



Nancy (Burns) Owens

March 15, 1946 - May 1, 2017

JEFFERSON- Nancy (Burns) Owens, 71, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 1, 2017 surrounded by her family.

She was a graduate of Catherine Laboure School of Nursing and Worcester State College. She was a retired nurse who worked at UMass Worcester for over 30 years. Nancy's life was centered on family and community. She was an active member of St. Mary's Parish in Jefferson.

Holden Grange has chosen her for the 2017 Community Citizen of the year based on her volunteer service at St. Mary's, the Girl Scouts, Holden Recreation Department, Holden CERT and Holden Senior Center.

Nancy was a Girl Scout most of her life. She was an enthusiastic, patient Girl Scout leader as well as Town Service Unit member. For more than ten years she served on Montachusett GS Council Gold Award Committee, which fit as she earned the First Class Award, which was the highest award when she was a girl. On the committee she was a mentor to over 50 Gold Award candidates on their journey. Nancy was awarded the Thanks Badge for outstanding service.

Nancy volunteered at the Holden Senior Center in the SERVE program taking blood pressures and was recognized in 2016 with other nurses as Volunteer of the Year.

She was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Holden Council on Aging.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Florence Burns of Malden. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Robin Owens of Jefferson; her daughter, Laura Simoes and her husband, Todd of Beverly; her daughter, Patricia Flores of Jefferson; her grandchildren, Sydney Simoes and Ramsey Flores; her sister, Ellen Peterson and her husband, James of Westborough; and her brother, Richard Burns and his wife, Priscilla of Malden.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours from 4 to 8 pm on Friday, May 5 at the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am on Saturday, May 6 at St. Mary's Church, 114 Princeton St.,

Jefferson. Burial will follow at Grove Cemetery, Holden. Donations in Nancy's memory can be made to the Nancy B. Owens Memorial Fund c/o Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA, 301 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040. To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit the "Guest Book" on this page.

Comments



“ Dear Rob, I was sorry to read of the passing of your wife. She sounded like a very generous person - generous of her time and talents to so many. Her loving and caring ways will be missed by those who knew and loved her. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

Lynn

Lynn Couture - May 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am truly sad to learn of this amazing woman's passing. My girl scout leader until I turned 18. My confirmation sponsor. Mentor. Travel companion. Teacher. Friend. Roll model. She will be missed by so many.

Diana Antul - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Family and friends. I am so deeply sorry to hear about your loss. I hope you can find comfort during this difficult time when you read Acts 24:15 and Psalms 37:29.

A caring neighbor - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy was s super Girl Scout. This is how I met her, thru our mutual association as members of the Gold Award Committee for the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts. She will be missed by all of us who knew her. My prayers are with her family as they begin their lives without her warm and loving presence.

Polly Billiel - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rob and family. I had the pleasure of working with Nancy. She had such wit and humor and was such a caring dear person. She was very respected by her peers and staff at UMASS. I always think of her love of candy corn, and she always even after retirement remembered us with her peppermint bark. Not long ago I saw her and she had very kind and thoughtful things to say to me. Nancy never met a stranger. May peace be with her and her family.

susan ewans - May 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rob and family-It is with sadness that we have learned of the passing of Nancy. She is in our thoughts as your family is in our thoughts, also.

Al Sculthorpe - May 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM