



Nancy Ellen Gembala

November 2, 1943 - March 15, 2023

Nancy Ellen Gembala, age 79, of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 15th 2023 with her family by her side. Born on November 2, 1943 to Noble and Bessie (Popp) Flinn, Nancy was a lifelong resident of Rensselaer.

A 1962 graduate of Rensselaer Central High School, she attended Methodist Hospital School of Nursing and earned a Registered Nursing degree in 1965. Nancy worked at the former Jasper County Hospital on the third floor for many years until she was appointed director of the newly formed Home Health Care and Hospice Department in 1985. She truly believed in the need for home health care and hospice services. This passion led her to earn her BS in Nursing from St. Joseph's College in 1990. After making an ever-lasting impact on many families and the community and earned the respect of her employees, Nancy retired after 35 years as Director in 2012 and continued as a Hospice and SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) volunteer for many years.

On June 4, 1966, Nancy married her loving husband Matthew Gembala Jr., who preceded her in death on February 1, 2006. Nancy loved her children dearly: Deborah Gembala (Rensselaer) Joseph Gembala of Rensselaer, Christine (Matthew) Louck of Brownsburg, IN and Andrew Gembala of Rensselaer. She would light up when visiting with her grandchildren Hollison

Gembala, Shelby Gembala and Nathan Louck and great-grandchildren Brooklyn Steele and Aliyah Steele. Known as “G” to her grandkids, she would listen, without judgement, to anything they might share. Nancy also loved puzzles, playing games (but could never win at chess), travel and reading. She treasured time with her many friends.

Nancy is also survived by her sister, Sharon (Phil) Lewis of Rensselaer. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Matthew and brothers, David Flinn and John Flinn.

Friends may call at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Augustine Catholic Church at 1:00 PM with Father Joshua Bennett officiating. An inurnment will take place following the Mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions in Nancy name may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Memorial Mass

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 20, 2023 at 03:17 PM

BC

“ *I am one of the many lives that your mother touched during her life, I am so sorry for your loss. Nancy was one of my mentors as a graduate nurse on the third floor at Jasper County Hospital. Lifelong friends were made there and so many precious memories with Matt and Nancy over the years. Barb Click and Gary*

Barb Click - March 21, 2023 at 11:38 AM

AM

“ *Ardith Myers lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Ardith Myers - March 21, 2023 at 11:08 AM

AM

Family of Nancy, I, too, was friend that met Nancy thru Home Health and Hospice. She was a teacher and leader for all volunteers. She shared her passion for helping those people in need of help at this time. Thank you for sharing your mom all those years. Prayer for comfort, strength and Peace. She will be missed by many.

Ardith Myers - March 21, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 20, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



March 19, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



March 18, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Nancy at the old JCH. She was such a nice lady. Her family meant the world to her. My deepest sympathies to her loved ones. Her sweet smile is now gracing heaven.*

Janice Henning Roebuck - March 18, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Martha Langley - March 18, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Your Indy Fuel Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



Your Indy Fuel Family - March 18, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



March 17, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Judie Steiner lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Judie Steiner - March 17, 2023 at 03:38 PM



Nancy was a wonderful woman to know. God bless her family.

Judie Steiner - March 17, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



March 17, 2023 at 12:51 PM

JS

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. I knew Nancy from her childhood days at Barkley thru her lifetime. She was such a cute little girl with her bouncy blonde curls. And, such a wonderful nurse. Always a smile that will be missed by all.*

Judy smith - March 17, 2023 at 11:53 AM

SL

“ *Nancy was s Great boss and beautiful, loving person! God bless your soul and condolences to her family ,who will miss her*



Susan and Mary Lewis - March 17, 2023 at 10:26 AM

BD

“ *Nancy was a wonderful boss. She will be missed by many. R.I.P*



Bonnie Dunlap - March 17, 2023 at 10:08 AM

BF

“ *Bethel Ford lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Bethel Ford - March 17, 2023 at 08:33 AM

DE

“ *May God welcome you home.*



Deb Ellis - March 16, 2023 at 10:06 PM

KW

“ *I had the privilege to work with this wonderful lady, a great friend, a great boss for many years. So many good memories. Nancy you will be missed. My sincere sympathies to the family. Sorry I won't be able to make the visitation or funeral.*

Karen Wiseman - March 16, 2023 at 10:05 PM

EL

“ *What a beautiful soul she was. So caring and loving. Love you Nancy.* 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️



Elaine - March 16, 2023 at 09:33 PM

DF

“ *Diane Fish lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Diane Fish - March 16, 2023 at 09:30 PM

DF

She served her community well through many years of service at JCH. She leaves us with many fond memories.

Diane Fish - March 16, 2023 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Judy Burvan - March 16, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



March 16, 2023 at 08:22 PM

LE

“ *Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Lynda Edwards - March 16, 2023 at 08:20 PM

SL

“ Shirley LeGrand lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala



Shirley LeGrand - March 16, 2023 at 07:47 PM

GE

“ The world lost a Great mother lady and role model. Her legacy will always live on, my condolences.

Gabriel Edwards - March 16, 2023 at 07:46 PM

DN

“ Donna Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala



Donna Nemeth - March 16, 2023 at 07:37 PM

TP

“ Terry Postma lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala



Terry Postma - March 16, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Gembala.*



March 16, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *Lolly Bruce lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Lolly Bruce - March 16, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Diana Gaines lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ellen Gembala*



Diana Gaines - March 16, 2023 at 05:47 PM



Nancy was a sincere, caring Mother, Nurse and Neighbor. Will miss her smiling face.

Judy Beehler - March 17, 2023 at 04:20 PM