

Nancy Louise Martin

February 22, 1931 - May 16, 2022

Nancy L. Martin, 91, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Monday, May 16, 2022. Nancy was born February 22, 1931, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to the late John Frank Church and Mary Margaret (Spiker) Church. Nancy is survived by her son Stephan Racz, stepsons Andrew (Kimberly), Anthony (Nada), stepdaughter Angela Mears (Todd); grandchildren James Martin, Jacqueline Martin, Joseph Martin, Dante Martin, Davis Mears, Parker Mears, and Cooper Mears; Niece Cheryl Newman (Richard) and several great nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death, by her husband of 32 years, Alfred, her parents, and sister Mary. Nancy was a kind, caring, generous and brilliant woman. She was a teacher early in life, then earned a Master's degree (with honors) in social work, from the University of Michigan, and became a licensed master social worker, working well into her 80's, doing psychotherapy. She thoroughly enjoyed helping clients find happiness. She also enjoyed spending time with family, especially her late husband, watching TV, going to the movies, listening to classical music, birdwatching, and playing her flute. She played in the Dexter band for several years. And she loved to travel and visit family on the west coast. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed by visiting the funeral home's Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Parkinson's & Movement Disorders Fund for Discovery at Michigan Medicine. Checks may

be made to "University of Michigan" and sent to Michigan Medicine Development 777 E. Eisenhower Pkwy., Suite 650, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108. You may also call 734-764-6777 or visit the website <https://victors.us/nancylmartin> to make your gift or to Arbor Hospice (arborhospice.org). To leave a memory you have of Nancy, to sign her guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Live stream will start at 12:55 P.M. that day. in memory of Nancy Louise Martin



Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 20, 2022 at 01:42 PM

MY

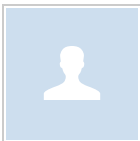
I am so very humbled to have gotten to know Nancy over the past year and a half. Her brilliance and kindness is a rare combination. She faced her aging process with strength and grace and never stopped caring inquiring about those around her. My sincere condolences to her family at the loss of this exceptional woman. Moira Yuhas

Moira Yuhas - June 05, 2022 at 09:33 PM

HM

My husband, Roger, and I will always be grateful to Nancy for deciding that we would be just right for each other, and then devoting considerable time and energy to bring us together! Hattula Moholy-Nagy

Hattula Moholy-Nagy - July 09, 2022 at 10:42 PM



“ Nancy Louise Martin

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM

SB

“ Nancy Martin sat in the first row of flutes in our Dexter Community Band near us in the oboe section. Nancy also participated for many years in our Dexter Woodwind Choir. She was a long time member also of the Ann Arbor Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon Music Fraternity. I called her every now and then to get news for the Mu Phi Annual Newsletter of our Members that I put out. She was a Psycho Therapist who saw clients in her beautiful home in Saline. She and her husband ran an apartment complex. Nancy took great care of her husband in his later years. She was lovely to talk to.....with a gentle spirit and a sympathetic heart. She will be missed in all of our groups!

Sue Bissiri - May 27, 2022 at 02:29 PM

TM

“ *She was kind and did the best she knew how to do at all times, and I am the better for knowing her. She was larger than life and no amount of words I can write on this little memorial wall can capture the totality of Nancy, she was a force of nature, one that is hard to see stilled. But such is life, and its progression.*

By the time she came along and married my Father Al, all of us stepchildren were pretty much adults, but that didn't stop her from Momming us the best she knew how. I was only in Michigan a few more years before moving to the west coast to pursue my Mechanical Engineering career but I knew that I always had a warm welcome anytime I would return to the family house on Fosdick. She loved and supported my father Al and he was the better for it, finding joy and love after a rough divorce and many life challenges, and they complemented each other very well. And she also still fit in world travel, including China, Croatia and more in the time I was in her life, and plenty of travel before that too! She did so much, traveled to so many places, beyond an ability to list here. From early time working and teaching in Japan shortly after WW2, to going back to college and reinventing her life multiple times, she was, until now, unstoppable.

Now she has traveled on and will be sorely missed.

Tony Martin Stepson

Tony Martin - May 27, 2022 at 12:40 PM

CN

“ I smile and fondly remember my favorite aunt, Nancy, when:
I read an enjoyable book of fiction
I listen to classical music while I eat our favorite Great Grains cereal
I enjoy the lovely pink climbing roses she sent me
I watch an English mystery program on PBS
I remember fun adventures with her and my daughters on our two
Hawaii girls' trips
I travel to places she has told me interesting stories about
I add to the copious family genealogy information she compiled
I remember our spirited political conversations
Nancy was 16 years older than I- more a big sister than an aunt! My
whole family so enjoyed spending time with her on her visits to
Oregon. She was caring, compassionate, curious, and always
interested in each and every one of us. Nancy, you will be missed-
we love you . Love, Cheryl

