



Nancy Laura Frykman

March 24, 1940 - February 11, 2020

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With deep appreciation, her daughters, Laura Lanza and Leisa Machado.

Nancy L. Frykman of Turlock, aged 79, passed away peacefully at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto, CA due to respiratory illness. A vibrant friend, lover of the arts, lifelong learner and distinguished educator, Nancy lived and left this earth with supreme grace, love and courage – surrounded and remembered by family and friends.

Born on Easter Sunday in Chicago, IL to Northrop Malcolm Frykman and Laura Gustavson, Nancy was the second of four siblings. Her devoted parents instilled pride in the family's legacy with the Swedish Covenant Church, the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia, and with a public service acknowledgement by the Swedish crown. The family moved to Iowa and then to Colorado Springs, where Nancy married Anthony W. Lanza, the father of her two children. In 1968, after earning her teaching degree at the University of Colorado, Nancy relocated with the girls to Turlock, CA. In her four decades of service as a language and dramatic arts teacher with the Turlock Unified School District, Nancy touched the lives of thousands of students.

Nancy, a thespian at an early age, performed in many local theatre

productions, including the Denair Golden Gaslight Theatre, where she met her second husband, George Moeglein; and later, Sierra Repertory Theatre in Sonora. Even as her physical health declined, she never complained, and her mind and spirit remained vital to the end. She continued to attend the theatre, joined book and gardening clubs and volunteered her time to community service. Her love of travel, concern for others and zest for life were traits she encouraged in her students and children – reminding us that “only boring people get bored!”

Nancy is survived by her loving children, Laura (Karen Scannell) Lanza of Philadelphia, PA and Leisa (Anthony) Machado of Turlock, CA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Laura R. Machado and Analiese N. Machado, both of Turlock, CA, and Michael Scannell of Philadelphia, PA. Her remaining siblings are Lisbeth (Steve) Jordan of Los Angeles, CA and Peter (Kate O'Brien) Frykman of Natick, MA. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Laura and Northrop, and her older brother Mark Andrew Frykman – all of whom she was honored to care for in their final days.

Services are tentatively scheduled at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Turlock Funeral Home, with a reception to follow from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Should any changes be made to the service date and time, the website will be updated. Please check the funeral home website periodically for any changes or call the office for service information: 209-632-9111.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

SA

“*Mrs. Frykman was my Language Arts teacher at Turlock Junior High in 1997. I always found her so interesting and Intriguing. She was a beautiful human being. May she rest in peace.*

Savannah - March 30, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“*Nancy Laura Frykman*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

LL

“*Dear friends and family of Nancy Frykman- we (Leisa and I) are so grateful that we can finally celebrate Mom's life together, in person (and Zoom) this coming spring - Nancy's special season. Plan on April 4, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Turlock Turlock Memorial Park and Funeral Home 425 N Soderquist Rd, Turlock, CA 95380. We'd really appreciate help getting the word out to those who may wish to join us in person or virtually. So we set up a website so folks can share their email and get updates, and we can get a headcount for the reception. Visit: <https://celebratenancyfryk.wixsite.com/april42023>*

Laura Lanza - November 10, 2022 at 02:28 PM

LM

“ Please continue to keep my amazing mother- Nancy Laura Frykman - in your thoughts and prayers.

We are postponing mom's service.

We hope to hold her Ceremony of Life in July at the Turlock Funeral Home.

My sister and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and patience during this difficult time which keeps presenting us with challenges.

Please look for updates here...

Leisa Machado - March 28, 2022 at 06:09 PM

LM

“ Thank you for sharing your memories of my amazing mama. I was truly blessed to be her child.

Her memorial service will be 4/8/22- you did not miss it! We were unable to hold it sooner due to Covid. Please come and share your stories!

Leisa Machado - July 18, 2021 at 10:52 PM

RN

“ Hi, it's Robert Napton, Marian's son, from LA. I sent a message on FB when I heard the news but not sure you all got it. Very sad to hear about Nancy's passing. Is the memorial still going forward next week and will it be a live event or online? Such strange times so wasn't sure. Nancy and my Mom were so joined at the hip, I have to believe they are together again causing trouble :). My sincere condolences. Curious about details for the memorial and my email is robertnapton@gmail.com if you'd like to get in touch.

Robert P Napton - June 21, 2020 at 05:25 PM

DW

“ It's hard to believe that a spirit this strong and vibrant is gone. I didn't have her as a teacher, you really didn't need to. Everyone knew who she was. She was such a presence. Her personality was a force to be reckoned with.

I have run into her over the years and she was still that bright light and she always looked fabulous.

My deepest condolences to her family and friends. May God rest her soul.

I am so very sorry for your loss, for the worlds loss.

Denise Wigington - June 01, 2020 at 02:59 PM

PL

“ Nancy was my teacher at Brown Junior High when I first arrived in Turlock. Later, she was a colleague when I joined the district as a teacher. Her voice will forever be easily recalled in my mind when I think of her. It was as distinguished as she was. I look forward to celebrating her life on June 26th!

Pattie Langpaap - February 23, 2020 at 11:30 AM

RL

Nancy was a dear friend and colleague, as well as a lovely neighbor of ours for years. She will be forever remembered for her kindness and her generosity. She was my teacher , who then became a mentor to me. My love goes out to Leisa and Laura and to her lovely grandchildren. I know they were the light of her life. I feel so fortunate to have known her and to have called her my friend. I will be thinking of you all during this time of sadness.

Rayanne Leedom - March 10, 2020 at 01:08 PM

NS

“ Nancy was an awesome and caring lady. She was a devoted teacher and spent such quality & quantity hours working with students and prepping for classes. She always made a point of stopping by my office & saying good morning. There was quite an emptiness when she retired from Turlock Jr High School. Thoughts and prayers go out to her daughters, grandchildren and the rest of her family. RIP Nancy 🙏🙏💔🎈

Nanette Snoke - February 19, 2020 at 11:03 PM

PP

“ So sad to hear of Nancy’s passing. I had the pleasure of working with ,not only her, but her daughter Leisa and granddaughter Laura at T.J.H.S. -Three generations! What a beautiful family.

Pat Puthuff - February 19, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DS

Nancy was a fabulous person. Her love of teaching was apparent in the many students that adored her. Her loss will be felt by many. I know how much she loved her family, theatre and life. Rest In Peace you were a beautiful person inside and out. ❤️🙏

Darelyn Silveira - February 19, 2020 at 10:47 PM

SL

An inspiration as a teacher and a fine, compassionate human being. She will be remembered for her humor and kindness as well as for her beauty of mind and spirit. She will be missed by all, family, students, and colleagues.

Sheila D. Landre - February 24, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JE

I remember the first play that I saw at the Denair Golden Gaslight Theatre. I was ten, which was too young for the show. Couldn't wait to leave. I returned to the same theater not long after that initial play. This time I saw Nancy as Mama Rose in Gypsy. Wow! She sang Rose's Turn." I didn't want to leave. My lifelong love of musicals started right then and there watching Nancy in Gypsy at the Denair Golden Gaslight Theatre. Blessings to Nancy's family and friends. Jennifer W.

Jen - April 10, 2023 at 08:20 PM