



NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO

July 20, 1948 - January 28, 2021

Nancy Jean (Gandino) Toscano, 72, of Fairmount, passed away Thursday January 28th at Iroquois Nursing home following a brief illness. She was born in Syracuse to the late John and Angelina (Ferrante) Gandino in 1948. She graduated from Solvay High School, Maria Regina College, Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) with Master degrees from Oswego State University and Manhattan College.

She was employed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse as a 7th and 8th grade history teacher and principal at St. Ann School in Syracuse. She also worked at Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School as teacher of Global Studies and AP History. She was the cheerleaders coach for St. Ann School and Bishop Ludden High School. She was an avid follower of the Bishop Grimes boys and girls basketball teams and the Music and Arts programs. She retired after 45 years with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse. For many years, she enjoyed her travels to Russia, France, Great Britain and Germany with her husband, relatives, friends and faculty from Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School. She also enjoyed an occasional trip to a casino.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Anthony J. Toscano, Jr and her daughter, Kristen M. Toscano, of High Point, NC.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am Wednesday, February 3rd at Holy Family Church, Fairmount. For those unable to attend Mass, you may watch it livestreamed at <https://boxcast.tv/view/toscano-funera-l-924644>. The Rite of Committal will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse.

Face masks are required and NYS guidelines on distancing will be followed.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, has care of arrangements.

Donations may be made in her memory to Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School,
6653 Kirkville Rd, E. Syracuse, NY 13057 or to a charity of your choice.

Please share online memories and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church
127 Chapel Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13219
(315) 488-3139

Tribute Wall



“ *NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM

EJ

“ Aunt Nancy

*You educated, inspired, and truly made students care,
Your relationships went beyond the classroom,
Not only to coaching cheerleading and advising other activities,
But many saw you after graduation, & told you how they admired
you.*

*They always had memories to share and were so grateful
Of the knowledge, not just of Social Studies you gave them,
But the connections you made with them and their families.*

*Every time I saw this,
Whether it was from the sidelines of a Bishop Ludden basketball
game,
Or a day out shopping, I knew this is what I wanted.
I wanted to make a difference in kids lives, I wanted to be like you.
Thank you for not only inspiring your students for many, many
years,
But also inspiring those who were quietly watching on the sidelines.*

*You will be missed.
I am truly grateful for all of the fun times and adventures you and
Uncle A
always took me on,
Trips to the zoo, going shopping, or even to set up your classroom
for the
new year.
Whether I was in stroller or in college, you watched me become who
I am today.
To know you are proud of the not so young lady I have become,
helps to put
a smile on my face.*

*Erin Jones
Literacy Specialist
Batavia Middle School*

Erin Jones - February 04, 2021 at 02:03 PM

BT

“ Dear Anthony and Kristen, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a dear friend and boss. I will never forget her or all the good times we all had. God bless you. Love, Bonnie Traylor I hope Nancy and Bob have some good laughs about us in Heaven.

Bonnie Traylor - February 04, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CH

“ Nancy was both a teacher and later a principal at St. Ann's School when my three children (Michael, Lynne and Matthew Duda) attended. Nancy was a treasure to the St. Ann's School community and inspired her students to work hard and enjoy the journey of being educated. She truly wanted the very best for all students. We send our sincere sympathy to Nancy's family on her loss. Fly high Nancy and know that you truly made a difference in so many young lives. God bless your family at this difficult time.



Colleen Hedges

Colleen Hedges - February 03, 2021 at 08:19 PM

LS

“ Tony and Kristen I am so sorry to hear about Nancy. My thoughts and prayers are with you both. 🙏😞

Linda Steinberg - February 03, 2021 at 07:34 AM

CJ

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SB

“ Dear Anthony and Kristen,
We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. Nancy was an amazing and strong lady, a dedicated and compassionate teacher and a friend to so many. God Bless you both with peace always.
Sue and Jim Boone

Susan Boone - February 02, 2021 at 07:34 PM

SH

“ Mrs. Toscano was a wonderful teacher! Tough but funny. She taught me many life skills that I still use today. I am very sorry for your loss.

