



## Nancy C. Ames

June 5, 1931 - April 18, 2016

Nancy C. Ames, 84 of Minocqua, peacefully went to rest April 18, 2016. She was born the youngest of 5, Nancy June Cahill, on June 5, 1931 to Ralph & Myfanwy (Jones) Cahill in Milwaukee, WI. Nancy grew up in Whitefish Bay and later attended Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating nursing school, she married John H. "Bud" Ames in Milwaukee on September 11, 1954. They resided in Bayside and had four children. As a family, many summers and holidays were spent in the Northwoods and they eventually moved to Minocqua permanently in 1973. Nancy worked as an emergency room nurse at Howard Young Hospital until her retirement. She was an avid volunteer throughout the community sitting on the Lakeland School Board and Campanile Center for the Performing Arts. She spent many years dedicating her time to Seasons of Life and the Minocqua Public Library. She cherished time with her children and grandchildren sharing her appreciation of Lake Minocqua through pontoon boat rides

and from her screen porch. Nancy enjoyed many great trips with Bud and watching her children's families grow. Nancy was instrumental in the Pointe Condo Association and was grateful for the many friends and neighbors she made over the years. You could often find her gardening, watching the chickadees and chipmunks, and admiring the diamonds on the lake. She will be remembered for her genuine kind spirit, love of all creatures, and her desire to assist in any way to everyone who crossed her path. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Survived by loving children Mary (John) St. John, Susan (Gary) Wahman, the late John (Beverly) Ames, Sharon (Ralph) Ackerman; grandchildren Patrick (Jessie), Jackie, Peter, Christian, Elin, John "Matt," Lucy, Jordan (Taylor), Garrett, Jenna; great granddaughter Layla; sister Dorothy Witt; dear neighbor and companion Dorothy Danielson; and many other family and friends. Preceded in death by husband Bud; son John; brothers John "Jack" and Robert; sister Jane Ann Wolterstorff. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 23 at Bolger Funeral Home (212 W. Chicago St., Minocqua). Interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to: Minocqua/Kawaguesaga Lakes Protection Association, Inc., P.O. Box 494 Minocqua, WI

54548 or HYF- Dr. Kate Hospice, P.O. Box 770, Woodruff, WI 54568. A special thanks to Loving Touch Care and Seasons of Life for their care in keeping Nancy comfortable in her home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's

Woodruff, WI

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Minocqua Chapel

212 West Chicago Street

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Kevin and Julie Buckett purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Nancy C. Ames.



Kevin and Julie Buckett - April 23, 2016 at 04:58 AM

MF

“ Dear Mary, Sue and Sharon,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy was a wonderful  
soul. She was gracious to all who knew her. Seems like yesterday  
that she and Bud were sitting on their porch overlooking beautiful  
Lake Minocqua while all our little ones swam on their beach. I can  
still hear her laughter! Thank you for sharing her with us.  
Mary and Steve Franken and Family

Mary Franken - April 23, 2016 at 01:24 AM

MJ

So nice to hear from you Mary! Mom had Alzheimer's so it was her  
time to go. Hope all is well with you and Steve.  
Love,  
Mary

Mary St. John - April 23, 2016 at 12:54 PM

TG

“ The Lark Group purchased the Simply Elegant S  
pathiphyllum for the family of Nancy C. Ames.



The Lark Group - April 22, 2016 at 05:02 PM

TM

“ Nancy was my second mom. Even after college when Sharon and I lived on opposite coasts, I always stopped by Nancy's to visit with her, have lunch, and catch up each other on our families. She would take Sharon and I out on the lake so we could go saucering behind the green boat. Many a sleepover took place downstairs in grade school all the way through high school. In college over the summertime she would always catch us sneaking in during the night and some early mornings.

