



Annette Esposito

June 20, 2025

Annette Esposito, known professionally as Anne Page, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2025.

A trailblazing Job Placement and Career Counselor on Long Island during the 1970s, '80s, and

mid-'90s, Anne stood for equality and Civil Rights in hiring practices. She was passionate about

preparing her applicants for successful interviews and received countless thank-you notes from

women and men who felt their lives were transformed by her mentorship.

Known as glamorous, witty, deeply caring, and courageous throughout her life, Annette joined

her husband, Roberto, as a newlywed while he was stationed at the Port of Whittier in Alaska

during the Korean Conflict. She made an immediate impression—at just 19, she became the

executive secretary to Major General Hotchkiss.

Annette's only child, Robert-Allan Arno, is a voice actor, media spokesman, and Executive

Director of the America to Africa Higher Education Foundation.

He shares:

“Our gifted Nigerian collegiate scholars loved my mom and warmly called her ‘Granny

Annette.' In turn, she loved hearing about their progress while she and my late father supported the cross-cultural endeavor wholeheartedly."

In her final year and a half, Annette resided at Beach Terrace Care Center in Long Beach, where a festive party was held for her 89th birthday this past April 5.

Robert adds:

"In her wheelchair, my mom was known to dance with feisty verve to 'I Will Survive,' a tune that aptly described her fortitude and smarts. My dear mother—our incomparable bond is forever, as her shining spirit soars, united in heaven with my dad."

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“ As her son. I'm so proud to share the following tribute to my mother, from David Antia, a Nigerian collegiate Law scholar. He came to know her in a special way as one of the scholarship recipients of my foundation, the America to Africa Higher Education Foundation...

Life is not merely about existing- it is about stirring the waters of the world, leaving ripples of love, joy, and impact that touch generations. Grandma Annette, you lived such a life. You left behind enduring legacies that continue to speak to us, reminding us always of your presence on this earth.

Yours was a life richly fulfilled- a life marked by compassion, strength, and profound contribution to the betterment of others, especially young Africans. Through your son, Mr. Robert-Allan Arno- a mentor and guide to many aspiring African scholars- your influence has traveled far and wide. You sowed seeds in hearts you never met, and yet they flourish still.

Your passing was not an end, but a glorious transition- and we are confident that from your new vantage, you behold us with joy.

As a mentee of your son, I was privileged to know you- not in person, but through cherished glimpses in the videos he shared. I saw your laughter, your energy, and your warmth. I, like many others fortunate enough to know you in any form, miss you deeply.

Grandma Annette, your memory lives on - vibrant, gentle, and unforgettable.

--David Bassey Antia



Robert-Allan Arno - July 11, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ Was such a pleasure so celebrate your last birthday with us. You were so happy and seem to enjoy all the attention from your peers and staff. RIP Annette you will be missed.



Racquel Gonzales - June 27, 2025 at 10:13 PM

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Thank you for your assistance with the super-duper April 5 birthday party as Director of Recreation and our dear friend--indeed, Mommy and everyone there had a spectacular time, I was elated to MC and even sing a tune with our wonderful guitarist Yuziko. At the closing Mom softly said with an open wave of her hands, "Thank you...one and all!" and graciously meant it. As we remember her eternal spirit we truly know: "Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

Robert-Arno Esposito - June 28, 2025 at 08:39 AM

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