



Nancy M. Zaloga

September 10, 1949 - March 5, 2025

Nancy Marie Zaloga, age 75 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in Highland, IL.

She was born on Saturday, September 10, 1949, in Highland, IL, daughter of Vincent and Lucille (nee Welchlen) Schwarz.

On Saturday, June 19, 1971, she married Thomas Vaughn Zaloga at St. Gertrude's in Grantfork, who survives.

She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary Post 5694 in Highland, IL and St. Anne's Altar Society in Troy, IL. She was also a member of the Highland's Women Club and was the current treasurer.

Nancy was born in Highland, IL and grew up on the Schwarz family farm in Grantfork. She graduated Highland High School in 1967, then started working at St. Joseph's Hospital for more than 20 years. Nancy worked in administration at several companies throughout her lifetime. She was a proud mother and wife who enjoyed time together laughing with family and friends.

Nancy was an energetic and fun-loving woman. Her pastimes of pulling pranks on her neighbors and sharing comedic memes are activities she frequently enjoyed. Nancy loved decorating her home and hosting events. Her holiday spirit was inspirational, and she always looked forward to Halloween every year wearing her hat and broom (and warts) to celebrate the occasion.

Her compassion for people was beyond measure, always caring for and thinking of others. Her energy for life kept her busy, never passing up an opportunity to take a girl's trip or spend time with her nieces. Nancy enjoyed watching sunsets over the lake with Tom on their front porch. They spent many nights talking and taking in the scenic views and wildlife from there. As an all-around nature enthusiast, she especially enjoyed growing flowers and watching birds. She collected all types of antiques, and her collection of watering cans grew faster than any plant ever could. Nancy made her beloved dogs,

Brandie and Bubba, “Facebook famous” and her kind heart and witty personality will be missed by all.

Survivors include:

Husband - Thomas Vaughn Zaloga, Highland, IL

Son - Michael N. (Kimberli) Zaloga, Highland, IL

Sibling - Harold J. Schwarz, Highland, IL

Sibling - Shirley Schumacher, Aviston, IL

Sibling - Betty Rutz, Highland, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Vincent R. Schwarz

Mother - Lucille Martha Schwarz (nee Welchlen)

Son - Nicholas "Nick" T. Zaloga died 6/18/2014

Sibling - Richard L. Schwarz

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Fr. Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Zaloga.*



March 10, 2025 at 08:42 PM

RS

“ *Roxanne S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy M. Zaloga.*

Roxanne S. - March 10, 2025 at 10:25 AM

RS

“ *Cuz you will forever with me
I will always remember the days of riding horses, the drinks
at Ethel's and just visiting!*



Roxanne Stinebring - March 10, 2025 at 10:22 AM

TH

“ *Tom H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy M. Zaloga.*

Tom H. - March 10, 2025 at 10:16 AM

BK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Nancy passing. I had the pleasure of going to Branson, Lake Shore, AL and China with her. She was great to have fun with.*

Bonnie Kloss - March 07, 2025 at 10:01 PM

RR

“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Nancy Zaloga*



Rita Rinderer - March 07, 2025 at 09:36 PM

FW

“ From Zachary and Shannon Wesselmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy M. Zaloga.

From Zachary and Shannon Wesselmann - March 07, 2025 at 09:04 PM

FW

“ From Zachary and Shannon Wesselmann purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Nancy M. Zaloga.



From Zachary and Shannon Wesselmann - March 07, 2025 at 09:04 PM

TT

“ The Baggers Shooting Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Nancy M. Zaloga.



The Baggers Shooting Team - March 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM

BS

“ I've never seen Nancy without a smile or a friendly greeting. Sending sincere sympathy to her family 🙏🙏

Beckie & Bob Schrupf - March 07, 2025 at 06:56 PM