*I so wish I could be there to honor her on Saturday. Our deepest condolences to the whole family. Nancy was a prominent figure in my life and I will cherish the memories I have. What a lovely woman. I am a better person and mom for knowing her. I loved her deeply and she will be missed by so many people.*

*My love to the family.*

*Tracy Mills-Bootz*

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**Tracy Mills-Bootz** - April 21, 2016 at 10:44 PM

CC

“ Dear Sue, Mary and Sharon,

*I was sad to hear about Nancy's passing, it is never easy no matter what the circumstances are, but I believe she is in a great place. When I think about your Mom, I remember how laid back she was and so accepting of us being "crazy college kids". She would sit in family room after working at the hospital and wait for us after we came in from a night of socializing in Minocqua. She wanted to hear all about our night and she would laugh with us for hours. Fond memories of Nancy and her lesson of "going with the flow". My thoughts are with you.*

*Best Regards,  
Christine Cobb*

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**Christine Cobb** - April 21, 2016 at 08:34 PM

RM

“ Rebecca Machamer purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Nancy C. Ames.



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**Rebecca Machamer** - April 21, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Nancy C. Ames.



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April 21, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy C. Ames.*



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April 21, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *Steve, Naru, Al, Jeanine St John , Bill and Kathy Wright purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy C. Ames.*



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**Steve, Naru, Al, Jeanine St John , Bill and Kathy Wright -**  
April 21, 2016 at 09:07 AM



“ *To the Ames Family: I am sorry we can't attend Nancy's visitation . We will be in Cedarburg, celebrating Tommy Lee & Tucker's birthday with Jeff & Amy. Tim & Paul are anxious to get out of town for some fun 🎂🏌️ Nancy would understand. All of you are in our hearts & prayers!*

*Nancy was a lovely lady; dedicated to her family, nursing career, community service, and Bud. I was with her for many gatherings; happy & sad. She was always there in her low profile willing to help...& laugh!*

*Good Bye Good Friend; memories of you will linger long! Love Diane*

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**Diane I Johns -** April 21, 2016 at 07:15 AM

VB

“ You were truly a wonderful Lady Nancy RIP



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**Vonnie Braun** - April 20, 2016 at 10:14 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Judy Wolterstorff Matzke** - April 19, 2016 at 10:16 PM

JC

*Dear Ames family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Your mom and grandma was a very special person. She always welcomed us to her home when we came to visit during our college days. While this time is so sad, you have a lifetime of precious memories. My sympathy and prayers are with you Julie Cobb*

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**Julie Cobb** - April 20, 2016 at 08:55 PM

JF

*Dear Ames family,  
I am so sorry this news. Your mom was such a lovely woman who is remembered fondly by many. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Julie Friedrichs** - April 22, 2016 at 10:16 AM

AM

*To the family of Nancy Ames,*

*Our sympathy for the loss of Nancy. Will remember you in our thoughts an prayers. Roland and Alice Melbye - Classmate of Nancy's at Columbia hospital in Milwaukee*

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**Alice Melbye** - April 22, 2016 at 04:20 PM

DC

*Dear Sue, Mary and Sharon*

*From the time your dad and George Young hired a 22 year old new lawyer from Illinois, your mom went out of her way to make Betty and I feel welcomed. After you moved to Minocqua, when we would visit her hospitality, warmth and humor always made us feel like part of the family.*

*We're sorry that a temporary health issue and another funeral make it impossible for us to come up to Minocqua for the visitation (we would love to see all of you and your families), but please know that we will miss and always remember your mom, the wonderful "nurse Nancy".*

*Don and Betty Carlson*

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**Don and Betty Carlson** - April 22, 2016 at 11:35 PM

MJ

*Don and Betty,*

*The firm had sent flowers which was very sweet. We shared memories for a few hours, and had a short interment. Thanks for your nice thoughts about my Mom. We also enjoyed seeing you by accident in Santa Fe!*

*Thanks,  
Mary Ames St. John*

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**Mary St. John** - April 25, 2016 at 05:04 PM