



Nancy Marie Croad

June 27, 1939 - January 19, 2019

In Memory of

Nancy Marie Croad

Obituary for Nancy Marie (née Howells) Croad

Nancy Marie Croad, 79, of Syracuse, NY, formerly of Buffalo, entered unto rest at the home of her son in Novi, MI on Saturday, January 19, 2019 after a 10-month courageous and defiant battle with cancer. Her daughter, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons were by her bedside. She was born in Buffalo on June 27, 1939 and graduated from Bishop McMahon H.S., Buffalo, in 1958. After graduation, she worked as a secretary for Harry W. Boorman Co., which sold dictating machines, from 1958-1963. On December 1, 1957, Nancy met her future husband Terrence Edward Croad at Voelkers Bowling Center, Kenmore, NY. Nancy married Terrence on September 24, 1960 and raised her family in Buffalo for ten years. She relocated to Syracuse in 1970 with her husband and two children due to her husband's job at Niagara Mohawk Power Company. In 1977, Nancy started her own business as owner and operator of an at-home Family Day Child Care for more than 40 years, where she touched the lives of hundreds of children and their families in a loving way. She worked full time until March 2018 when she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Nancy relocated temporarily to Novi, MI to live with her son and daughter-in-law while she received medical treatment.

She was a 48 year parishioner of St. Therese Parish/All Saints Church, Syracuse. Nancy loved her family dearly, including her five grandchildren. She

also loved Elvis, watching the New York Yankees and Syracuse Orange. She was predeceased by baby boy Croad, her parents Marie Cecilia O'Neill Howells and Thomas Joseph Howells, and Terrence Edward Croad her loving husband of 55+ years. Her father Tommy, was 1933 New York State Golden Glove boxing Champion (126-pound, featherweight division), winning his title in Madison Square Garden.

Survivors: Son, Terry (Lori Gilman) of Novi, MI; daughter, Nanci Marie (Daniel) Mayo of Virginia Beach,; brother, Thomas (Arlene Regalla-deceased) Howells of Tonawanda, NY; two sisters-in-law, Judy (Chuck) George of Tonawanda, NY and Karen (Phil) Doyle of Barrington, IL; two brothers-in-law, Richard (Joanne Frandina-deceased) of Williamsville, NY and James (Marsha Mitchell) of Minden, LA; five grandchildren, Aaron (Michelle Burke) Croad, Britni Birt, Michelle Croad, Casey Croad and Zakari Mayo as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and Friends may call on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 between 4-8 PM at O'Brien Sullivan, 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI. Additional out of state visitation will be held Friday, January 25th between 7-9 PM and Saturday, January 26th between 12:00 till 1:30pm at Amigone Funeral Home, Tonawanda Chapel, 2600 Sheridan Dr., Tonawanda, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:15pm, Saturday, Jan. 26th at Holy Spirit Church, 85 Dakota Street, Buffalo. Committal services will follow at 4:15pm at Marilla Cemetery, Two Rod Road, Marilla, NY.

A prayer service will be held at 2 PM, on Sunday, January 27th, at All Saints Church, 1340, Lancaster Ave., Syracuse NY 13210.

Donations in memory of Nancy can be made to the American Cancer Society Click here to donate (<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>), the Angela Hospice Click here to donate (<https://www.angelahospice.org/donate/>) or the All Saints Church Click here to donate (<https://www.allsaintssyracuse.org/>)

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Ave
Novi, MI 48375
(248) 348-1800
info@obsfh.com

Service

JAN **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

All Saints
1340 Lancaster Ave
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 472-9934

Tribute Wall

AS

“Nancy was more than my children's babysitter. She was a friend, counselor and above all else, patient and calm in her approach to children and their parents. She shared her heart and soul. No matter how much time had passed, she was always able to recreate our friendship. She made time for the people she loved. We were blessed to know her and her memory lives on in my life and in the lives of our children.

