



Nancy M. Jenkover-Podwika

October 17, 1944 - October 10, 2020

Nancy M. Jenkover Podwika, 75, of South Elgin, at rest Sat., Oct. 10, 2020. Beloved mother of Amy San Martin; cherished sister of Gloria (John) Casey and (the late) Louise M. Zielinski; loving grandmother of Amanda and Christian San Martin. A graduate of Northwestern Univ. in Anthropology, with graduate work at the Univ. of Illinois, Nancy volunteered and worked at the Field Museum, wrote several books, was an avid traveler and gourmet cook. Memorial Mass 11:00 am on Sat. Oct. 24th, St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL. Visitation before Mass 9:30 am to 10:45 am at James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. Huntley. Info (847)669-5111 or www.jamesaoconnorfuneralhome.com. Interment private. Memorials to Alzheimers Assn. appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
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Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
10307 Dundee Road
Huntley, IL 60142

Tribute Wall



“ I just found out that Nancy passed. I am so upset. She was a good friend of mine from years ago. I worked with Nancy at Drs. Shoch and Wertz Ophthalmology office in Chicago. I lost contact with her. We had so many good times together. She talked alot about her daughter Amy I remember. She was a good friend. My condolences to her family. My name is Mary Hartig. God bless you.

Mary Hartig - May 28, 2023 at 04:36 AM



“ Nancy M. Jenkover-Podwika

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Wild animals in the dunes
We played Apache by the moon
The beautiful woman my cousin
I, the brother your never had
Serendipity, you came and rescued me
On my mother's difficult night
When she threw her urine soaked depend at me
You bathed and cleaned her with warm washcloths and soothing words
Oh, cousin Nancy
Cousin Nancy
Wild animals in the dunes
We played Apache by the moon...

Larry Sala

Larry Sala - October 24, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ With her smile, laughter and storytelling she always gave life to a party.

We will miss you Aunty. May you rest in peace forever.

John, Susan, Jonathan, Hannah, Lawrence & Serena

john casey - October 24, 2020 at 10:26 AM

KL

“ My Aunty Nancy was a warm hearted person with a bubbly personality. She had a wonderful smile and liked to make people laugh. Some of my fondest memories as a child were times we spent with Aunty Nancy and her family (along with Grandma & Louise) especially during holidays. Sharing Christmas cookies, singing carols and and sharing recipes and stories are some of my most treasured childhood memories. She enjoyed gardening and cooking, as well as travel and loved going on archeological “digs”. As I grew and started a family of my own, I had less opportunity to be with her but my memories are fond. She is loved and will be missed. Rest in peace Aunty Nancy.

Kathy Casey Lerner

Kathy Lerner - October 23, 2020 at 09:20 PM

GC

“ My memories are many -- our "tea talks" when I came home late from classes; ballets at the Opera House every holiday season (part of Nan's Christmas gift); a fancy hotel vacation in Florida when I was 21 and Nan was 14 (an early birthday present); our comedy routines done with peals of laughter; and modern dance dramas in our living room (great exercise). Later took our children everywhere together -- they enjoyed each other. Over the years, we grew apart each doing our chosen graduate work and pursuing our careers. When illness overtook her, I was able to be there for her and we came together again. I am so proud of Nancy and all that she accomplished in her life.

Gloria Casey

Gloria Casey - October 23, 2020 at 03:49 PM

DD

“ Strangely, this late in life I've never forgotten my merry little cousin Nancy, when I was maybe ten, warning me on Aunt Elsie and Uncle Tony's South Side sidewalk not to venture down the concrete steps to the basement because monsters might get us there. While our big cousin Gloria scolded us both - for being so childish? My childhood and Nancy's laughter seem still intermingled now. And I'm glad for that.

Dennis Dybeck - October 21, 2020 at 01:44 AM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to Nancy's family. Please know my thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Juli Ballard - October 20, 2020 at 09:19 AM

PH

“ I met Nancy over 25 years ago at a Chicago Archeology Society meeting. She was very passionate about the subject, and did archeological excavations throughout Illinois, and shared her knowldege as a docent at the Chicago Field Museum. Our friendship grew and she shared her curiosity of life and its origins with my children. Most importantly, Nancy's smile, warmth and interest in other people made our times together always memorable. The memories of Nancy will be us forever.

Patricia Heimann

Patricia Heimann - October 19, 2020 at 06:13 PM

SD

“ My cousin Nancy, among her other intellectual accomplishments, was a published writer who wrote novels that were a joy to read. She had a keen lively mind and the soul of an artist.

stuart dybek - October 18, 2020 at 06:05 PM