



Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell

January 17, 1953 - February 27, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

MARY LYNN NIELSEN-POWELL

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

On February 27, 2023 Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell went to her Heavenly home.

She had reached the age of 70. Mary was born in St. Andrew's Hospital in Murphysboro on January 17, 1953, the first born of four girls to Ernst R. and Imogene (Sumner) Nielsen.

After graduating from Murphysboro Township High School in 1971, Mary obtained an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Belleville Area College (now SWIC). In 1989 a BS degree was earned from SIU-C.

Several decades were spent as an RN working at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and St. Joseph Memorial Hospital of Murphysboro.

On January 10, 1987 Mary was united in marriage to James "Larry" Powell at the Carbondale Church of God. Larry passed away in 2019.

Mary is survived by a son, Samuel Powell; sisters, Sue (Eric) Vana and their sons, Quinn (JoAnn) Vana and Isaac (Anne) Vana; Becky (Joe) Swafford and her their son, Jacob (Kelcie) Reiman and daughter, Bethany (Nick) Lach; sister-in-law, Jan (Mike) McGrann and family, all of Murphysboro; as well as many beloved great nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; mother-in-law, Kathleen Powell; a stillborn infant, Anna; a sister, Norma "Ruth" (Swiatkowski) Nielsen; niece, Erica Swiatkowski and a nephew, Niel Vana.

Funeral Services for Mary Lynn Nielson-Powell will be Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 11:00 am in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Noble Staley. Private interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged and can made to the Christ Community Church of Murphysboro and/or Vine Church of Carbondale and will be accepted at the service.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Samuel and Sue(Eric): I had a privilege to have worked with Mary (as an orderly in Central Supply at the Memorial Hospital) and her Dad Ernst (as a sanitarian intern at the county Health Dept). Mary was an angel. She was conscientious and kind, never complained or gossiped and carried a contagious smile all the time. She never ceased to thanks others in her team. She worked constantly and checking up on her patients and responding to their needs in coordination with the doctors, LPN, and aids. Love her sense of humor (Ernst too). God bless you and other members of the family.*

Peter Tong - September 15, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to Mary's family. I worked Admitting from 1984-1992 at C'dale hospital. Loved her. Just now getting the message She had passed. Sweet friend. Always cordial. Never saw her upset about anything. God Bless You All. I know you miss your folks and friends indeed. Angels above looking down and still taking care I'm sure. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL*



Karen McMinn - June 03, 2023 at 07:48 PM

ML

“ Mary and I became penfriends in the late '90s. Mary was always so upbeat and positive. She shared with me just a few weeks before her death that she was ill, that her faith and trust in God were very strong, and that 'we are all just flowers that the wind will blow away.' I am deeply saddened to learn of her passing. Know, Sam, that your mother loved you very much and was so, so proud of your accomplishments -- as a man, in your career path, and as a home owner.

Martha Littlefield - April 14, 2023 at 11:11 PM

BB

“ Mary was a friend n a wonderful nurse. She was positive n uplifting. Everyone that knew her loved her. She had been my nurse off n on since I was 12 yrs old. RIP Mary!

Berta Brown - March 31, 2023 at 09:42 PM

PD

“ Mary was a special friend, though we never met. We started out as pen pals in 1988. I will miss her and her emails. She was such a nice lady. I feel so bad for Sam and her family. Prayers for them.

Peggy Davey - March 20, 2023 at 10:01 AM

KB

“ Loved learning so much from her.

Karen Brown - March 12, 2023 at 11:08 PM

TR

“ Mary was a great person and nurse. She will be missed by ALL that knew her. Fly High Mary

Teresa Reeves - March 06, 2023 at 04:17 PM

JJ

“ *Mary was my first supervisor at St Joes when I started my RN career in 1979 and I worked with her off and on thru the years. Loved her dearly...so kind and helpful to me and everyone else. So sad to hear of her passing. My sympathy and love to Sam, Sue, Becky, and all family. Jill*

Jill Jensen - March 02, 2023 at 12:30 PM

BB

“ *Mary was a beautiful person, dear friend, and a wonderful nurse. I met her as she was my nurse many times as far back as when I was 12 yrs old, that's been over 50 years ago. Me n my family loved her dearly. MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER SON SAMUEL AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY. She will be dearly missed, but I know we'll meet again someday. RIP Precious Lady.*
Your friend,
Berta (VanHoy) Brown

Berta Brown - March 02, 2023 at 08:02 AM

RP

“ I remember Mary the first time was at Mount carbon Christian Church here in Murphysboro Illinois. Very nice person and also I remember her many times at Carbondale hospital and St Joe's she took care of my mom a lot my mom really thought she was an excellent nurse and I did too and she always had a smile on her face very shocked that she's gone because I saw her not too long ago walking with a friend down at Riverside Park we talked a little bit waved at each other life is so short. Sorry about your loss condolences to everyone. Roger



Roger Pierson - February 28, 2023 at 11:24 PM

RG

“ Sue, Becky & families,
My deepest sympathy. Mary was an excellent nurse, with a calm demeanor in all situations.
She was always a pleasure to work with.
May your precious memories be your strength, comfort, & peace.
Hugs & prayers🙏
Ruthie Graff

Ruthie Graff - February 28, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell.



February 28, 2023 at 07:20 PM

AP

“ *My heart is broken for all of Mary's family and friends. I worked with Mary her mother and sister at St Joe's. She was a wonderful friend and nurse. Rest in peace Mary. Anton*

Anton Payne - February 28, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell.*



February 28, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell.*



February 28, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell.*



February 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM

MC

“ *I am so very sorry to read of this . Big hugs Becky.*

Marcia Chew - February 27, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Nielsen-Powell.



February 27, 2023 at 05:50 PM