



Alice Ann Prendergast

November 1, 1950 - May 11, 2020

Born on November 1, 1950 in Rockville Centre, NY, Alice Prendergast died on May 11, 2020 at the age of 69. She was pre-deceased by her father Edmund, her sister Elizabeth (Betty) and brother Robert. She is survived by her mother Jane, brother Paul and many nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Alice embraced education as a lifelong experience. After earning her Bachelor's Degree in French from the State University of New York at Cortland, she went on to a very full career teaching English to children and adolescents who were newcomers to the United States. She worked in a variety of Pinellas County schools including East Lake High and Northeast High, but it was Countryside High School where she spent the greater part of her career. She was instrumental in the early years of the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program in the County. Alice earned a Master's Degree from the University of Florida as well as the Reading Endorsement from the State of Florida. She had a love of languages and an appreciation for different cultures. She understood the personal and educational value of traveling. Although she lived in Switzerland and returned there many times, Alice spent her life traveling all over the world with friends, family, and students. In addition to traveling, Alice filled her retirement with museums, book clubs, games, crafting and outings with friends.

The light she carried within her was a gift to everyone she knew. Her friends and family felt its warmth when she laughed and made them laugh. For her students, Alice was so much more than a teacher: she was their defender, interpreter, consoler, social worker, and counselor. For her friends and family, Alice was a confidant, protector and travel partner. She always opened her home, nicknamed "Spa Alice" to friends and family, whether they needed to stay for a few days or a few years. Alice, along with her stories, laugh and warm, generous spirit, will be missed by many.

A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. In the meantime, please share your stories, thoughts and photos of Alice here. Donations in Alice's name can be made to WUSF Public Broadcasting.

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“ I knew Alice the 4 years we were students at SUNY Cortland, 1968-72. She was a warm, wonderful, intelligent friend. I've thought about her many times over the years, and I'm sorry she passed before we could reconnect. Sincere condolences to Alice's family and friends.

Mona Warski Leo - June 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Alice when I was a wee girl, we all (My mum, dad, sister and Friends Nan and Nicole) met on holiday in Annecy, France. Where we would meet up a few times over the years. We also came to visit her in Florida, I have uploaded a picture of us all at Nan's house. Alice gave me my first experience of a water bed and smurf ice cream! Not something I have ever come across again in Scotland Alice was so friendly and always had the greatest smile and laugh. I have the loveliest memories of her from my childhood. When I think of her I can't help but smile. I am sorry she is no longer here. My love to you all Angela

Angela Bayne - June 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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It is hard to believe that we will no longer hear Alice's laugh or enjoy her sunny disposition. Instead we are left with fond memories, Her home and her heart were always open. We had many good times together and she pushed us hard to learn how to play bridge! She was a dear friend who will be missed by all who knew her. Au revoir, mon amie.

Dorothy - June 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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I have wonderful memories of Alice. We worked together at Countryside High, played bunco together with friends, and volunteered with the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club. She loved her students and was very compassionate about their well being in and out of the classroom. I will remember her laugh the most. She was always finding something funny about everything. Alice loved to share about her travels and give tips to people traveling to a place she had been. Alice had a BIG heart that she shared with everyone she met. My thoughts and prayers go to her family.

Laura Bentz - June 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Alice was truly an exceptional person, and it is hard to find the words to describe the sadness I feel with her passing. I know that I will carry with me all that was kind and beautiful about her. She was a gift to me and to so many people fortunate enough to call her friend.

Brenda Archer - June 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I taught with Alice at Countryside. She was a mentor and friend. She had such a rapport with the students. She had a humor that we still talk about today at school. Her many years of teaching touched so many. These students are her legacy.

Rick Amstutz - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to her family. Alice was loved by all!

GAYLE STRUTHERS - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll always remember her wonderful smile and her kind, fun personality. I always loved the time spent with her. I will miss her.

Jan Bowers - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Alice and her wonderful family as children. Unfortunately we lost contact over the yrs. my heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

Gail Hartman Helmicki - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Alice was a wonderful, fun-loving friend. We shared many memories during our years as teachers at Countryside High, travels to Wisconsin to Diane's "cabin", and volunteering with GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club. She'll be missed by all whose lives she touched over the years.

Patti Boylan - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ There have been so many fun times with Alice's listening, adding to our discussions, commenting and laughter! She loved her ESOL students and cared about others! We can all say that Alice left a wonderful feeling in our hearts. She was a friend to us all.

Monica - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I didn't know Alice for long but enjoyed her company at lunches and in our shared attempts at learning bridge. Her laughter, sense of humor, and smile leave lasting memories.

Nancy - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Just heard this very sad news. Alice was a cousin with a caring and generous heart who I had a chance to spend time with on her visit to Dublin in Sept. 2018. A wonderful person to talk to. May she rest in peace. Peter Kenny.

Peter Kenny - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Alice through her friend Paula. She was by far one of the sweetest and nicest person's that I have ever met . She was always smiling and had a beautiful laugh . She was kind and so giving . I was always so glad to even spend a little time with her . I know that she will be greatly missed . I send my sincere condolences to her family and close friends .

Carol VanDiest - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Alice made a huge difference at Countryside HS. I had the pleasure of working with her for years. She always had a smile on her face and always was so kind to everyone. My family sends lots of love and prayers to her family and friends during this sad time. My condolences, Elizabeth Shackton

Elizabeth Shackton - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Alice was such a kind and loving person. My husband and I were fortunate to have worked with her at CHS. We hope her family knows how much she was cared for.

Bonnie & Richard Rossow - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM