



Nancy R. Rossi

June 19, 1940 - February 12, 2021

Nancy R. Rossi passed away at her home and with her devoted and loving family on February 12, 2021, at the age of 80.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Norman and Ann (Joyce) Richards, Mrs. Rossi lived most of her life in Syracuse. She attended school at Most Holy Rosary in Syracuse, and graduated from Le Moyne College in 1961. She earned a Master's Degree in Physics at Fordham University and then worked as an engineering physicist doing foundational work for tracking systems within the aerospace program.

Mrs. Rossi later taught high school math and science at Catholic high schools in Syracuse, and was the first woman to hold a full time teaching position at Christian Brothers Academy. While at CBA, she was introduced to another faculty member, Emil M. Rossi, whom she married three months later and to whom she was unceasingly devoted for fifty-five years.

She left the workforce to raise four daughters at home, and as the children grew, she took on community service, in addition to overseeing the administration of her husband's law practice. Mrs. Rossi was particularly proud of her work as an advocate for parents of children with special learning needs in Syracuse City Schools, her efforts to help establish the Center for the Advancement Values Education at Le Moyne College, and her support of the Syracuse Symphony Association, of which she was a past president.

She had a great love of music, instilled by her father, who sang in a barbershop quartet. Mrs. Rossi was a gifted singer and musician herself. She grew up playing the piano, and later sang in the choir at Our Lady of Pompei Church and performed with the Berwald Singers community group. She was very proud to have her family gathered for those performances.

Mrs. Rossi was an elegant and beautiful woman, with an exceptional intellect and love of continuous learning. She learned to play the cello later in life, she took additional courses at Le Moyne College in business and astronomy, and she began learning the Irish

language. She was an avid reader of books of all kind, she loved to discuss science and politics, and she enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, and knitting.

Mrs. Rossi selflessly dedicated her life to her family and was an adoring wife, mother, and grandmother. She cheered every success, nursed every failure, smoothed over disagreements, and prepared magnificent family meals with great love. Her family dinners and family vacations in Cape May, with children and grandchildren talking, laughing, and playing together, were legendary and kept the family close. She delighted in her grandchildren and planned special outings, projects, or gifts with each child in mind.

Mrs. Rossi is survived by her husband, Emil M. Rossi, her daughters, Gemma (Andrew) Corbin, Nancy Jo Rossi, Rachel (T.J.) Ricciardiello, and Ann Rossi; her grandchildren, Andrew, Grace, and Natalie Corbin, Anthony, Gemma, and Pia Ricciardiello, and Noble and Meadow Rossi; her sister, Margaret (Robert) Wallace; her brother, John (Diane) Richards; and her sister-in-law, Nicki Richards. She was predeceased by her parents, Norman and Ann Richards, her brother, Edward Richards, her sister, Kathleen White, and her beloved niece, Lisa Efraimson.

There will be no calling hours, in consideration of concerns over the COVID pandemic.

A Mass of Remembrance for Mrs. Rossi will be held at Our Lady of Pompei Church on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM. To attend the mass remotely please visit Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's Facebook page. There will be a celebration of her life at a date later this year.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Rossi's name to St. Jude Children's Research at <http://www.stjude.org/donate> or ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38015.

Events

FEB **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM

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Our Lady of Pompei - St. Peter Church
301 Ash St., Syracuse, NY, US, 13208

Comments



“ Dear Emil and entire Rossi family: Nancy was such a talented person in her own right, of course, and such a joy to be around. We thoroughly enjoy our time together learning some Italian of course! May such a beautiful person rest in peace. George & Adele Alessio

George P. Alessio - March 03, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ We want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.

Heaven gained a beautiful angel on Friday.

Love, Cousin Anthony & Patti

Anthony & Patti Rossi - February 21, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ Emil and family, Thinking of you in this time of loss. Marie Sarno

Marie Sarno - February 21, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Dear Emil and Family, we want to extend our condolences to you. May God surround you with His love and comfort in the days ahead. God Bless. Dave and Mary Hardwich, Henrico, VA

David Hardwich - February 19, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Dear Emil and Family,

I was so sorry to read of the loss of your amazing and gifted Nancy. I feel so deeply for you and your loss. We have been connected for so many years, and you, Emil, are so much a part of my professional life. Upon reading the eloquence and beauty of her obituary, I realize that you have honored her and praised her as no other could. My thoughts and prayers are with my friend. Jon W. Brenizer

Jon W. Brenizer - February 18, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Deepest condolences and sympathies to the Rossi family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers! From the entire Essi family.

Eva Essi - February 18, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Emil and family, I am so sorry to hear about Nancy's passing. Condolences to the family.

