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Nancy (Peluso, Juliano) Finley, 72, of Syracuse NY, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 13th, surrounded by her loved ones.

Nancy Finley was born in Heuvelton, NY, and moved to Syracuse when she was just 18 years old to pursue a career in cosmetology. She then met and married Joseph Samuel Peluso in 1977. They, together, raised two daughters: Emily Jane and Jessica Mae. Nancy loved being a mother so much that she put her career on hold so she could dedicate her life to stay home and raise her girls. She then furthered her education, allowing her to embark on a fulfilling career as a teaching assistant in the Syracuse City School District. As Nancy took pride in her work, the Syracuse City School district became a big part of her life. She found her true calling caring for those in need. Nancy was then elected into the Syracuse Teacher's Association, holding many offices, including STA Vice President, NYSUT/AFT Union Delegate, NYSUT School Related Professionals Advisory Committee Chairperson, served on various SRP committees on a state and local level, STA Unit 8 President and Chief Negotiator, for more than 1,000 members, finally retiring her illustrious career in 2014. To honor her legacy, STA declared the 3rd Tuesday of every November, Nancy Peluso Finley SRP Day!

Outside of her career, Nancy had many hobbies and interests throughout her life. In her younger years, she enjoyed skiing and dancing. She was an avid reader, reading almost 4 books a month, setting an amazing example for her grandkids! She loved caring for her plants and her flowers, often spending her free time in her garden and backyard. Nancy, much like her sisters, was also very creative, always working on some project involving sewing or painting, and most recently lawn art. She was dedicated to her health and was a member of Aspen Fitness in Fairmont. She was very social and enjoyed watching SU basketball. As her interpersonal relationships were very important to her, Nancy took much pride in her friends. She formed



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meaningful friendships and many people looked up to her for guidance and support. Nancy was many people's advocate, and always stood up for what was right and just. "I am woman-hear me roar" was a motto that Nancy Finley lived by. She had many lifelong friends and was gregarious by nature, often making new friends along the way. Nancy had a generous and empathetic spirit, she was quick-witted and sarcastic, the qualities her daughters are thankful to have inherited. Nancy made life a more beautiful experience simply by existing. Her love and legacy will carry on.

Nancy Finley was predeceased by her parents, Roy Finley (1992) and Betty Graham (2014), her sister, Carol Finley (2008), her ex-husband, Joseph Peluso (2018), and her brother-in-law, Richard Naselli (2020).

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Emily DiMarco (Stephen), and Jessica Peluso, the love of her life Steven Juliano, grandchildren, Isaiah Congden, Elliott and Carinna DiMarco, siblings, Joan Hickey(James), Betsy Naselli, Richard Finley, Janet Taylor(Rick). Nancy had many nieces, nephews, great as well, cousins and friends that were just like family.

We want to thank the dedicated staff at Crouse ICU who became mom's extended family. They went above and beyond caring for our mother, making her feel a part of their family when we could not be with her.

Our family has decided to do a memorial service at a later date, as we wish to honor her legacy properly at a more appropriate time.

Contributions can be made to Crouse Hospital ICU. A scholarship will be created in Nancy's legacy through Syracuse Teacher's Association.



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Finley family.

December 2 at 12:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Rose Impression Casket Spray to the Finley family.

December 2 at 6:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket to the Finley family.

December 2 at 6:54 AM



Steve Juliano posted:

Steve Juliano We're blessed to have known her. She leaves a hole in our hearts that can never be completely filled. But she would insist that we move on and seek happiness wherever it may exist. So very grateful for the years we shared

December 2 at 5:31 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Finley family.

December 2 at 5:03 AM



Charlie And Maureen posted:

Oh, Emily, just heard...our sympathy to you and your sister!! You girls were the light of her life. Loved her great smile--we remember how she danced and danced at your wedding. Prayers for you and your family---we know your Mom has a special place in heaven!! Love! Charlie and Maureen

November 28 at 1:00 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Finley family.



November 27 at 5:03 AM



Suzanne Bradley posted:

Emily and family... I am so sorry for your loss! I didn't know your mom but reading her obituary I know we would have been great friends! Prayers coming your way...

