



Nancy M. Godar

June 6, 1943 - April 6, 2017

GODFREY - Nancy M. Godar, 73, passed away at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Kindred Hospital at St. Anthony's in St. Louis, Missouri with family by her side.

She was born on June 6, 1943 to the late Marjorie and Lambert Hoffman in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After her father was killed in action in WWII in 1944, she was later adopted and raised by Walter E. Bensman.

She married Neil J. Godar on August 1, 1964 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, Illinois. He survives.

She was a long-time member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church where she taught and was in charge of the PSR program. She was also very active for years with the church choir. Her love of music showed outside of church by going to the Muny every summer which was time she treasured with her family. She loved to travel and was lucky that she was able to visit her brothers and sisters in Colorado and Oregon. She was very active in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Alton Children's Theater (ALT), while her kids were young. Later, she joined and was a member of the Godfrey Women's Club. She enjoyed embroidery, cross stitching and sewing in her free time.

She began her career as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton, Illinois. She also worked at St. Anthony's Hospital (O.S.F), in the ICU and at Alton Memorial Hospital in medical and surgery while raising her children. She is best known for her time spent working at Dr. Thomas Morrisey's Pediatric office in Godfrey, Illinois and later for Dr. Khaldoun Elzoobi and Dr. Gita Malur. She loved her work so much as a nurse and continued working per-diem throughout the COMPASS system (St. Anthony's) with several different physician's offices as well as offering shots at the VNA. She met many great friends along the way until her retirement.

Along with her husband of 52 years, she is survived by one son, Joseph (Denise) Godar; four daughters, Donna (Scott) Taul, Debbie Godar and her friend, Scot Lang, Lisa (Carmon) Taylor, Cindy (Joel) Curry; seventeen grandchildren, Tyler and Ryan Godar, Nathan Taul, Kelsey (Nathan) Schulz, Jessica and Jared Taul, Ashley (Sam) McKinney, Amber (Johnathan) Jordan, Christian Shank, Sabrina and Matthew Fairless, Morgan and Sydney Giron, Veronica and Anakin Taylor, and Austin and Hannah Curry.

Also surviving are four siblings, William (Nancy) Bensman, Bonnie Mills, Walter (Ginger) Bensman Jr. and Mary Lee Bensman.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 10 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 820 W. Homer Adams Pkwy. in Godfrey, Illinois where funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11 with Fr. Steve Pohlman officiating. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Parish PSR.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 West Homer Adams Pkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 W. Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy M. Godar*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Nancy M. Godar*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Nancys passing. She will always be remembered as a sweet and loving person to all. My thoughts and prayers are for the family. Mary Gray-Fox*

Mary Gray-Fox - April 13, 2017 at 05:46 AM



“ *Neil and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed working with Nancy on 3rd floor at St Joseph Hospital. Also to Joey remember the times i called you that and you said you know you are the only one that i let call me Joey. I thought you would get a smile from this. May God Bless You All. Mary Biro Spano*

Mary Spano - April 12, 2017 at 06:31 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss..Lots of memories woven thru our lives, kids growing up in Godfrey,Church, St. Ambrose School, and Dr Morrissey's office !!! I could go on and on. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.. God Bless, Dan and Jan Metz*

Jan Metz - April 11, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Godar.*



April 11, 2017 at 07:26 AM



“ *Neil and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Nancy was such a kind sweet person. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Judy and Jim Clark*

Judy Clark - April 10, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Godar.*



April 10, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Love, Jim and Linda Jordan purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Nancy M. Godar.*



Love, Jim and Linda Jordan - April 10, 2017 at 04:57 AM

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“ I have such wonderful childhood memories and Mrs Godar will she will always have a special place in my heart.. *Laura Dailey Drew*

Laura Dailey Drew - April 09, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Godar.*



April 09, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Godar.*



April 09, 2017 at 01:48 AM



“ *I always loved working with Nancy at Alton Memorial. She was always a kind person. So sorry for your loss Neil and family. My prayers are with you all.*

Julie Coccozza - April 08, 2017 at 05:21 PM

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“ Nancy was one of the most caring people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She always spoke of others in a positive and loving way. She made teaching PSR even more delightful for those of us working for her. Knowing her was an honor.

Penny Jestes - April 08, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Godar.



April 08, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Godar.



April 08, 2017 at 03:45 PM

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“ The Bangert Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Nancy M. Godar.



The Bangert Family - April 08, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ *My condolences to the Godard family. She certainly was a very sweet lady and will be missed by many.*
Kay Mawhorter

Kay Mawhorter - April 08, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *I am so lucky that Nancy trained me as a new grad so so long ago at A Iton Memorial. She was an amazing mentor for me. Now I am blessed to work beside her lovely daughter Debbie. Many of her qualities as an amazing nurse will continue because of her legacy. Sorry for the loss. Prayers to the family.*

Dena Tindall Tite - April 08, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ *Nancy was a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, nurse and a wonderful Friend. She will be in Heaven keeping everyone there in order! She will be truly missed. God bless Neil and all the family at this time and as you move on without her.*
My Condolences
Keith & Tammy Miller

Tammy Miller - April 08, 2017 at 07:05 AM