ From the Tim Van Antwerp Family, Agnes was such a wonderful person. Our Dad spoke of her with a smile on his face always. Our memories of the Boat Races at her apartment and seeing her at our Dad's funeral was a blessing. I am sure they are sharing some great stories in heaven.

Katie Van Antwerp - September 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Agnes C. Van Antwerp.



September 13, 2022 at 09:26 AM

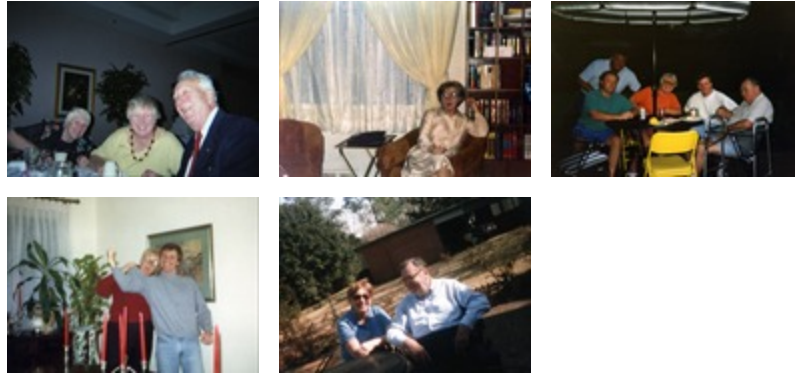
FA

“ Aunt Aggie was a gift from God to all of us. I spoke to her regularly and each time she made me smile and laugh so brightening my day. I will love and treasure her always❤️

Frances Shannon Akstull - September 12, 2022 at 06:49 AM

DB

“ *No one that ever met her did not love her.*



Denise Burke - September 11, 2022 at 10:32 PM

VB

“ *Eternal Memory. Heard from Karen here in Germany that she is worried about her Aunt being ill and that Karen is flying to Detroit to visit her.*

Vera Busch - September 11, 2022 at 04:12 PM

LB

“ *mrs. vanantwerp was a lovely lady with a beautiful smile and positive personality!!! it was a privelege to have cared for her at Heartland. my heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. she will be missed.*
lauri b rn



lauri brown - September 11, 2022 at 08:31 AM

DB

“ I had Agie for art from 1961 thru 1968 at Pasteur Elementary. She was my most memorable teacher She was very patient with us little kids with no artistic talent. My thought's and prayers to her family. May she rest in peace.

Deanna Lipman Brancheau - September 11, 2022 at 12:02 AM

CH

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Cindy Shannon Haegele - September 10, 2022 at 07:36 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Van Antwerp - September 10, 2022 at 07:01 PM

Robert DeMeulen

“ Hydroplane races, Belle Isle, Family gatherings and lunches at Boyne Mountain...: “Aunt” Aggie always delighted in the possibilities to offer her kindness and generosity. Her laugh was infectious and always made one feel important. Heaven gained an angel.

Robert DeMeulemeester - September 10, 2022 at 05:32 PM

GA

“ Aunt Agnes will be missed. She was always such a cheerful, happy person who loved keeping in touch with all her cousins and relatives. We saw her last week, and she was engaged, aware, and knew that she didn't have much time left. So many great memories from over the years. George Van Antwerp Jr. and family

George Van Antwerp - September 10, 2022 at 03:19 PM