



Roberta Anne Clarke

January 14, 2026

Roberta Anne Clarke, 82, of Auburn, NY, passed away at Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City, NJ on Wednesday, January 14th. Born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1943, she was the daughter of Francis Robert Perry and Helen Gertrude Dunne.

Roberta, affectionately known as “Bobbe” graduated from Saranac Lake High School in Saranac Lake, NY. She went on to graduate from Alfred University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and joined the Alpha Kappa Omicron sorority. While at Alfred, she met the love of her life in Steven Kenyon Clarke.

Upon graduation, the two married in Plattsburgh, NY in July 1965. After several early moves, the couple settled in Auburn, New York, where Bobbe continued her nursing career as a home health nurse for the Cayuga County Health Department before going on to work at Auburn Memorial Hospital. Together they raised four children: Steve (Jennifer Ashbrook), David, Gwyn (Max Chang), and Tim (Kristina Marley).

Bobbe was an extraordinary human providing amazing love and tireless support in her role as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend and evangelist within the Auburn Community. She co-founded the LAFF (Lick Arthritis with Flying Feet) Race, an annual community run to raise funds to beat arthritis.

She participated in Auburn's Great Race and was an active runner and racquetball player prior to suffering a major neck injury on the shores of Owasco Lake in 1982. Through the power of faith, the support of her church community and her many friends, she recovered and went on to volunteer at local and regional food banks, engage in political activism, teach religious education as a member of the St. Alphonsus parish and participate as an avid member of the Auburn Bridge-o-Rama.

As her children became adults, she enjoyed planning family vacations and providing travel advice, often dreaming of starting a new career as a travel agent. She was so excited to welcome in nine grandchildren, Matthew (23), Kenyon (23), Elliott (21), Katy (21), Owen (21), Aaron (20) Noah (19), Oliver (18), and Aliya (15) and excited to explore the world through their eyes. She shared her love of travel by planning family excursions with her grandchildren. Her favorite was the annual summer week in Lewes Beach, DE with her adult children, their spouses, and all nine grandchildren.

She is survived by her two sisters, Barbara Gauffreau of Ossining, NY, and Jan Riccione of Rochester, NY, her children and their spouses, and her nine beloved grandchildren.

Known for her deep involvement and engagement with her family, friends and community, she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A small family service will be held Saturday, January 17th at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck NJ. A memorial service in Lewes Beach, DE will be announced at a later date where her ashes will be spread with those of her late husband, Steve Clarke.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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789 Teaneck Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SN

“ Steve, Dave, Gwyn and Tim

Today is 3/28/26 and I just read about your father's passing 9/27/25 but also your mother's passing 1/14/26. That is such a hard loss loosing both parents only 109 days apart. You and your families are all in our prayers for strength, understanding and healing.

I understand your parents were married July 1965 - so wow that means they celebrated over 60 years of love together! I know your mom liked to plan extended family summer vacations in Lewes Beach, DE. So I like to think of your mom not wanting to wait to catch up to your dad and so she planned the best vacation with him in heaven!

Your parents were both so loving and supportive. I know because I watched and witnessed it as I grew up often hanging out at your house. I have many memories of playing games inside and probably a lot more games like football and basketball outside with your father! Both of your parents were very active in pouring themselves into you and now it is amazing there are 9 grand children to carry on their love into the world!

*With deepest sympathy, sending virtual hugs! - Scott (& Missy)
Naiva*

Scott Naiva - March 28 at 07:20 AM

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“ *When they say life is unfair, this is the very definition. I'm so incredibly sorry, Gwyn, Dave, Tim and Steve.*

Your mom was always kind to me as the new kind on the block from Norway.

Several times I would hang back a little and talk to her when we were headed out somewhere on good old Marvin Ave.

She was warm and a genuine person. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Please take care as I toast a drink in her honor.

Kristian Kjelstrup - January 17 at 10:48 PM

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“ *The Central New York Syracuse Nurses Honor Guard Coalition wishes to acknowledge the nursing career of Roberta Clark BSN. We honor Bobbe for the difference that she made in the lives of so many patients and colleagues. Our sincere condolences to you, her family. May the love of family and friends give you comfort. May the love of God give you peace.*

Sincerely, CNY SYR Nurses Honor Guard

No Nurse is Forgotten

Central New York Syr Nurses Honor Guard - January 17 at 06:44 AM

MD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you...fond memories of your mother*

Mary Dorsey - January 16 at 06:13 PM

JT

“ My heart goes out to the entire Clarke family and friends. Bobbie was a beautiful positive spirit and such a loving person. She and her husband Steve were a wonderful couple and fantastic parents who raised their four children to be thoughtful, compassionate, and loving people. I will forever cherish witnessing the love, traditions, and memories that they created over the last four decades at their home in Auburn, NY and in later years in other states where their children live. May Bobbie and Steve's hearts be forever united in eternity. Thank you for what you have given all of us and the world.

Julie Tucker - January 16 at 08:05 AM

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Well said :)

Kristian Kjelstrup - January 17 at 10:48 PM