



Nancy Johnson Lawrence

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Mrs. Nancy Johnson Lawrence, born September 21, 1947, to her parents, John Aloysius Johnson and Patricia Eastman Johnson, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her loving parents and brother, Stephen Johnson (Virginia Johnson). Nancy is survived by her husband of 51 years, B.J. Lawrence III, two loving daughters, Rhonda Lawrence and Jeanne Lawrence Durham (Brent Durham), and two treasured grandsons, Sawyer Durham and Gleason Durham. She is also survived by her brother, Ronald Johnson (Cynthia Johnson), and sister Kathleen Johnson, and scores of other family members. Nancy attended Sacred Heart High School in New Orleans.

To know Nancy was to love her. She was the most vibrant, caring and loving person. She was devoted to her faith and family. She was a relentless volunteer to many organizations, church and her community. She chose a life of adventure when she married B.J. She supported him fully in his long career, moving every few years, to include two overseas posts. There she met people from all over the world and found her love of travel. Nancy was awarded and praised in all of her chosen careers. She took the most joy working for the U.S. State Department in Istanbul, Turkey and Nicosia, Cyprus where she lived with her family for almost nine years. Nancy served as a caretaker to many, motivated by a deep desire to help others and an innate sense of compassion.

In addition to her family, Nancy was a loyal and devoted friend. Her friends meant so much to her and she loved each and every one of them dearly. She radiated light and positivity and people were drawn to her. She had friends from all walks of life, from lifelong elementary and high school friends to friends that she met throughout her life travels. Spread out all over the world, Nancy continued to nurture those friendships throughout the years.

Nancy was a light in the darkness. It was a gift to know her. She never asked for



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anything, but gave everything. She will be missed by her husband, family, friends and all those who were lucky enough to know her.

A memorial mass will be held at Mary Queen of Peace church in Mandeville, Louisiana on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at noon. The service will be preceded by a visitation at 11:00 am. Masks are required. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes Masses offered in Nancy's name.



Events


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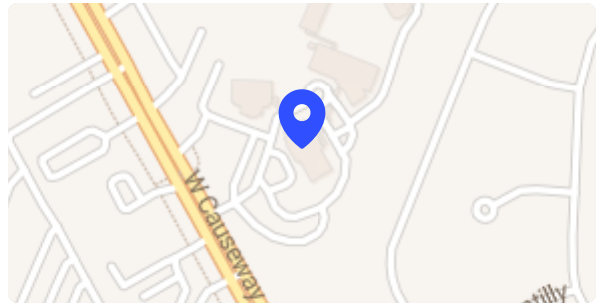
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, September 3, 2020


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **Mary, Queen of Peace Church**
1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA
70471

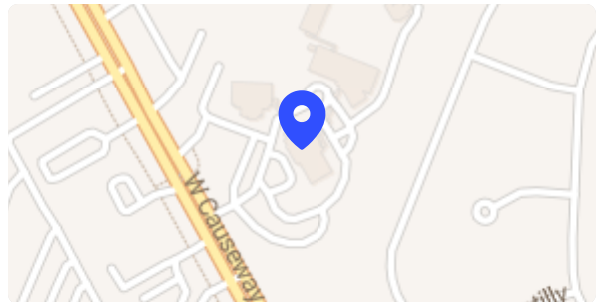


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Douglas Taylor posted:

My deepest sympathy to you BJ and your family. I remember Nancy from when we worked together in Istanbul and how she was always upbeat. May she RIP.

September 3 at 2:42 PM



Mike Kathy Colin & Lauren Haakon sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lawrence family.



September 2 at 5:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lawrence family.



September 2 at 2:16 AM



Doug Netherland posted:

Condolences to BJ and all the family. I had the pleasure of working with Nancy on our HOA for many years. She was the utmost nicest and sweetest person. God Bless RIP 🙏🙏

September 1 at 1:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Lawrence family.



