



Nancy J. Amato

July 11, 1952 - March 8, 2015

Nancy J. Amato, 62, completed her journey on earth after more than 8 years of battling pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Chris, and her four children, Patrick, John (Maura), Katie, and Danny. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Westhoven, and her brother, Mike. She is survived by her siblings Ann (Tom) Baker, Dr. James (Autumn), Jody (Mark) McClellan, John (Laurie), and Jean (Rick) Dyer, and many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was a 1970 graduate of St. Ursula Academy and 1974 graduate of Villanova University. Through her post graduate studies at St. Vincent's Hospital, Nancy was accredited as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. She practiced for over 25 years at various medical centers throughout northwest Ohio.

Nancy, affectionately known as "Nancy Pants", set a goal when she was first diagnosed with cancer. It was to see all of her children graduate from college. Nancy Pants did just that as well as witnessed her son, John, marry his wife Maura Meyers last month.

Unbeknownst to most, Nancy was an exceptional athlete and student. Her claim to fame is holding two national swimming records, and retiring at the age of 12! She was quite a nurse, too. Her colleagues from her working days continue to be among her best friends.

Nancy Pants had a great laugh, was engaging, and was never lost in the kitchen. She had a funny way of always pronouncing people's names wrong

and had no sense of direction. However, she was as patient as can be, always ready with a hug or some of your favorite food! You only had to meet her once to really feel like you knew her. She was the ultimate soccer mom and party hostess.

During the 8+ years that Nancy was battling pancreatic cancer, she was proud of the support she could offer to others. With the help of many friends, she baked rum cakes throughout the holiday season in order to support Pancreatic Cancer Research. She also was the primary force behind Pants Off Racing (“POR”). POR was established to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer and help the families that are fighting this battle, just like Nancy. A reception for friends will be held at Sylvania Country Club on Thursday, March 12th. from 5-8 pm. The memorial service will be held on Saturday March 14th. at Corpus Christi University Parish at 2pm followed by her Annual Nancy Pants Party. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to “Pants Off Racing” at 8927 Royal Oak Drive, Holland, Ohio 43528. As Nancy Pants would say, “heaven’s going to be a riot”!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sylvania Couintry Club
5201 Corey Rd.
Sylvania, OH 43560
(419) 882-2082
<http://www.sylvaniacc.org/>

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Chris, we are out of town and just learned of Nancy's passing. We remember our first meeting with Nancy at a St.Johns tennis match, where you were coaching, thirty years ago. Nancy was surrounded by your young children, and she took in each of the players as one of her own. She was always such a delight, and we feel lucky to have known both of you and your wonderful family. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Pat & Paul Clark

Pat Clark - March 31, 2015 at 12:49 PM

LL

“ Dear Chris,
We were very sorry to hear of Nancy's passing.
May fond memories help you through this time of sorrow.
Our prayers are with both of you.
Peace,
Larry & Louette Lutjens

Larry & Louette Lutjens - March 24, 2015 at 07:26 PM

BM

“ Ann and family- God be with you during times of loss; remember the positive (so much to remember!) and turn to each other for strength.
Offering prayers, Betty Masiulaniec

Betty Masiulaniec - March 18, 2015 at 10:23 AM

MW

“ Chris, we offer you and your family our condolences. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May fond memories bring you some comfort. Mike and Cindy Wray

mike wray - March 15, 2015 at 12:57 PM

JB

“ Chris, I'm so very sorry for your devastating loss.

John Blaufuss - March 14, 2015 at 07:16 AM

NH

“ We offer our deepest condolences to you, Chris and your family. What a kind and gracious lady Nancy was! She will be missed by all.

Your friends at Norwalk Catholic School and St. Paul High

Norwalk Catholic School & St. Paul High - March 13, 2015 at 07:12 AM

TM

“ Nancy treated my son like he was her son. God bless her and all that love her! Therese and Jim McDonald

therese mcdonald - March 12, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JS

“ Please know of my thoughts and prayers. I am looking at picture from a gathering at CJ's in South Bend at a graduation celebration and am thankful that I got to know Nancy, even if only a little bit! Nancy was and always will be an inspiration to me! I will light a candle at the Grotto in her memory the next time I am at ND .

