



Nancy Ellen Staley

November 5, 1969 - January 8, 2026

Nancy Ellen Staley, 56, of Markleville, passed away on January 8, 2026, due to an automobile accident in Markleville, IN. She was born on November 5, 1969 in Anderson, Indiana.

Nancy graduated from Pendleton Heights High School and received her Bachelor and Masters Degrees from Ball State University.

She was currently working as a sixth grade teacher for Anderson Intermediate School.

She was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fishers, where she was very active in the music ministry as a pianist. She was an avid Notre Dame fan. She never knew a stranger and could make friends with anyone. She was everyone's mom and was a mother figure to many people. She was a ray of sunshine who was always optimistic. She was a passionate teacher and was functionally fluent in Spanish and adored her Spanish-speaking students. Nancy was a lover of all animals who had an entire room dedicated to moose. Her dear friend Jenny Masters said, "Nancy was one of those people that made the world brighter just by being in it."

Nancy is survived by her loving spouse of 35 years, Kirk Staley; daughters, Kaelyn (Jacob) Staley-Nevins and, her Princess, Ali (Samuel) DeGies; several

nieces and nephews, brothers-in-law, Dave Shanafelt, Kenneth (Lisa) Staley, Todd Staley, sister-in-law, Marla Staley, mother-in-law, Carolyn Staley, beloved pets, Matilda, Molly and Cynder, and several grand pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald. and Charlotte Stewart; siblings, Brenda Shanafelt, and Larry Robert Stewart; and father-in-law, Harold Staley.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Highland Middle School from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Services will be Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 11:00 am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 15176 Blessed Mother Blvd., Fishers, IN 46037, with Rev. Cole Daily officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Protection League.

www.LooseCares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13.** 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Highland Middle School
2108 E 200 N
Anderson, IN 46012-9475
(765) 641-2059

Service

JAN **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
15176 Blessed Mother Blvd.
Fishers, IN 46037

Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Ellen Staley*



Loose Funeral Home - January 12 at 05:33 PM

RF

Prayers to all, so sad 🥹❤️

Rhonda Farmer - January 12 at 08:12 PM

DC

Sorry for your loss Prayers 🙏 to Nancy's family and friends.

Debra Carrington - January 13 at 01:31 AM

OL

As someone who was in 6th grade last year, I used to be one of her many students in her class, I'm so sad this happend..

Oliver - January 13 at 06:36 AM

JR

Nancy and I both loved to attend concerts at Conner Prairie. Whenever I attend in the future, my thoughts will always think of Staley. I will miss her dearly. Julie Russell, AIS School Social Worker

Julie Russell - January 13 at 09:25 AM

LL

Prayers to the family! Such a sweet person! 🙏❤️

Lisa Lawyer - January 13 at 10:53 AM

PD

Though I didn't know Nancy well, our paths crossed many times while she was at Highland. I always appreciated her smile, pleasant disposition, and sense of humor. It was a pleasure working with her. My heart goes out to you and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days.

*Penny Dyer
Attendance Secretary, Highland*

Penny Dyer - January 14 at 12:46 PM

ET

“ *she was my teacher*

ETHAN - May 20 at 01:41 PM

ZA

“ *Even tho i never got to meet you the day everyone heard you passed away everybody broke into tears crying all day im sure you was a amazing teacher the entire school misses you i wish you was still at the gym talling to that guy i forgot his name we miss you i hope your doing good up there 😞*

zay - March 09 at 01:04 AM

KQ

“ *Mrs Staley is my Homeroom Math teacher I miss her so much she was so kind and caring she always did her best and helped us i loved how she loved Noter Dame and always told me to go tell Mr Middleton go Irish and how she turned on Gabriela by KATSEYE because she liked the song too We miss her alot and love her with all of our hearts.May she rest in paradise*

KQ'Maiyah - January 14 at 10:54 AM



“ Sympathy Meat & Cheese Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



January 14 at 09:11 AM



“ Dogz I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Dogz I. - January 13 at 01:07 PM



“ Gary &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Gary &. - January 13 at 01:01 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



January 13 at 11:24 AM

BH

“ Bruce & Cary Heath planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Bruce & Cary Heath - January 13 at 11:24 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



January 13 at 10:40 AM

YF

“ Your Erskine Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Your Erskine Family - January 13 at 10:40 AM

JL

“ Josh, Jill, Bella, and Leah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Josh, Jill, Bella, and Leah - January 13 at 09:03 AM

JL

“ Josh, Jill, Bella, and Leah purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



Josh, Jill, Bella, and Leah - January 13 at 09:03 AM

AN

“ To the family of a wonderful teacher my family and I are deeply sorry for your loss



anonymous - January 13 at 05:01 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tammie Cooperider - January 12 at 07:15 PM

CS

“ Cam S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Cam S. - January 12 at 07:10 PM

MN

“ Mayor Jensen and the City of Noblesville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Mayor Jensen and the City of Noblesville - January 12 at 05:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



January 12 at 05:35 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Loose Funeral Home - January 12 at 05:29 PM

AS

“ Anderson High School planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Anderson High School - January 12 at 02:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



January 12 at 02:58 PM



“ The team at Horner Industrial Group purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



The team at Horner Industrial Group - January 12 at 10:05 AM



“ Haylie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Staley.

Haylie S. - January 12 at 06:26 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.



January 11 at 11:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.*



January 11 at 10:42 PM



“ *Nancy was a beloved member of the music ministry of Saint John Vianney Catholic Church of Fishers. Her positivity and enthusiasm lit up every place she graced, and God gifted Nancy with musical talent that added beauty to every mass she played. We will miss playing along side her on Sundays and discussing the latest news from the world of tennis. God Bless Nancy, Kirk, and their children in this most difficult time. (A donation in her honor was made to the Animal Protection League).*

Christine and Larry Lo - January 11 at 09:40 PM



“ *Mikaela Moore at Blissful Beauty purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.*



Mikaela Moore at Blissful Beauty - January 11 at 10:12 AM



“ *She was such a kind friend to me when I was a first year teacher at AIS. Will miss her!*

Bradley Mrchnt - January 10 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ *Brian strauss purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.*



Brian strauss - January 10 at 05:52 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss*



Joan Owens - January 10 at 04:33 PM

JR

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Nancy.*

*Our condolences.
Jon & Autumn Roudebush*

Jon Roudebush - January 10 at 01:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Staley.*



January 10 at 12:48 PM

TD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Kirk and the girls - I have so many great memories with Nancy from high school , McDonald's , and being college roommates are freshman year at Ball State . She was a great friend !*

Tami DeVore - January 10 at 11:55 AM

DD

“ *Thoughts and prayers for Nancy's family. Thank you for your service and dedication. Nancy used to live on our street years ago. Respectfully, Donna and Roy Decker*

Donna Decker - January 10 at 11:38 AM

CC

“ *Nancy was my cousin, we send sincere condolences to her family. Deb and I have fond memories of Nancy during Holidays on my Dads side of our family as she was growing up. We pray for Kirk and the whole family.*
COL (Ret) Mark and Debbie Coers.

COL (Ret) Mark E. Coers - January 10 at 10:53 AM