August 31 at 3:35 PM



Karen Philibert posted:

BJ, Jeanne, Rhonda & Kathleen..Sending much love and many prayers for peace for all of you. Nancy will forever be our Grand Heavenly YaYa Sister. I will always remember the laughs we shared and all of the tears I shed on her shoulder...she was always the giver never the taker.... I love her big big and will miss her just as much. May her free spirit and laughter forever thunder through the heavens! God Bless....Karen Philibert

August 31 at 3:10 PM



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Anonymous sent a The Endless Sky Spray to the Lawrence family.



August 31 at 9:55 AM



Rick Womble posted:

My deepest sympathies to your family during this difficult time.

August 31 at 9:31 AM



Sue Mackenroth posted:

My heart truly aches. Nancy and I were best friends since we were 9 years old. She was part of my family and had many Sunday dinners at my family home. We spent many, many hours chatting. I was privileged to be her Maid of Honor at her wedding. My dear sweet friend is now in heaven and I will continue to pray to her in hopes she will continue to give me guidance. She was always there for me and my hope is she will continue to be here for me in my journeys. Love you Nancy so much.

August 31 at 3:01 AM



Claudia Seligman posted:

Nancy was always smiling and happy - wonderful traits that will be missed! She was kind and caring to all with never a bad word to be said. I know that we will miss her but we take solace that she is resting comfortably in heaven looking down on her family and friends!!

August 30 at 6:35 PM



Laura Salazar posted:

When I first met Nancy at Gleason's birthday party - she talked to me like she'd known me for years. She was so easy to talk to. Being around her was always a good time. Being around her daughters is always a good time. They get it from her. She will be truly missed.

August 30 at 5:38 PM



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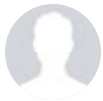
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Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Lawrence family.



August 30 at 4:46 PM



Fred Seal posted:

Loved Nancy. She was a special friend. Condolences to the loving family

August 30 at 3:57 PM



RM

Regina Moehring posted:

From the moment I met Nancy in 1975 I knew we would be friends forever. We moved next door to each other in Houston and she brought over a Cajun dish. She loved cooking Cajun and I loved to eat it. We would talk and laugh for hours. Our kitchen windows lined up and we could visit while we cleaned up the kitchen. She could tell a funny story every day. It did not matter where we went--- could be a Barry White concert or a ballet, it was just more fun with Nancy adding what she thought. She would always "tell it like it is". We both worked downtown and a few times we rode home together. She could even make the stand still traffic fun. My heart aches that she is gone but I look forward to hearing her Cajun voice in heaven one day. Rick and I send you all our love, Regina Moehring

August 30 at 1:03 PM



LG

Lynn Nunez Gagnon posted:

I was fortunate to have met Nancy! What a beautiful person! BJ, my prayers and sympathy are with you and your family. I am so very sorry to hear this. Hugs! Lynn Nunez Gagnon

August 30 at 10:12 AM



BV

Beth Villemez posted:

The last time that we saw Nancy was at the Eastman family "Runion" where she helped to organize our family lunch. We took a great family photo after dinner at the hotel. Nancy was always smiling and full of joy. We are lucky to have had her as our cousin. Our love to BJ and the rest of the family. Beth and Ray Villemez

August 30 at 9:02 AM



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Sheila Mills posted:

It was a privilege to be counted as one of your many friends. You were a joy to all who knew you. I will miss our many conversations & laughs at our SHHS lunches. Til we meet again ❤️

August 30 at 8:37 AM



Jeanne Dufour August 30 at 3:33 PM

BJ, Rhonda and Jeanne, You already know how I felt about My Dear Sweet Nancy!! I was privileged to be a friend of hers; and will cherish this friendship forever! We shared many wonderful memories together and had lots of good times together! Nancy was the BEST!! She will forever have a place in my heart!! She is now my Heavenly Angel who I will pray to every day!! Take care of BJ, Rhonda, Jeanne, Sawyer, Gleason, Kathleen and all other family members! I love you Nancy and always will!! Jeanne Dufour



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lawrence family.



August 30 at 8:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nancy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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