Cheryl Newman - May 26, 2022 at 12:03 PM

SA

“ Aunt Nancy is one of the most amazing, resilient, and caring women
I know. She has forever impacted my life and the lives of so many
others. I will always cherish our girls trips, her red lipstick kisses,
and her way of giving blunt, but honest advice. She was a true light
in our family and will be deeply missed.
Thank you Aunt Nancy for teaching me about how to care and love
others unconditionally. May you Rest In Peace 🧡 Love, The Kellers
(Adam, Sarah, Mady, and Peyton)



Sarah - May 23, 2022 at 10:31 PM

BJ

“ When reflecting about my great Aunt Nancy's life, what came to mind was what an incredible woman she truly was. She was resilient, strong, an advocate for women, a cancer survivor, an artist and musician, a world traveler, and a changemaker. She had a huge heart for serving her community and those that needed support. She loved her family, friends, and those that she would meet and travel with on her many adventures. I could listen to her talk about her life stories for hours on end, always getting a chuckle about the troubles she would get into, especially in her early years. I appreciated the stories she told me about her and my grandmother growing up in Bowling Green. The information she shared with me and my family about our family history and genealogy is now preserved in her notes, stories, pictures, and family tree she shared with us. I am forever grateful for that. She was confident, loving, committed to her family, determined to help others find solutions in their lives, passionate, and curious about everyone and everything. She made an incredible impact on the world around her. I miss her laugh, talking with her about the social work profession, our trips and adventures with my mom and sisters, as well as watching her spend time with my own children (her great great grandniece and nephew). She lived a rich and fulfilling life, with 91 trips around the sun. Cheers to you Aunt Nancy, may peace be with you on your next journey. We love you. Beth, Joel, Addison and Austin Johnson.



Beth Johnson - May 23, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *My Great Aunt Nancy was a Grandmother figure throughout my life. I treasured all of our amazing conversations where she truly took the time to listen and give advice in my life plans. I enjoyed our two girls trips to Hawaii with my sisters and my Mom. These trips allowed time for us to connect and making lasting memories. Aunt Nancy is someone who I will always look up to for the incredible life she had and the amazing things she did for her family, friends and clients. Her compassion and love for me will carry into my heart forever. Your great great niece and nephews (my children) will always remember your kisses that left lipstick prints. We love you Aunt Nancy may you Rest In Peace. Love, Lisa, Kevin, Brayden, Ashlyn, Easten and Beckem Weisenfluh*



Lisa Anne - May 23, 2022 at 08:12 PM

AM

“ *Nancy was a kind and generous person and valued member of our woodwind quintet and the Dexter Community Band. I enjoyed rehearsing and performing with her through the years and will dearly miss her.*

Amber - May 23, 2022 at 10:38 AM

AN

“ *Nancy was an amazing person. Not only beautiful inside and out, a talented musician, and a great counselor to all. I have missed her by my side in Dexter Band, as well as our small chamber ensembles. I know she is playing her flute for all the angels in Heaven.*

Angela Noble - May 23, 2022 at 09:43 AM

ES

What can I say about my friend Nancy? She was lovely and talented, to be sure, but what stands out most is her kindness, her loving, caring spirit. It was a joy to be with her. We played in many ensembles and shared a love of music and also a fascination with human behavior. She encouraged me in my work as a writer and a musician. I will miss her, but know that someday I will see her again.

Elaine Stienon - May 25, 2022 at 05:45 PM

LE

“ *a beautiful person that has given so much. She brings inspiration to all who knew her. She has moved on to better pastures but the love she gave will always be with us.*

lance m erickson - May 22, 2022 at 12:53 PM

KL

“ *Nancy was a friend and fellow musician. She first joined the flute section of the Dexter Community Band prior to the band's 2001 European Tour. I have such fond memories of Nancy on that trip. She was always ready for any new experience, her enthusiasm was contagious as we all explored many new cities and unique performance venues.*

Nancy was also a member of the "Frequently Flawless Five Wind Quintet". What fun we had making music when rehearsing in our various homes. After these rehearsals we would enjoy dessert and some very lively discussions. We all will miss Nancy!

*Karla Linkner
President Dexter Community Band*

Karla Linkner - May 22, 2022 at 10:04 AM

GH

“ Nancy was an important part of our flute group for a number of years. She had a beautiful tone and I'm trilled to have her lovely piccolo.

I hope the family is comforted by happy memories.

Genie Hollander

Genie Hollander - May 21, 2022 at 04:46 PM

KM

“ I belonged to Mu Phi Epsilon, a music fraternity, with Nancy. She was a superb flute performer. I admired her. She had a lovely personality and character. She was warm and friendly. I enjoyed being friends with her. May God grant the family a sense of comfort and peace. ~Karen Madsen~

Karen Madsen - May 20, 2022 at 06:50 PM

ME

“ Nancy was one of my therapists about ten years ago. She was kind and compassionate as I'm sure she was with all her patients.

megan - May 20, 2022 at 05:12 PM

NM

“ Nancy was initiated into the Ann Arbor Alumni chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon on November 13, 2000. She was an active and Emeritus member of our Mu Phi Epsilon Chapter, attending meetings, and playing in ensembles and in our Annual concerts, up until the last few years. We have missed her and her sweet kindness. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of loss.

Nancy Murphy - May 20, 2022 at 04:34 PM