



Nancy A. Ratekin

January 26, 1942 - January 15, 2021

Nancy A. Ratekin, 78, a lifelong Rush County resident passed away Friday, January 15, 2021 at her home in Rushville. Nancy was born in Rushville on January 26, 1942 to the late William A. and Virginia Mae (Gallimore) Shanahan.

Nancy was a 1960 graduate of Rushville High School. She married Rex Ratekin on August 29, 1964 and he survives. Nancy was Deputy Clerk-Treasurer under Max Fancher and worked at Copeland for 25 years and several years at Winkerby's. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Nancy enjoyed working with and arranging flowers, and was an avid reader. In addition to her husband, Nancy is survived by 3 sons, Mark A. (Kathy) Ratekin of Carmel, IN, Denis M. (Patricia) Ratekin of Shelbyville, Pete R. (Chante') of Rushville, a daughter, Allana Marie (Brian) Edwards of Palm Bay, FL, a brother, Philip E (Linda) Shanahan of Sexton, a sister, Rose Marie (Robert) Houze of Rushville and 10 grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM Thursday, January 21, 2021 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Rushville. Father James Brockmeier will preside. Friends are welcome to visit from 4-7 PM Wednesday January 20 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Masks are required to visit the family and please practice social distancing.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
info@mostermortuary.com
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
512 N Perkins St
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-2588

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy A. Ratekin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Ric and Sue Floyd purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.*



Ric and Sue Floyd - January 20, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Connie Schroeder(Mrs. Bill Schroeder) lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Connie Schroeder(Mrs. Bill Schroeder) - January 20, 2021 at 05:35 PM



Rex, so sorry to read of Nancy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Connie Schroeder(Mrs. Bill Schroeder) - January 20, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.* ”



January 20, 2021 at 10:42 AM

SR

“ I first met Rex in August, 1966, when I went to work for Lowell McMichael at the Rushville Republican. I was Lowell’s Station Captain/Lead Paperboy. Part of my job was to answer the phone every evening from 5:00 to 6:15p.m., in the main office, for missed deliveries.

Rex was a Linotype Operator at that time, along with Fred Cummings, and those 2 machines were not far from the desk I used, to answer incoming calls. So, we struck up conversations many times, and we got to know one another fairly well. He told me of his & Nancy’s first-born son, named Mark Anthony, born in Dec/’65, whom they called “Tony” at that time.

We got to know each other so well, that Rex eventually asked me over to their home on Morgan St. So, I met Nancy & Tony around early 1967, and we all “hit it off” Very Well! I even babysat for Tony on a few Sunday mornings, so Rex & Nancy could go to Mass at St. Mary’s. Tony & I got along very well, even though he was initially shy with strangers!

Fast Forward to Christmas, 1967 ... My 4 siblings & I were going to have a Xmas Party for our friends at our house @ 224 W 5th St. My Mother, Margaret Mary Roberts, always worked 2nd shift at RMH, and she was OK with this ... BUTTT ... she kinda’ wanted us to be chaperoned. So, we asked Rex & Nancy to perform those duties, which they did Very willingly! We had a GREAT time, and I think Tony came with them for the early part of that evening, before Rex took him back home for Gma Shanahan to babysit!

By late November, 1968, Denis M. Ratekin entered this world, and Rex & Nancy asked me to be his Godfather, along with Nancy’s Sister, Rose Marie as his Godmother. I was Very Happy to accept this role, and I had just started to drive the month of Denis’s birth! So, Gpa Mueller let me drive his 1956 Pontiac to St. Mary’s Church for the day of Denis’s Baptism, and ALL WAS GOOD WITH THE WORLD!!

I visited with Rex & Nancy's growing Family many, many times after this, through my college years @ BSU from 1970-74, and throughout the rest of the 70's. I know that Nancy was the Heart and Soul of this Beautiful Family, as I watched Tony, Denis, & Allana grow up, until I left for WI in 1981. I left at about the time Pete was born! Then, when I came home to Rville from WI, I always made it a point to visit the Ratekin Family! I think they moved from Morgan St. to W, 5th St. first, and then later to N. Perkins St. I witnessed over and over that Nancy was a Very Loving Mother to her children and a devoted wife to my friend, Rex! She was what Old-Timers (i.e. those from the WWII Generation), called "A Salt of the Earth" type person!!

To Rex and Extended Family - I am so sorry for the loss of this Fine Lady, that you knew as: Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Sister ... And, someone I knew as a Great Friend! RIP, Nancy ... for you were "A Good & Faithful Servant of the Lord!"

Steve Roberts - January 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM

CT

“ Rex, I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was a wonderful lady. She had to be to put up with you all these years! My thoughts are with you and your children during this time.

Christina Thurston - January 19, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 19, 2021 at 11:38 AM

BH

“ Rex & family,
So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She will
be missed.
Marty Cummings, Beth, Cathy & Rick



Beth Cummings Holman - January 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 18, 2021 at 06:43 AM

TB

“ Nancy and I worked together at Copeland in the Write-up Return Department. In between sorting compressors, we would share laughs and snacks. She was a hard worker and had an eye for accuracy and detail. Nancy was very proud of her family and always had a funny story to tell. She was a good friend to me even after our time at Copeland. We would bump into each other at Walmart or Kroger. More often than not, send each other a Christmas card. I will always remember her. My condolences to Rex and the family. May God Bless you.

Tim Bulmer - January 18, 2021 at 06:10 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.



January 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM

ML

“ Marvin & Linda Leising lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin



Marvin & Linda Leising - January 17, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.*



January 17, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.*



January 17, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Greg Raike - January 17, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Chuck And Jane Niccum lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Chuck and Jane Niccum - January 17, 2021 at 09:39 AM

PA

“ *PaulaShepherd lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



PaulaShepherd - January 17, 2021 at 05:54 AM

FR

“ *From June & Bob Rice purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nancy A. Ratekin.*



From June & Bob Rice - January 16, 2021 at 06:49 PM

RH

“ *She was my big sister, my Nanny. Being 12 years older, she was a second Mother to me. I will keep her memory alive in my heart. I promised her too that I would watch over her kids as if they were my own. She and Rex did a good job raising them so all I will have to do is share my love with them! Rest in Peace, Nanny❤️*

Rose Marie Houze - January 16, 2021 at 05:39 PM

SW

*How beautiful your relationship is with her. I'm sure her children and grandkids will need the hugs and love, especially at this time.
Mike and Sharon Witte*

Sharon Witte - January 17, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Theresia Glover lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Theresia Glover - January 16, 2021 at 05:22 PM



she was a beautiful lady and cared for everyone she met she will be missed by Rex who has been devoted to care and well being . and too her sons and daughter they have lost a special mother and Grandmother to there children

Theresia Glover - January 16, 2021 at 05:24 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Reed lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Cheryl Reed - January 16, 2021 at 05:11 PM

DN

“ *David And Monica Newman lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



David and Monica Newman - January 16, 2021 at 03:45 PM

JD

“ *Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Jacqueline Duke - January 16, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DG

“ *Dave And Karen Garau lit a candle in memory of Nancy A. Ratekin*



Dave and Karen Garau - January 16, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Brenda Freeman - January 16, 2021 at 01:32 PM