Anne Stringer - January 30, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.



January 25, 2019 at 10:57 AM

PB

“The child care community has lost a wonderful loving soul and I will miss talking to you and hearing your positive comments.

Pam Borreegine - January 24, 2019 at 08:35 AM

HO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs Croad was a great lady, and we will always remember all of the fun times our families had together, especially during the Holy Cross years. Nancy always had a great way of telling a story and making everyone laugh. She will be fondly missed.

Holly, Kris, Robin, Rick and Melisa

Holly Overton - January 23, 2019 at 11:41 AM

NC

“ so very sad to learn of Nancy's passing. Our family especially my wife Joan was very good friends with Nancy. She certainly will be missed.

Norman Cass and family

norman cass - January 23, 2019 at 11:03 AM

CS

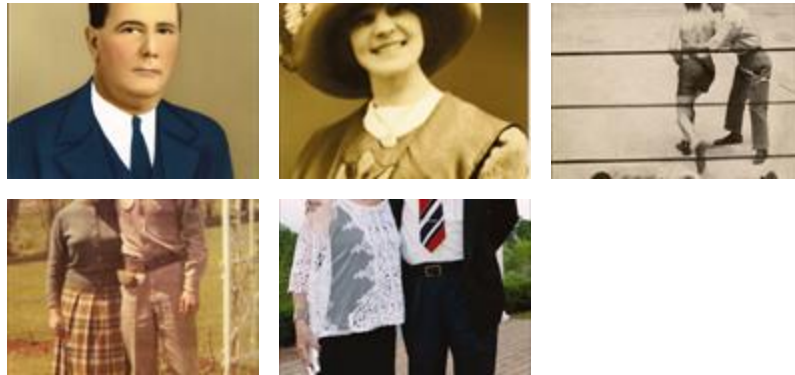
“ Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache: but know that those who care and share in your loss are thinking of you. Nancy influenced the lives of so many children. Her memory will always live on in those that she touched. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. Our deepest sympathies.

- Her friends at Child Care Solutions

Child Care Solutions - January 23, 2019 at 08:41 AM

TC

“ 7 files added to the album Nancy Croad



Terence E Croad - January 21, 2019 at 09:11 PM

MM

“ *Michael Mayo lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Croad*



Michael Mayo - January 21, 2019 at 09:04 PM

YM

“ *We are so saddened to hear of your great loss. We send our deepest condolences to you Terry, and the entire Croad family.*

*In sympathy,
Yvonne & Joel Milinsky*

Yvonne Milinsky - January 21, 2019 at 05:35 PM

BF

“ We were all so very saddened to have learned of Mrs. Croad’s passing. She was such a wonderful lady. We always enjoyed seeing her back in our Utica and Syracuse days. Our sincere condolences go out to Terry, Lori, their children and the entire Croad family.

In sympathy-

Brian, Tammy, Erin and Leah Frazier

Brian Frazier - January 21, 2019 at 03:31 PM

SC

“ Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.



Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce - January 21, 2019 at 03:19 PM

DC

“ Dan Mitchell and Hubbell, Roth & Clark purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.



Dan Mitchell and Hubbell, Roth & Clark - January 21, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.*



January 21, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *My friend, Gen Pandori told me that Nancy told her that Mickey Schechter died, too. Mickey was a friend of mine and psychologist at Ed. Smith Elementary School in Syracuse.*

Zeke Smukler - January 21, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.*



January 21, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Heju, Mani and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.*



Heju, Mani and Family - January 21, 2019 at 11:17 AM

HH

“ *Rest In Peace, Nancy, we will miss your smile and your kindness, we will always remember your calmness even when you had to fight against the cancer.*



heju huang - January 21, 2019 at 10:54 AM

TC

“ *3 files added to the album Nancy Croad*



Terry Croad - January 21, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Marie Croad.*



January 20, 2019 at 04:39 PM