November 22 at 5:37 PM



Lauren Ferman-Muckey posted:

I can't say there's too many people in life who I can so clearly recall the first time we met. Maybe it's because we had already known each other through Emily before meeting in person. When I finally met Nancy in person I visited her along with Emily during our freshman year of college. She was different than other moms of friends I'd met in that she just immediately accepted you and basically cut all the shit out. No pretenses, no niceties necessary. Just pure realness. I just remember thinking, "Is this lady for real?" She was so warm, always. She was funny and direct. All of these qualities live on in her daughters. She raised two strong and smart women. Nancy, you spitfire, you will be missed dearly by everyone who ever had the chance to know you. ❤️

November 22 at 4:14 PM



Bill Kitts posted:

To Emily and Jessica your mother was a friend and mentor but most of all a kind caring soul was always proud of the both of you Eileen G Kitts Henninger lunchroom former president union unit seven

November 22 at 3:40 PM



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Cathy Carpenter posted:

I just learned on Instagram, and I am heart broken. God bless you old friend. God bless your daughters and husband. I'm so sorry we never got together because of covid-19 after finding each other again. I am so sorry. You always made me laugh and I know your girls were the light of your life. You will surely watch over them from above. Blessing

November 21 at 1:39 PM



Kathleen Beryrand November 22 at 3:36 PM

So shocked to hear of her passing we were neighbors for some time she was always so good to my mother she was funny and my mom loved her. I am so sorry Emily and Jessica she loved you so. I hope she is at peace now I am sure she will be missed. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Deb Krupa lit a candle in honor of Nancy.

One of Nancy's favorites was dragon flies...in any form. I presented her with little doo dads over the years and most recently, a couple weeks ago a facemask with dragonfly print. I left it on her front door and she called to thank me shortly after. Little did I know what the future would hold for our staunch, courageous friend. This is the woman who talked me into flying to Orlando years ago to attend a union conference even though I HATE to fly. This is the woman who gave me courage to be a building rep for many years and to "march on Harrison Street" to object to contract negotiations for STA. There have been many instances that I took courage from my friend. She made it look so easy because she believed in making things right for us all. Thank you dear friend. My condolences to Emily, Jess and all her family. We are all better people because we had Nancy in it in one way or another.. Rest in peace..



November 21 at 11:40 AM



Melody Mariani lit a candle in honor of Nancy.

I have always considered Nancy a friend and a colleague that was akin to my own heart regarding union matters and supporting members. We had many many wonderful experiences and conversations during her years at STA and my years as a union representative for multiple buildings. She was genuine, kind, helpful, gracious, and warm always. Nancy will be truly missed!



November 20 at 11:42 AM



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WS

William Scott posted:

Nancy was a dedicated union leader even after she retired she was always available for questions and support. She will be greatly missed.

November 20 at 9:20 AM

BW

Bernard Washington posted:

I will always remember the AFT SRP Conference and going to see her daughter Jessica perform. Rest in Peace my Friend.

November 20 at 8:56 AM

LW

Lisa Wade posted:

I worked very closely with Nancy during her career with the SCSD and I had the honor of working very closely with her during her leadership role at STA. She was such a wonderful, caring and loving person who always looked out for the best interest of others. She had such a wonderful sense of humor too and always looked for the best in every situation. She will be missed so much. My heart and prayers go out to the family. I am sorry for your loss, Lisa Wade

November 20 at 6:27 AM

ZB

Zarrieff Brooks posted:

I had many funny conversations with her an she always gave me the best advice an it worked she will be missed

November 19 at 5:09 PM

TO

Tish Olshefski posted:

Nancy was a lovely person, great union colleague, strong leader. An inspiration and she will be missed. Condolences to her family and friends.

November 19 at 5:05 PM

JF

Janice Florczyk posted:

So sorry for your loss Emily.Janice and David Florczyk

November 19 at 4:51 PM



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LK

Lane Knight posted:

Nancy was a kind and loving soul , she offered to watch our dog without knowing us very well , what an amazing gesture , thinking of the family and wishing them peace and solace.

November 19 at 4:14 PM

TA

Tammy posted:

Momma Nancy- where to start. I want to thank you for bringing your beautiful daughter Emily into my life. She is an amazing friend, woman, sister, daughter, wife and mother! Jessiemaë is another blessing bringing laughter everywhere she goes. I am glad you are at peace. You will be missed in so many ways but we will keep you family safe and remind them of the great times. Love You, Tammy and Rigo

November 19 at 3:29 PM

PC

Patricia Couse lit a candle in honor of Nancy.

Remembering Nancy with much love and wonderful memories. We'll miss her. We had some great times together.

November 19 at 3:24 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nancy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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