



## Nancy L. Smithson

April 11, 1950 - February 24, 2022

Nancy L. Smithson, age 71, a longtime resident of Lake Bluff, Illinois passed away on February 24, 2022.

She was the beloved wife of 50 years to Bill Smithson and proudly raised a family and became a grandmother. She was the loving mother of Melissa L. (Jason) Wingo and Rodger P. (Erika Ranallo) Smithson; cherished grandmother of Shirley L. Wingo and Rocco J. Smithson; sister of Robert (Gaye), Douglas, Michael, and the late Charles Kozel; daughter of the late Richard and Mary Kozel, and daughter-in-law of the late Frank and Shirley Smithson. A great friend to her many cousins and their families, a favorite aunt to her many nieces and nephews. And finally, best friends with Cindy, Claudia, Kathy, MaryJo, Pam, and Marie.

Nancy loved to throw parties. Known as the “cake lady” of Lake Bluff, Nancy was always busy arranging, organizing, decorating, and throwing parties for all occasions, especially Christmas, St. Patrick’s Day, the Academy Awards, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and assorted birthdays. She loved going to concerts and was the lead singer in several rock bands. She loved to travel, which included our various ski trips and train trips, but especially our trips to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and her trips with her best friends to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

A Celebration of Nancy’s Life will be held at a future date to be determined.

For more information, contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

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All our love,  
Bill and Mary Beth Grzywa Voorhaar and family, Carolyn Grzywa and family, Ed and Janet Grzywa and family, Harold and Jill Grzywa and family  
The Virgil Grzywa Family

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“ Nancy was such a friendly, welcoming, talented friend and neighbor. I so enjoyed catching up with Nancy each time I walked by as she was working in her yard or when picking up one of her beautiful cakes which were a work of art. Nancy always took time to ask about our family news and it was clear through her own stories that she adored sharing news of Melissa, Rodger, and Bill.  
We send our thoughts and prayers to all the Smithson's.  
Lisa Nash

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“ Not a day goes by that you are not in my thoughts. I miss you so much, my heart hurts!  
Now all the angels in heaven can enjoy you and your cakes!!! Love you, my friend of 39 years!  
Pam Dhamer

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