



Nancy Ann Bosco

September 26, 2022

BOSCO, Nancy Ann (nee Dunkle), of Oradell, NJ, passed away on September 26, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Philip M. Bosco, devoted sister to R. Douglas Dunkle (Eileen), cherished mother of Diane (Jim), Philip (Mayda), Christopher (Marlene), Jennifer, Lisa (Al), Celia, and John (Valerie), adored grandmother of Philip, Sara, Jenna, Max, Joseph, Samson, Emma, Alex, Emily, Analisa, Cameron, Frank, Luke, Joseph, Ben, Griffin and Leo, proud great grandmother to Calvin, Aunt to many loved nieces and nephews, and a dear, loving friend to so many, both living and passed.

Nancy left her small hometown of New Lexington, Ohio to pursue a career as a dancer, enrolling at Catholic University in Washington, DC and was a member of its renowned Drama Dept. There she met her leading man, the dashing actor Philip Bosco, who swept her off her feet and they were married in 1957. What followed was an explosion of children and careers, as Philip went on to become an acclaimed actor on the New York stage, propelled always by the valued advice and guidance of Nancy, who became a respected literary advisor and mentor to playwrights in her own right. For more than half a century, Nancy and Phil provided their family with a rich life filled with perennial cast parties, frequent excursions to the opera and concerts, family outings to racetracks, feisty poker nights, and unforgettable holiday and birthday celebrations. Life was never dull in the Bosco home. Nancy happily tolerated barking dogs, loud race cars, long hair, mountains of laundry, and a steady revolving stream of her children's many friends. Her door, like her

heart, was always open. The lights literally never went out at the Bosco home. Nancy was a world class cook and a voracious reader, and though Nancy was almost perpetually in motion, when she was sitting down, she was reading. Nancy loved to entertain, and her frequent parties were memorable affairs which were enriched by the presence of so many cherished friends. Our mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend passed away very peacefully, her hands held warmly by her children, after a brief illness.

Friends are welcome to visit on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly, NJ. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church, 10 County Road, Tenafly, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

425 Engle St
Englewood, NJ 07631

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church
10 County Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670-2105
(201) 568-0545

Tribute Wall

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“ I mentioned to a writer friend of mine that I lost a friend. He asked who – I said, "you wouldn't know her. She was a friend from college – Nancy Bosco, the wife of.... " Before I could finish, he went on about her saying how she read his play (he was an unknown young writer) when she worked for Circle in the Square, and although they couldn't produce his play, she admired it and she wanted to talk to him personally about it and spent over an hour with him giving him insightful advice, etc. He said, he has never forgotten that. Who does that? That's Nancy – a lover of artists and humanity. Her exuberance never changed since I knew her as 'Pinkie' Dunkle in tap shoes and a big smile at CU. The generosity of her and Phil throughout the years, sharing their love of friends, old and new will never be forgotten. My deepest condolences to her loving family and all those who will feel a loss at her passing. Much love to you always. Joe Sicari

Joseph R Sicari - October 01, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.



September 30, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 30, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 30, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 30, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 30, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 29, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ *Nancy was one of the most generous and welcoming people I've ever known. She and Phil were steadfast friends to so many and they were so very special to the Milli family. I feel blessed to have been in their orbit. I'd like to think that Nancy, Phil, Bob & MJ are having a grand time together on the other side. Sending all my love and prayers to the wonderful Bosco family. - Liza Baker*

Liza Baker - September 29, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 29, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Bosco.*



September 29, 2022 at 11:09 AM

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“ Nancy was a great supporter, adviser and friend. I would probably not have a career in theatre if not for her belief and support. She got us our first production of Anna Karenina at Circle-in-the-Square, and continued to come to our readings, workshops and productions of other shows throughout the years, always with brutally frank opinions and solid advice. But I will think of her most as a true friend, who included my wife and me in so many of those lively, fun parties at the Bosco Villa. I will miss her.

Peter Kellogg - September 29, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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“ Thinking of you during this difficult time Jennifer. Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Norrie Vornholt - September 29, 2022 at 07:07 AM