



Nancy Rabe

February 14, 1936 - March 25, 2025

Nancy Rabe, age 89 of Bourbonnais, IL passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Ascension Living Heritage Village of Kankakee, IL. She was born February 14, 1936 in Watseka, IL, the daughter of Cecil and Gurnie (Heath) Cushman. Nancy married Dennis D. Rabe on June 24, 1956 at Watseka Calvary Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death on Jun 29, 2024.

Nancy was a former employee of Kraft General Foods Coupon Center in Kankakee. She enjoyed gardening & yardwork, baking, family gatherings, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nancy was a faithful servant of the Lord and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday school there and volunteered numerous hours over the years at the food pantry, annual rummage sales, and coordinating Funeral luncheons. She also volunteered at the Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth, IL.

Surviving is one son, Jeffrey Rabe of Kankakee; three daughters, Kimberly Manes of Bourbonnais, Rhonda (Steven) Smith of Noblesville, IN, and Terri (Greg) Walls of Kankakee; ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Nancy is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis; her parents; one grandson, Dennis R. Rabe; one sister, Mary Van-Hovel; and one brother, Don Cushman.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 06, 2025 from 2:00-5:00pm at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. Additional visitation will be held Monday, April 07, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee from

10:00am-11:00am. Funeral Service will be held 11:00am at the Church, with a Luncheon to be served afterwards. Burial will follow at the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Woodworth, IL at 3:00pm. Memorials in Nancy's name can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

113 Woodworth Road
Milford, IL 60953

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Tribute Wall

KS

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear this! Not for Nancy, no-she is so happy and celebrating now in the arms of Jesus with my mom and dad and especially, Dennis. I am saddened because of the tears that all of us here have to shed while we miss her spirit and spunk!
Until we meet again! We will be racing buddies in Heaven!
Remember not to tell my mom! (I'm sure she already knows though!)

Kathy Schalow - March 31, 2025 at 04:44 PM

CM

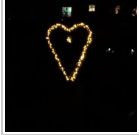
“ Worked with Nancy at General Foods Coupon Redemption early 80's. She had such spirit about her. No matter if she was being silly or feeling stressed, couldn't help but want to be in her energy too. I ran into her a few years ago and introduced myself and she couldn't believe I remembered her from 30 some years ago. That's Nancy, beautifully unforgettable.

Colleen Martin - March 31, 2025 at 10:11 AM

LG

“ i have known Nancy and Dennis for so long they both will be missed i will miss my talks,with Nancy and her smile God bless the family there are no words help you with what you are going threw i know i was there just remember all the love

linda gocken - March 29, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ I remember Nancy from General Foods Promotional Services Center, several decades ago. She was such a sweetheart.
Sandy (Emling) Dion



Sandy Dion - March 29, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SV

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sheila Vakselis - March 28, 2025 at 08:46 PM

SV

Last time we were together..

Sheila Vakselis - March 29, 2025 at 03:31 PM

JP

“ My Aunt Nancy was the salt of the earth. I'll never forget when I was a toddler at her house, and she would open a diet coke and hand it to me, and I would say "I'm not sure if I can have this, my parents would be upset because of the caffeine and sugar", she would always say "It's ok, it's DIET! Not regular coca cola." And then she would always go out to the freezer in the garage and get me a bowl of Blue bunny Ice cream from the tub and serve me up a big dish. I'll never forget the way she dressed the statues of geese on her front porch or the way her and uncle Dennis always encouraged me in the Lutheran faith. The last time I went home to Illinois, Aunt Nancy and Uncle Dennis were just about the only two people in the state I cared to stop and see, and to introduce the next generation of little Lutheran nephews and nieces to. God bless Aunt Nancy's soul, and a prayer of thanks to our heavenly maker for bringing her home to spend a well deserved eternity with him, Jesus, and Uncle Dennis! Here's to my blessed aunt Nancy Rabe, may her name nor her sainted memory never be forgotten.

Jack Pruett - March 28, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RS

How sweet Jack! Thank you!

Rhonda & Steve Smith - March 28, 2025 at 10:42 PM

TW

Thanks for sharing your memories with everyone. You made me smile when you brought up how she dressed up the geese on the porch. I think she called the geese May May.

*God bless!
Terri Walls*

Terri Walls - March 29, 2025 at 02:04 PM

KC

I knew Nancy from St Paul's. She was always friendly with her beautiful smile. She and Dennis were tireless workers, especially the funeral dinners. She is already missed.

Kay Clendenin - March 30, 2025 at 12:37 PM

SK

“ *Sharon Kerouac*



Sharon Kerouac - March 28, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CS

“ *My sincere condolences to Nancy's family. I worked with Nancy at Kraft General Foods and she was a lovely person. Everyone loved her! Sending prayers to her family at the sad time.* 🙏❤️



Carla Scheppler

Carla Scheppler - March 28, 2025 at 06:08 PM

SA

“ *Sharon Allie lit a candle in memory of Nancy Rabe*



Sharon Allie - March 28, 2025 at 03:55 PM