Robert Lahm

Robert E. Lahm, Esq. - February 17, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ Emil and Family,

My deepest condolences to the family grieving the loss of an Extraordinary loving Wife, Mother & Grandmother. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Joe Osborne

Joseph Osborne - February 17, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ Emil and Family,
Our deepest condolences during this difficult time. Sending love and prayers.
Anthony Paduana and Family

Gina Paduana - February 17, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ To The Rossi Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. With sincere sympathy. Take care. Kathleen Reed-Buck + John

John Buck - February 16, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ Emil,

We are deeply sorry about the loss of Nancy. Our condolences to you and your wonderful family.

John and Margherita Cannizzaro

Margherita - February 16, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Nancy Family and Emil ,Losing a lovely mom is the hardest thing a child should have to go threw My heart goes out to you all she is your Angel now watching over you all ,And Dear Emil my heart knows you loved Her and did all you could to be by her side and to comfort her ,Our Families go way back And I pray god bringing you all Peace and watch over you all May Nancy Rest In Peace and god speed direct to Heaven so very Sorry from Kate and Pat Nappi Daughter Patricia A Nappi -Dery and Husband Thomas And Son Thomas Patrick Dery jr the Nappi -Dery Family



patricia nappi - February 16, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Emil,

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Nancy. My deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family.

Diana Plue

Diana Plue - February 16, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear Emil,
Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Stan Linhorst

Stan Linhorst - February 16, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ God's blessings on your whole family at this time. Nancy was a true gift of life to all who came in contact with her.
She had a wonderful smile and gift for music. I so enjoyed her time with us at the Oasis Mixed Chorus.
Linda V. Williams

Linda Williams - February 16, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Emil, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. (Donna Scipione Aubry)

Donna Aubry - February 16, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Emil, our sincere sympathy, Nick and Cheryl Garzia

Cheryl Garzia - February 16, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Le Moyne College - February 16, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ Dear Emil,
I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. May she Rest In Peace.

Maryann (Yoa) Magnarelli

Maryann Magnarelli - February 15, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ Mr. Rossi, Gemma, Nancy Jo, Rachel and Ann,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of Mrs. Rossi. We are all so sad to hear of her passing. Please know that we are thinking of all of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Rossi was such a wonderful, smart, kind and caring woman. We spent so many good times with your family growing up, and those memories are so very special to us and hold a place in our heart. May she rest in peace.

We love you all.
Marion, Jodi and Julie Colavencenzo

Julie Colavencenzo - February 15, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Dear Emil and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy. I have many warm memories of working with Nancy and the Syracuse Symphony Assoc., to support music in our community. May your memories provide comfort, and time the gift of acceptance. With sympathy, Carol A. Sweet



Carol Sweet - February 15, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ Dear Emil, I am sorry for the passing of your wife Nancy! May she rest in peace and may you and your children cherish many years of wonderful memories!

Carlene Mano-Springall

Carlene Springall - February 15, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ Emil,

I am saddened to learn of the passing of your beloved Nancy.

Please know that in this time of sorrow, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

May she rest in peace and you be sustained by the fond memories of the time you shared together.

May the gentle hand of the Lord lead her to eternal peace.

Carmen D'Eredita

Carmen D'Eredita - February 15, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ Emil, sorry to hear that Nancy has passed. Please keep her memories close.

Gerry

Gerry Vanderwater - February 15, 2021 at 11:23 AM



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Emil:

Our deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family. We got to know Nancy at our monthly "police dinner", she was a lovely lady. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

God Bless

Jim and Pam Casamento

James Casamento - February 15, 2021 at 11:07 AM



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Dear Emil so sorry to read of Your loss,may Nancy Rest In Peace,Jim & Joyce Finochio

James Finochio - February 15, 2021 at 09:26 AM



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Emil... so sorry to hear of your wife's passing... my prayer is that God will give you and your daughters the peace and acceptance only He can give... you and your family will be in my prayers ... may Nancy Rest In Peace

rosemarie manncuso emmi - February 15, 2021 at 04:32 AM



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Lauri and Larry Bousquet purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Nancy R. Rossi.



Lauri and Larry Bousquet - February 14, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ Nancy was my geometry teacher in high school and one of my favorite teachers! She even called me to tell me I passed the Regents. (It was only because of her help!) Imagine my delight when I moved into our current home and learned she was my neighbor! A brilliant, loving, positive spirit, she has had a lasting impact on my life and my career as an educator. Sending love, prayers and healing thoughts to Emil, Gemma, Rachel, Nancy Jo and Anne.
Lauri Bousquet

Lauri Bousquet - February 14, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ Dear Emil, So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. May she Rest In Peace .Donna Greenfield

Donna Greenfield - February 14, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ Emil and family. I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. Reading the obituary was the first I was aware of Nancy's many accomplishments. I had at least two courses from her at CBA and remember her very well. She was a wonderful lady.
Bob Reid CBA class of '67

Bob Reid - February 14, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ Robert J. purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Nancy R. Rossi.