Jeff Shoup - March 12, 2015 at 04:09 PM

PT

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. Nancy was always a joy to work with and was thoroughly competent in her CRNA skills.

Phillip Teitlebaum, MD

Phillip Teitlebaum - March 12, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BP

“ *Ann and Tom Baker, Our deepest condolences on the loss of your sister. You and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers.
Bob and Sue Pfefferle*

Bob and Sue Pfefferle - March 12, 2015 at 08:47 AM

MW

“ *Diane and I and the Wasiniak Clan from Norwalk send our sincere prayers in your great loss. Our thoughts are with you, Chris, and your family. As God welcomes her into the kingdom, may we all become the best we might be as Nancy did, in our journey in this life. God bless you and keep you as He certainly has Nancy in the palm of His hand right now.*

Mike Wasiniak - March 12, 2015 at 06:31 AM

EH

“ *My sincere condolences on the passing of Nancy to all her family and friends. From the time I met her in high school through her adult years, her enthusiasm and positive approach were infectious. She certainly fought a good, long fight; may she rest in peace. Ed Heintschel*

Ed Heintschel - March 12, 2015 at 06:26 AM

AW

“ *May the peace of Christ shine brightly in your lives as this candle represents. God bless!*



Annette W. - March 11, 2015 at 08:11 PM

CB

“ we love the amato family and will miss that special lady who would make us laugh with her infectious smile! such beauty and grace!! our thoughts and prayers are with you.
love, cindy and jim jess rae and mike betz

cynthia betz - March 11, 2015 at 08:03 PM

TP

“ The Misthal's, Joshua And Pat lit a candle in memory of Nancy J. Amato



The Misthal's, Joshua and Pat - March 11, 2015 at 06:01 PM

MC

“ Chris,so sorry to hear of your loss.Even though I didn't get to know Nancy you and your children are evidence of a beautiful wife and mother.Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Mike and Janet Claus

mike claus - March 11, 2015 at 05:23 PM

NR

“ Katie and family, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing - she was a true gem, and I will always remember her gentle humor and warm smile.
Our thoughts are with you,
-Nina Rettig and family

Nina Rettig - March 11, 2015 at 02:09 PM

EK

“ Chris, So sorry to hear of your wife. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Ed and Marsha Kliem

Ed & Marsha Kliem - March 11, 2015 at 12:34 PM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss to all the families. I met Nancy once, and wow, what a vibrant, beautiful woman she was. One thing the families can be reassured - when the sun comes up and shines every day, I believe that's Nancy smiling down at you; she was every bit a ray of sunshine. She will be missed.

*Sincerest Sympathy,
Kay Simecek*

Kay Simecek - March 11, 2015 at 12:10 PM

GL

“ Chris, Our prayers are with you and the entire Amato and Westhoven families. The love and spirit of Nancy will remain in your hearts forever.

Gloria & Mark Buganski

I remember Nancy and I being pregnant at the same time when we all lived on Aldringham. Tracy and Katie played together also.

Gloria - March 11, 2015 at 11:38 AM

CL

“ My condolences and prayers go out to Nancy, her family and all the Westhovens. I wish you well.

Chuck Lawton

Chuck Lawton - March 11, 2015 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ *Pat and Family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with you and your family.

Susan Wrablik (Matthew's Mom)

Susan Wrablik - March 11, 2015 at 10:03 AM

RH

“ *Sorry for your loss...*

*We believe that Nancy will be running the riot in heaven soon!
Ray & Ruth Hemmig (TX)*

Ray Hemmig - March 11, 2015 at 09:57 AM

LR

“ *Ann,*

I can see what a wonderful woman Nancy was and how her attitude is so very much like yours. I am thinking of you and your family during this time of loss and sending all my prayers, love and good thoughts.

