



Nancy Norling Gasper

October 7, 1935 - January 16, 2020

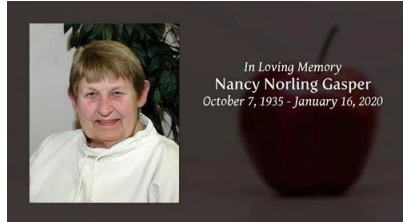
Nancy Norling Gasper, age 84, passed away Thursday, January 16th, 2020 at Mercy Health Hospital in Muskegon. Nancy was born and grew up in Chicago, IL. She earned a BS degree in Education from Southern Illinois University in 1956, and an MA degree in Education from Western Michigan University in 1965. Nancy began her career as an educator for the Marseilles Jr.-Sr. High School in Marseilles, IL where she worked for 4 years, and then transitioned to the Holland area and West Ottawa Public Schools where she worked the bulk of her career. During her teaching career that spanned over 3 decades, she taught physical and health education, theatre, reading, math, and driver's education, as well as coached many of West Ottawa's athletic teams. Nancy was also active with the West Ottawa Education Association on which she served as the chief negotiator for over 25 years. Nancy was a philanthropist. She volunteered over 59 years with the Holland Civic Theatre, where she served as a board member, coordinated the box office and directed performances. Nancy's love for theatre also led her to work many summers at the Red Barn Theatre in Saugatuck. Nancy enjoyed being a member of Central Park Reformed Church. Through the years she was an active contributor to the religious education department, the women's guild, Holiday Shoppe/Bazaar, and the 70x7 Ministry program. Nancy also served in various capacities with the Holland Council of Camp Fire, and taught first aid classes for the Red Cross in the Holland area. Nancy was also an athlete and a sports enthusiast. She enjoyed playing softball in her younger years, as well as golf,

a sport she would do well into her later years. She played in numerous women's golf leagues, the latest being at Winding Creek Golf Club. In recent years she transitioned from a player to a spectator. Whether sitting in the bleachers or watching from the warmth of her car, she enjoyed cheering on her grandchildren playing lacrosse and soccer. Nancy is survived by her daughter, Susan (Peter) Blackburn of Whitehall; grandchildren, Joshua Blackburn and Brayden Blackburn; brother, Robert (Jean) Norling of Burlington, North Carolina; nephews, Edward Norling of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Robert (Janet) Norling of Elon, North Carolina, and Bruce (Janet) Norling of Framingham, Massachusetts; and cousin, Charlotte Alyce (Mark) Andres-Frantz of Western Springs, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Helen Norling. Visitation is scheduled for 11:30am-12:30pm Friday, January 24th at Central Park Reformed Church, 614 Myrtle Ave, Holland, with a funeral service following at 1:00pm. Rev. Kevin Kleinheksel will officiate. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Action House or Central Park Reformed Church – Serving Together.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Norling Gasper* ”



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy Norling Gasper* ”

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“ *"Nancy and I worked together over the past 10 years at the theatre, and she taught me so much on operating the box office - and we became friends. I will miss visiting her and Willow, her cat and I will definitely miss her. Prayers to Sue and your family."* ”

Nancy Jacobs - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"So sorry for your family's loss!"* ”

Linda Willea - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CM

“*Rest in Peace, cousin Nancy. I remember our times in Tinley Park when you were the sophisticated teenager and I was the kid trying to get some attention from you. You were kind to me then and later when our parents visited together. My condolences to all in the family from Arizona where I am spending time and my apologies for being unable to attend the funeral.*”

Carol Monson - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*Besides being one of my gym teachers, Nancy and I worked and played many years together at the Holland Community Theatre. She certainly was a fixture at HCT from the beginning.*”

Melodie Greenwood Moermond - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RE

“*I extend my deepest sympathy to Nancy's family. She was a wonderful woman and good neighbor. Some years ago I read an anonymous quote that still encourages me today: Since God is with us, and our loved ones are with Him then they're not very far away.*”

Rev - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*My thoughts and prayers are with the family in the passing of Nancy. She was a great Bargainer for West Ottawa Education Association. The staff appreciated her years of service and dedication. As the President of the MEA Retired Lakeshore Chapter of teachers, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries and other Support Staff, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to the family. Nancy was a long time member and friend.*”

JoAnn Bird - January 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AB

“I had Nancy Gasper for a pe teacher back in 65-71. She was always nice to me, and always thought alot of her. Sorry to hear of her passing. Heaven sure is getting sweeter”

Anita Batema - January 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DK

“Another teacher now at Rest. Prayers for the family. I had her as a teacher back in the 60's when WO was new. She had a great Career.”

Deb Koning Kiekover - January 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JO

“So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Miss Norling was our PE teacher when West Ottawa was a brand new school. PE was different than it is today. We wore crazy looking uniforms, we had no women sports other than swimming. She was involved with our cheerleading squads until other PE teachers for girls were hired. Enjoyed her as a teacher. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.”

Judy Van OosterhoutBakker - January 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LD

“Sue, I am so sorry to hear about your mom! I worked with her at Holland Community Theatre (and she was my teacher at WO). What a wealth of knowledge she shared with me! I loved working with her and I will miss her! Prayers to you.”

Lynda DeCan - January 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM