



ANNE "NANCY" PONTRELLA

February 7, 1928 - May 9, 2019

Anne Pontrella, affectionately known as Nancy, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family. She was 91 years old.

Nancy was born in Newark and raised in Belleville. She attended St. Peter's Elementary School in Belleville and St. Cecilia's HS in Kearny. Anne graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital Nursing School as a Registered Nurse where her career took her to Mountainside Hospital where she was a head nurse and at St. Michael's Hospital.

While raising her family in Belleville, Nancy was a very active parishioner of St. Peter's Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister. After moving from Belleville to Montville 18 years ago, Nancy continued serving the Church at St. Pius X in the Rosary Society. She also was a member of the Montville Seniors.

Nancy married James Pontrella in 1953 and the couple began a love affair that lasted 66 years. Over those 66 years Anne raised four children, who then gave her 10 grandchildren and those grandchildren gave her two great grandchildren and counting, ensuring Nancy's legacy through her family.

For Nancy it was all about family. Her favorite pastime was "family time". She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a doting grandmother.

After raising her family in Belleville, Nancy came to Monville 18 years ago.

Nancy always was smiling, she would greet people with her signature saying, "Mornin' Sugar Plum" and her great smile. It was infectious, she would say this and together with her smile this would brighten up anyone's day to whom she greeted.

Nancy really lived life to the fullest. Reading, traveling to Ireland, Italy, Alaska, & cruising the Caribbean. She also enjoyed going out to dinner and shopping.

Nancy was predeceased by: her parents; James & Anne McLoughlin and her brother Martin McLoughlin.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, James Pontrella,
Her sons; James Pontrella, Jr. and his wife Sharon of Whippany, John Pontrella and his
wife Mary of Nutley, her daughters; Mary Lansmann and her husband Richard of Palm
Harbor, FL, Anne Soliman and her husband Michael of Pine Brook.
Her brother James McLoughin (Akiko) of Carlsbad, CA.
Grandchildren; James & Sharon's children; Caitlin Pontrella, Megan LoBello and her
husband Vincent, and Samantha Pontrella.
husband Michael, John & Mary's children; Laura Ritacco and her husband Patsy, Amy
DeMunno and her and David Pontrella.
Mary & Richard's children; Sarah Lansmann & Jenna Lansmann.
Anne & Michael's children; Colleen Bucsko and her husband Charles, and Alexander
Soliman.
Two great-grandchildren; Anna Lansmann & Allison Ritacco.
As well as her in laws; George Pontrella, Helen Pontrella, George Gugliotta (Marge) and
Helen Smith, in addition to many nieces & nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Nancy's name to:

Atlantic Hospice - Morristown
465 South St. Suite 100B
Morristown, NJ 07960

Cemetery

**Gate of Heaven
Cemetery**
225 Ridgedale Avenue
East Hanover, NJ, 07936

Events

MAY Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service
60 North Beverwyck Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, US,
07034

MAY Mass 10:00AM

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St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church
24 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ, US

Comments



“ I work at the Montville Senior House and when I started 2.5 years ago the one person that always stood out to me was Nancy. She was always smiling and sweet!! I remember thinking that I want to be like her as I grow older. She was always so happy and you could tell she loved her friends at the Senior House. Heaven is lucky because they just received one of the GOOD ones! I will miss you Nancy, but my memory of you will never go away.
Dana Gillan

Dana Gillan - May 13, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of ANNE "NANCY" PONTRELLA.



May 12, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ Dear Jim, and Family,
With our deepest sympathy in the passing of a dear friend, she was a very special lady. Nancy was always very concerned about me, with a happy smile. She will be missed dearly. May she Rest in Peace.
Sincerely,
Richard & Priscilla Faustina

Priscilla Faustina - May 12, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ I will always remember Aunt Nancy and how very cheerful and friendly she was to everyone; and Uncle Jimmy too. Together they were such a lovely couple who were always laughing and smiling and very happy. I will also always remember going over their house for family parties when I was growing up. They will never be forgotten and no one can make a party as nice and fun as Aunt Nancy did. Her love for her husband and children always shined through everything she did. Growing up my sisters and I always used to say "we wish we have a marriage like Aunt Nancy and Uncle Jimmy". You and my parents are an inspiration to us and now to my daughter.

My sincerest sympathy of your great loss.

Cheryl Gugliotta Nier

Cheryl Nier - May 11, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ Dear Uncle Jim,
Cousins, Jimmy, John, Mary & Anne,
We were so sorry to hear about Aunt Nancy, I will always remember her sweet smile and her gentleness. I still talk about those great barbecues in the yard in Belleville, what great times they were. Sorry we can't be with you at this time, please know that we are thinking of you all.
Our condolences,
Karen & Larry Samples
Las Vegas, Nevada

Karen Samples - May 11, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of ANNE "NANCY" PONTRELLA.



May 11, 2019 at 01:35 PM