Laura Robinson

Laura Robinson - March 11, 2015 at 09:39 AM

SG

“ *Nancy was a wonderful woman with a true zest for life. This is truly evident in her family, especially her children. We are sending you our love and prayers from Denver. Love, Sarah (Bates) Grey, Dan Grey, and Anna Grey.*

Sarah Grey - March 11, 2015 at 09:25 AM

DW

“ Chris and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss but so sure that Nancy is experiencing the peace and love of Christ that we will never be able to feel here on earth. May the peace of Christ be with you through this difficult time. Blessings! Deacon Mike and Diane Wasiniak

Diane Wasiniak - March 11, 2015 at 09:17 AM

GZ

“ Chris, so sorry to hear of the loss of Nancy. The struggle your family endured with strength and love is an example of how strong people turn adversity into a blessing. Take comfort in a job well done. God Bless George Zilba

George Zilba - March 11, 2015 at 09:06 AM

KM

“ Chris, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Maria

Karen Maria - March 11, 2015 at 08:06 AM

SK

“ My family and I had the pleasure of visiting with Nancy and the Amato clan in South Bend and in Toledo over the years. She exemplified joie de vivre and was always willing to share a patient listening ear and words of encouragement. Nancy's legacy of faith, love, laughter, and service to others lives on in her amazing children and husband.
Save us a place, Nancy!

Shatomi Kerbawy - March 11, 2015 at 07:42 AM

RM

“ Thoughts and prayers to you Chris and your family. I will keep you all in my prayers. My memory of Nancy was working concessions with her at Central. Always had a smile on her face. if having a bad day always made you laugh. God Bless.

Ruth Mangas - March 11, 2015 at 07:41 AM

JM

“ Nancy was a lovely, beautiful woman who displayed grace and courage through her faith and love of family. Her strength and patience gave others hope. Her kindness was always noticeable whenever I was with her. She has been welcomed home by Our Father and is cancer free and pain free. She leaves a legacy of love as a mother, wife and friend to many. Enjoy heaven Nancy!

Jacquie McIntyre

Jacquie McIntyre - March 11, 2015 at 07:34 AM

LG

“ Nancy's warmth and energy made her such an easy person to be around. I'll never forget the first time she came over to my house and plopped down on the outdoor bench so she could quiz me and make sure that Kids Unlimited was going to be a good fit for Chris. She was full of such love and concern - and as I got to know her better, I saw that she was always looking out for others.

My prayers are with all of you today. She was a wonderful woman and I was blessed to know her.

Lisa Gathard

Lias Gathard - March 11, 2015 at 04:56 AM

CV

“ *Our condolences to the family.*

Lewie and Chris Vankoughnet

chris vankoughnet - March 10, 2015 at 06:35 PM

BC

CHRIS, I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR WIFE, BUT I KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING. I LOST MY WIFE IN OCT. NOT EASY. I WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS

BILL CASSIDY CCHS CLASS OF 1952

BILL CASSIDY - March 11, 2015 at 08:55 AM

MF

Remembering carefree days on Scottwood, when Nancy was one of the "little kids". She grew up to be a strong and wonderful woman who helped so many people, including us, when my mother was seriously ill in Ann Arbor. Sending condolences to Chris and family and all the Westhovens.

Mary Link Frost

Mary Link Frost - March 11, 2015 at 10:34 AM

DW

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Nancy will be missed!
Diane Wyper*

diane wyper - March 11, 2015 at 07:49 PM

NK

*Chris,
I never met your wife but wanted to offer my condolences to you.
Heard she fought a long fight, which is tough on all the family. My thoughts go out to you.*

Nancy (Hohler) Kelly

Nancy Kelly - March 12, 2015 at 07:18 AM



Chris so sorry for your family's loss. John Isenbarger

John Isenbarger - March 14, 2015 at 08:54 AM