



## Nancy E. Lesley

September 21, 1954 - August 9, 2024

Nancy Elizabeth Lesley, 69, of Louisiana, MO, passed away at her home on Friday, August 9, 2024 in Louisiana, MO. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 16, 2024 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana. Fr. Henry Ussher, Fr. Lou Dorn, and Deacon Mark Dobelmann officiating. Burial will be next to her parents at St. Joseph Cemetery in Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 15th from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with a rosary service at 7:00 P.M. at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO.

Nancy was born on September 21, 1954 in Ferguson, MO to Charles and Rosemary Jean Lesley. She is survived by her daughter, Carina (Bill) Capps of Louisiana, MO, 2 grandchildren, Gretchen Capps of Jefferson City, MO and Ryan Capps of Louisiana, MO, 2 brothers, Rick (Kay) Lesley of St. Peters, MO and Mike (Charity) Lesley of Louisiana, MO, a sister, Kathy Smith of Louisiana, MO, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nancy was a 1973 graduate of Louisiana High School. She attended Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO where she obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education. She would later continue her education receiving her Master's Degree. She would return to her hometown of Louisiana to teach elementary school for the next 32 years. She retired from Louisiana Elementary in 2010. Nancy loved teaching children and would not stay retired long. She started her second career working at St. Clement Catholic School as the after-school coordinator and would eventually add Title

1 teaching to that. She spent 13 years at St. Clement School, only stopping once her health prevented her from continuing.

Nancy impacted numerous children throughout her educational career. Many of her former students over the years have shared the stories of Ms. Lesley's class. She taught at both the Meriwether school building and the primary school on Haley Ave. She shares a distinction of having one of the first "drive through" classrooms at Meriwether, when a car veered off Highway 54 and came crashing through her classroom wall! Thankfully it was not during school hours. She was a winner of the WGEM Golden Apple Award, and was a member of the MO State Teachers Association, National Education Association, and MO Retired Teachers Association.

The family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for Pike County Home Health Care, especially Kelsey Millender and Mecia Castagna, who helped make Nancy's final days very peaceful. We also would like to say thank you to the members of St. Joseph and St. Clement. If there was anything Nancy loved more than teaching, it was the Catholic church and the community we have here in Pike County. She enjoyed spending time with parishioners and also took communion to Lynn's Heritage House until her health prevented her from going.

The family would ask that if anyone would like to make a donation in Nancy's memory, please choose either the Louisiana Elementary Bullpup Boosters or St. Clement Catholic School.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
collierfuneral@att.net

## Rosary Service

AUG 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Mass

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AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
508 N. 3rd St.  
Louisiana, MO

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ Nancy was an amazing cousin. I always looked up to her. She was my daughter Jessica’s godmother. She will be truly missed. I love you honey. I hope you get to see my husband Pete up there. ❤️🙏



Kay Lyman Wojciechowski - August 16, 2024 at 09:36 PM

KW

“ Kay Lyman Wojciechowski lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley



Kay Lyman Wojciechowski - August 16, 2024 at 09:29 PM

SB

“ Sorry for your lost wish i would have known before today so I could have come tonight. My prays are with you, Love you all Shirley Bobbitt

Shirley Bobbitt - August 15, 2024 at 08:26 PM

CW

“ Charlotte Akers West lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley



Charlotte Akers West - August 15, 2024 at 10:38 AM

CF

“ Cheyeanna & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy E. Lesley.



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**Cheyeanna & Family** - August 14, 2024 at 10:33 PM

TF

“ The Marr Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy E. Lesley.



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**The Marr Family** - August 14, 2024 at 04:55 PM

TF

“ The Marr Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy E. Lesley.

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**The Marr Family** - August 14, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy E. Lesley.



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August 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM

G(

“ Georgia, Hilari, & Ashleigh (Ditch) purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Nancy E. Lesley.



Georgia, Hilari, & Ashleigh (Ditch) - August 14, 2024 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ My deepest sympathy be with her family. Hugs and prayers be with all in the days ahead 🙏



Tammi Ries Mcpike - August 13, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy E. Lesley.



August 13, 2024 at 05:22 PM

MB

“ Nancy was an amazing lady! She will be greatly miss. Prayers to the family.



Melinda Brooks - August 13, 2024 at 07:46 AM

CB

“ *Candy Burnett lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**Candy Burnett** - August 12, 2024 at 11:53 PM

CF

“ *Nancy was a wonderful teacher and person. Nancy's gentle nature and kindness will be greatly missed.*



**Carmen Ford** - August 12, 2024 at 08:29 PM

JS

“ *Jana Muff Salathe lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**Jana Muff Salathe** - August 12, 2024 at 08:27 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Hunter lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**Wanda Hunter** - August 12, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JE

“ Janet Elliott lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley



Janet Elliott - August 12, 2024 at 03:51 PM

CE

“ Carmen Elledge lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley



Carmen Elledge - August 12, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ Carolyn Oliver lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley



Carolyn Oliver - August 12, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DM

“ Debbie Myers lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley



Debbie Myers - August 12, 2024 at 01:54 PM

BC

“ *Brianna St Clair lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**Brianna St Clair** - August 12, 2024 at 01:44 PM

DM

“ *Dorothy McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**Dorothy McDaniel** - August 12, 2024 at 12:53 PM

CB

“ *CHERYL BRADSHAW lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**CHERYL BRADSHAW** - August 12, 2024 at 12:49 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - August 12, 2024 at 12:36 PM

CB

“ *Candy Burnett lit a candle in memory of Nancy E. Lesley*



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**Candy Burnett** - August 12, 2024 at 12:29 PM

SM

*Sorry for your family loss*

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**Sammy Meyers** - August 12, 2024 at 06:28 PM

JC

*Carrie, Kathy, and the whole family: I was so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She will be missed greatly.*

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**Joy Cleaver** - August 13, 2024 at 12:59 AM

SG

*Kathy I was sorry to learn of Nancy's passing. My love prayers and thoughts to you and yours. Sue Starman Griffith*

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**Sue Griffith** - August 15, 2024 at 12:13 AM