



## Margaret Nelson

May 21, 2023

On May 21, 2023, Margaret Nelson (nee Lessing), loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully with her loving family at her side. She was 86 years old.

Margaret was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, by her parents, Michael and Alice Lessing, both of whom are deceased. She was also predeceased by her brothers, James Lessing and John Lessing, and is survived by her sisters, Theresa Fernstrom and Agnes Mulligan.

Margaret is survived by John Nelson, her husband of 66 joyful years of marriage, whom she met when she was 14 years old. She is also survived by her four children: Richard Nelson and his wife Mary of Voorhees, NJ, Stephen Nelson of Clifton, NJ, Loriann Healy and her husband Michael of Dumont, NJ, and John Nelson and his wife Jeanie of Twp. of Washington, NJ. Margaret will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Erik, Amanda and Jillian Nelson, Allison Healy, and Michael, Kristin and Danielle Nelson.

Margaret was a strong, beautiful, loving and compassionate woman who had a sharp and witty sense of humor. Nothing made her happier than spending time with her family. She was a member of the Saint Therese Women's Bible Sharing for over 30 years. Margaret will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Visitation will be on Wednesday May 24 between 4 PM and 8 PM at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly, NJ 07670. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, May 25 at 10 AM at Saint Therese of Lisieux, 120 Monroe Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626. Burial to follow at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus. In lieu of flowers donations to <https://raise.stjude.org/fundraiser/4733944>

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**MAY 25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church  
120 Monroe Ave  
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405  
(201) 567-2528

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Steve,

*So sorry for your loss. I'd like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*Kevin Bouyer*

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**Kevin Bouyer** - May 25, 2023 at 05:30 PM

SN

*Thank you Kevin. 🙏*

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**Stepen Nelson** - May 25, 2023 at 09:23 PM

MR

“ Steve,

*Sending you my sincere sympathy to comfort you in your sorrow in the loss of your dearest mother.*

*A big hug,  
Maria Rotondo*

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**Maria Bargellini Rotondo** - May 25, 2023 at 04:20 PM

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*Thank you Maria 🙏*

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**Stepen Nelson** - May 25, 2023 at 09:24 PM

ST

“ Steve and the entire Nelson family-  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Over the years, it has  
been a pleasure to hear your stories featuring Margaret. I hope in  
time, your heart heals enough so that your loving memories  
outweigh the grief. Sending prayers of sympathy and comfort to you  
all during this time.

Sakinah Truesdale

Sakinah Truesdale - May 24, 2023 at 06:59 PM

SN

Thank you Sakinah 🙏

Stepen Nelson - May 25, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk was  
purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.



May 24, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Nelson.

May 24, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Nelson.

May 24, 2023 at 01:27 PM

RF

“ RRD Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Margaret Nelson.



RRD Family - May 24, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.



May 23, 2023 at 11:11 PM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss. May your Mom rest in peace. Sending loads of hugs and prayers x Linda

Linda Joyce - May 23, 2023 at 08:56 PM

RL

“ Steve. I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you're feeling. I am praying for your peace and comfort. May she rest in peace.



Rosangel Linsalato - May 23, 2023 at 08:00 PM

SN

Thank you Rosy.

Stephen Nelson - May 23, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.



May 23, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.



May 23, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Nelson.

May 23, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ I first met Margaret then known as Margie when I was a young child and she the teenage girlfriend of my cousin John then known as Johnny.. What a sweet couple. I was impressed. Then decades passed & the sweet couple was still together with children & then grandchildren. I always thought I would see or talk on the phone with Margaret. We disagreed alot but always remained civil. Now those days are in the past. We never know do we. Anyway Margaret it was good to know you !

**Phyllis Shanley** - May 23, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



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May 23, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Scott and Christine Russell purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



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**Scott and Christine Russell** - May 23, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



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May 23, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *cousin Cathy Shanley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Nelson.*

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**cousin Cathy Shanley** - May 23, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



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May 23, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



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May 23, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Nelson.*

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May 23, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Steve, so very sorry to hear of your mom passing. I remember fondly all the funny and loving stories that you shared during our time together at rrd. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. And I'm sure you all have many more funny & loving memories to share. A true blessing to have for 86 years. God bless and may Margaret Rest In Peace.*

*-Nancy Mogavero*

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**nancy mogavero** - May 23, 2023 at 07:37 AM

SN

*Thank you Nancy.*

**Stephen Nelson** - May 23, 2023 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Danny Tanjay , purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



**Danny Tanjay ,** - May 23, 2023 at 06:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



May 23, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



May 23, 2023 at 12:45 AM

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“ Love Agnes (Lucy) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Nelson.



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Love Agnes (Lucy) - May 22, 2023 at 10:21 PM

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“ Love Agnes (Lucy) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Nelson.

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Love Agnes (Lucy) - May 22, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.



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May 22, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Nelson.



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May 22, 2023 at 02:26 PM