Susan Henry - February 02, 2021 at 05:57 PM

GS

“ To the Toscano family my heart felt condolences. Miss Gandino, as she was known when I was going to St. Anne’s elementary school, was my favorite teacher and I think she knew it. For many weeks at a time I would offer to clean the erasers for her and bring her schoolwork bag out to her car as well. Whenever she asked for the help I think I was always the first one who would raise their hand. If I had not done as well as she expected on a lesson she would always encourage me and tell me she knew I could do better. Once we had a boy in the class who was fooling around and he happened to have red hair. Miss Gandino said to the whole class, “well it’s true what they say, you can’t trust a redhead!” Just then Sister Margaret was walking by, who also had red hair, walked right into the room and said “ what did you just say about us redheads? Miss Gandino was embarrassed but the whole class including Sister Margaret burst out laughing. Years later I got to visit Mrs. Toscano at Saint Anne’s school. My son was going there for kindergarten and she was now the principal. Thank you Mrs Toscano for your years of teaching and caring for us your students. You will be missed. Gary Stobnicke

Gary Stobnicke - February 02, 2021 at 05:56 PM

KB

“ Kathy Brouse lit a candle in memory of
NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO



Kathy Brouse - February 02, 2021 at 04:49 PM

MV

“ Nancy was a friend and a mentor. At St Ann’s she was a great lady. We learned from each other. She will be missed. Anthony and Kristen prayers thoughts and hugs your way. God bless u guys.
Mary Vollmer

mary vollmer - February 02, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO.



February 02, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ Mrs. Toscano was one of my absolute favorite teachers, and I think of her often and fondly in my own teaching work today. She was a perfect balance of strict and funny, occasionally squirting a Super Soaker at us for getting review questions wrong. I am deeply grateful for the time and effort she gave to her students, and I hope that her family finds comfort in this tough time.

Jacque Ludwig - February 02, 2021 at 11:37 AM

KF

“ It was with great sadness that we learned of Nancy's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May your hearts be filled with wonderful memories as you celebrate a life well lived. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.
Cousins Ken and Karen Ferrante

Ken and Karen Ferrante - February 02, 2021 at 06:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO.*



February 01, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Miss Gandino... Mrs T. She was my homeroom teacher, history teacher and cheerleading coach at St Ann's and Bishop Ludden. American History was a whole lot more interesting because of Mrs T, but more importantly she taught strength, perseverance, discipline, character, and commitment. She was the teacher who had a lasting effect on those of us who were fortunate enough to have her. Mrs T made a difference in this world. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Kathy Fahy

Kathy Fahy - February 01, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Mrs Toscano was my all time favorite teacher. I was a product of her St Ann's days in the 80s. She was my cheer coach at St Ann's and then at Ludden. They don't make a more passionate person than Mrs T! She once said I got the award for writing the longest paper in her social studies class. I loved it so much I couldnt stop writing. Many blessings to the family. She was a lovely lady and I know heaven received a wonderful soul-*

Patty Keenan Hager

patty hager - February 01, 2021 at 07:51 PM

SH

“ Mrs. Toscano was known by many of us by the "care packages" she would send Kristen. She loved education and showered Kristen with love as well. She gave education so much and for us, she gave a great gift in Kristen, a teacher who also loves her students with a passion. We know that heaven is much sweeter for Kristen now that her mama and her grandmother are there. Mrs. Toscano blessed the world with so much and will be greatly missed!

Susan Huff - February 01, 2021 at 06:57 PM

SG

“ I was saddened to hear of Nancy's passing. She gave me a chance to start the Pre-k program at St. Ann's and then for the 4th grade position. Nancy was my principal for 7 years. I have very many fond memories. My sympathies to Anthony and Kristen (who was my student). Susan Giannini

Susan Giannini - February 01, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO.



February 01, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of NANCY JEAN (GANDINO) TOSCANO.



February 01, 2021 at 05:20 PM