Robert J. - February 14, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Nancy R. Rossi.



February 14, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ Mary Jo Paratore Downey lit a candle in memory of Nancy R. Rossi



Mary Jo Paratore Downey - February 14, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Emil&family: extremely sorry and disheartened by your tremendous loss. The all male students at CBA in the mid-60's had no idea, just how intelligent and artistically talented Nancy was. She certainly did not deserve the grief directed at her by the teenage hooligans, me included, being the first full- time female “instructor” at this “college preparatory high school.” My delayed apology is warranted. When I was in medical school in the Bronx and Emil was working in the Staten Island DA's office, you graciously invited me to your flat on the island for some of Nancy's home cooked dinners, a wonderful gesture, for which I will always be grateful for, for the rest on my life. JOHN A. D'ADDARIO MD'67

JOHN A. D'ADDARIO MD'67 - February 14, 2021 at 07:10 PM



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JOHN A. D'ADDARIO MD'67 - February 14, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Emil and Family

My condolences on the loss of a very accomplished warm loving person. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May your faith guide you through these difficult times.

God Bless

Mike and Robin Toia

Mike Toia - February 14, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ Nancy:
What a great caring person you were and also a great teacher at CBA. I am also thankful for the time you spent tutoring me in college math. You will be truly missed by those who were influenced by you.
Love, Jay Sacco, MD

john j sacco - February 14, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ To Emil and family,
I am very sorry to learn of Nancy's passing. We were both in the graduation Class of 1961 at LeMoyne College.
Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss.
Sam Vavonese

Sam Vavonese - February 14, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ To Emil and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers. May she rest in peace.

Sarah Jefferson

Sarah Jefferson - February 14, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Dear Emil & Family, I was saddened to learn of Nancy's passing. I only met her a couple of times if your presence & couldn't help but be impressed with her kindness & graciousness. My deepest sympathies ggo out to all of you. Some great day all of God's people will join Him in Paradise foever. I will remember Nancy in my prayers.

Peter White - February 14, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ Emil,
I remember the lovely Sunday afternoon that Nancy, you and I shared with my Uncle Frank Alteri at the restaurant in Gouveneur. Please accept my condolences on the passing of Nancy.

Marilyn Tucci

Marilyn Tucci - February 14, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ Cathy Brochu lit a candle in memory of Nancy R. Rossi



Cathy Brochu - February 14, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Emil -

So sorry to hear of the passing of your wife, Nancy.

Please know that my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are being sent to you.

My sincere condolences to the family.

Cathy Brochu

Cathy Brochu - February 14, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Richard Hooker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy R. Rossi.



Richard Hooker - February 14, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Emil, Rachel and Rossi family

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Nancy !! She was always such a sweetheart when she came into the Coffee Grounds with you Emil or by herself when we were located Downtown !! All of you are in my thoughts and prayers

Michael Guiffrida - February 14, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ To Emil & the Family,
With deepest sympathy we grieve for Nancy, a rare person who managed to be both kind and frank, intelligent and wise, beautiful and authentic.
Susan MH and Greg R Flick

Susan Flick - February 14, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ Emil & families, so sorry to see Nancy has passed away, such a wonder and beautiful lady, always a pleasure waiting on you @ Rico's when you came in for dinner.. May she “Rest In Peace”

Patrick Aregano - February 14, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Mr. Rossi and family, deepest sympathies on your loss of Nancy.

Steve Gehm - Bishop Ludden

Steven R. Gehm - February 14, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ condolences to a marvelous and dear woman. May you rest in peace. Emil; so sad a loss. Love always Niles GreenhouseMD Jonita and family

Niles GreenhouseMD - February 14, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Emil, sorry for your loss Joe and Danielle Brigandi

danielle brigandi - February 14, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Emil,

I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was a wonderful lady that I will truly miss.

She was one of my favorite customers that I enjoyed talking to whenever she came to the bank. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mary Rauch

Mary Rauch - February 14, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Emil, my sincere sympathy to you and your family for the loss of Nancy! Be at peace and comfort with many years of cherished memories!

Carlene Mano-Springall

Carlene Springall - February 15, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Dear Emil, Gemma, Nancy Jo, Rachel, and Anne,

So sorry to read of Nancy's passing. She was an intelligent, strong, kind, loving person. Please know you are in my Thoughts and Prayers.

