



Nancy J Kessler

August 17, 1936 - January 13, 2019

Nancy J. Kessler, 82, passed away peacefully in her sleep early Sunday morning, January 13, 2019 at Aperion Care in Princeton, IL.

Born August 17, 1936 in Peoria, she was the daughter of Harry and Maud (Bouton) Krei. She married L. Mike Kessler, June 14, 1958 in Peoria.

Survivors include two daughters, Shelly (David) Lawrence, Great Falls, VA; Katy (Eric) Stevens, Bethlehem, PA; one son, Lee Kessler, Dallas, TX; one brother Neal "Butch" Krei, AZ; and 3 grandchildren, Will Lawrence, Chloe Stevens, and Maxwell Stevens.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, L. Mike Kessler (2006), and one brother, Carl "Duke" Krei.

Nancy was raised in Peoria, graduating from Peoria High School and Bradley University where she earned her degree in education and was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

Nancy began teaching in Port Lavaca, TX and finished her career in Princeton, teaching children in kindergarten, second grade and remedial reading settings for 19 years.

Nancy loved to sew, crochet, read, bargain shop, and play cards with family and friends. Whether it was reupholstering furniture or teaching a child to read, Nancy loved to bring out the best in everything.

A visitation for Nancy will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Norberg Memorial Home from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Services will be held at Norberg Memorial Home officiated by Deacon John Murphy, Saturday, January 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. A private graveside service to follow.

Memorials may be directed to Princeton Public School Foundation or the American

Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ 19 files added to the album Memories Album



Lee Kessler - February 03, 2019 at 08:38 AM

LK

“ 19 files added to the album Nancy Photo uploads



Lee Kessler - February 03, 2019 at 08:31 AM

DR

“ Shelly,
We can only imagine how wonderful your mother was to have created a person like you! Your ATS family is thinking about you and sending you love! We have also made a donation in your mother's name to the American Cancer Society.
ATS Love,
Karen H, Mollie, Celeste, Sarah P, Lara, Ruth, Jenn C, Rachel C, and Diana

Diana L ReeReeder - January 20, 2019 at 03:08 PM



Thank you, Dear Friends

Shelly Lawrence - January 23, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Nancy’s passing . My thoughts are with all of you -
Shelley Kays

Shelley Kays - January 20, 2019 at 11:05 AM

JG

“ Please accept our sincerest sympathies and prayers. She was such a gracious woman. Jeanie and Vince Gelsomino and Amy Gelsomino

Jeanie Gelsomino - January 19, 2019 at 10:15 PM

MM

“ Am feeling diminished, after Shelly told me of Nancy’s death. We were classmates at Bradley, and I was a teammate of Mike’s on an excellent baseball team there for 4 years. Nancy was a presence within Sigma Kappa sorority, and in all things within her well-lived life. A person always knew when Nancy came into a room; she made people feel good. One time, she was so kind to me and my young children when we passed through Princeton enroute to Peoria, and stopped without notice to see her. Nancy was like that; always caring for others.
Sue and Mendy

Mendal Mearkle - January 18, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 18, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 18, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 17, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 17, 2019 at 12:10 PM

MZ

“ *the death of a mother is the first sorrow we weep without her....We wish you strength and comfort in the days ahead*

marcia amd paul zimmet - January 16, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 15, 2019 at 07:38 PM



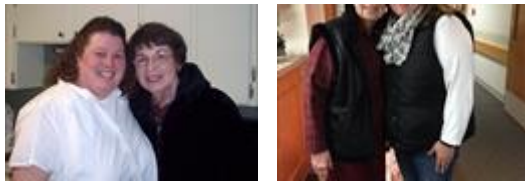
“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 15, 2019 at 10:50 AM

KS

“ Oh my goodness! I'm very sad to hear and read that one of my top 3 favorite teachers of all time has gone home to be with God. For 35 years, Mrs. Kessler has impacted my life in ways she will never know. She was one of the reasons I went into teaching. I still remember some of the things she did with us as kindergartners at Douglas School. I also remember whenever she would come to class late with her coffee cup and say she was flying in on her magic carpet. I remember playing High Ho Cherry O game. However, my fondest memories come long after I was an adult and reconnected with her while living in North Dakota. She ran into my grandma and got my address. It was a blessing to receive a letter from my kindergarten teacher as I was discerning a vocation to Religious Life. She always assured me of her prayers. Then when I came back to Princeton to teach at St. Louis School, she came to an open house at the convent to see me. After I left the Community, I would stop by to see her whenever I could and we would enjoy our visits together. She will be greatly missed but I know she truly had a beautiful heart and soul and taught me much more than how to count, write my name, and begin to read. She taught me what it was like to truly care about my students and be invested in their lives outside of the classroom. Thank you Mrs. Kessler. I love you and was extremely blessed not only to have you as a teacher but also my friend and mentor! You fought the good fight!! Enjoy your reward!



Kimberly Souba - January 15, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.



January 15, 2019 at 10:06 AM

FC

“ So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was such a grand lady. I used to clean her house and we always had time to chat as well. I am sure she will be missed by her friends and family and sending my prayers and thoughts to them today.

Faith Camp

Faith J Camp - January 15, 2019 at 12:49 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Nancy J Kessler.*



January 14, 2019 at 11:36 PM

CK

“ *Christmas is in Princeton. Growing up in Peoria I always knew that Christmas was in Princeton. After my brothers and I opened our presents Christmas morning. We would get dressed and go to Princeton to see Aunt Nancy, Uncle Mike, and our cousins. Aunt Nancy was always very kind, but we knew she was a teacher and we needed to behave. I always did. My brothers, not so much. One “teacher” look from Aunt Nancy was all it took to get us to behave. We loved her house. We loved our Aunt Nancy. We loved Christmas in Princeton.*

Chris Krei - January 14, 2019 at 10:13 PM