Love,

Barbara DeRosa-Jacques.

Barbara Jacques - February 14, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Dear Emil:

My prayers, thoughts, and condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved wife Nancy.

Joe Pavone



Joseph A. Pavone - February 14, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Howard, Corinne, Janelle and Kathy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Nancy R. Rossi.



Howard, Corinne, Janelle and Kathy - February 14, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Mr. Rossi, we are deeply saddened at the loss of Nancy, a former teacher of mine from CBA. I cannot forget the time when you two met at school. I could see, that you were developing more than just a friendship as a teacher.

As Nancy was extremely kind and compassionate in her teaching, she encouraged that same growth and attributes in her students. Nancy was a passionate teacher who believed in her students.

I cannot imagine the feelings that you are having at this time losing your lifelong soulmate.

May the Lord God and his Angels, come down from the Heavens watch over, and protect you and your family during this difficult time.

Both Maria and I will pray for you and your Family.

Maria and Joe Paone

Joseph V Paone - February 14, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Emil and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Nancy. Such a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother and sister. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you.

Ann Marie Trinca - February 16, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ Emil and family... she is in the warm of His hands and your hearts... love m

martin yenawine - February 14, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ Emil and family, Patti and I send our deepest sympathy on the passing of your Nancy. She gave so much to all of us and we will forever miss her. Patti & Nick Pirro

nick pirro - February 14, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ Dearest Email. So sorry to learn of Nancy's passing. Love to you and all your family.
Love, Annette DelGiorno

Annette P. DelGiorno - February 14, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ My heart goes out to the entire family for this wonderful woman. She has touch so many lives.
Rest in peace and fly high angel until we meet again



Darlene Carr - February 14, 2021 at 07:20 AM



“ Charlotte Crandall lit a candle in memory of Nancy R. Rossi



Charlotte Crandall - February 13, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ Emil and family, while you’ve lost your family anchor, I’ve lost a wonderful friend....a friend I could count on for so much direction, life lessons, suggestions, as well as being a confidante. I will miss Nancy until I see her again.....she brought so much joy to my heart, and her obituary catches her spirit and grace with such eloquence, I know we’ll never have a friend like her again. She’s irreplaceable to me, and I can’t imagine your pain. Know that so many of us loved her and all of you. Asking God for your comfort and peace, Nancy is in a better place with no pain, just waiting for us. I love you, Nancy, and I’ll never forget you.

Gloria Card - February 13, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Emil and family-Beautiful woman, family and friend. The world has lost an incredible life. Sincere condolences, deepest sympathies and comfort.
Meg Martin Senecal



Meg Martin Senecal - February 13, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ We are heartbroken for the loss of our dear cousin Nancy..... we used to kid her..
“Who says an Irish girl can't cook Italian?” She was a fabulous Italian cook.
What a wonderful Wife, Mother, grandmother, Cousin, Aunt and friend.
You will be missed by many, May you Rest In Peace Nancy.
Love Al Sue and Nikki...

Sue Fiero - February 13, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ Emil,I'm very sorry for the loss of your wife.May she rest in peace.My prayers are with you
and your family.

Thomas Piazza - February 13, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Emil,
Very sorry for the loss of your wife. May she rest in peace and our prayers are with you and
your family

Thomas Piazza - February 13, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ Emil & Family,
My sincere condolences go out to you all. Living across the street from you for a few years I
got to know Nancy pretty good and all the kids too. She was a Special lady I knew and she
will be missed by anyone & everyone that crossed her path.
Rest In Peace Lovely lady & friend and may God Bless you & Emil & all the Family.

RobbieWells/LasVegas - February 14, 2021 at 12:05 AM



“ Emil, Jemma, NJ, Rachel and Annie....I am so sorry and saddened that Nancy has
left us...she will be sorely missed.....love and hugs to you all , Patty Marco

Patty Marco - February 13, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ Antoinette Pallotta lit a candle in memory of Nancy R. Rossi



Antoinette Pallotta - February 13, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ Emil and family, my sincerest condolences. Jim Conley.

Jim Conley - February 14, 2021 at 06:28 AM



“ Emil, we are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife, Nancy. You and your family will be in our prayers that the Lord will fill your sorrowful hearts with His own love and compassion. We will dearly miss her too, but know we'll be together again in heaven. Blessings & Love,
Tony & Linda Tosti

Tony & Linda Tosti - February 15, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, Mr. R. I enjoyed talking to both of you when you visited Barnes & Noble. My thoughts are with you. Amy (Hamilton White House)

Amy Gildemeyer - February 16, 2021 at 08:27 AM