



Nancy Blair Killius

February 13, 2025

On February 13, 2025, Nancy Joan Blair Killius passed away peacefully at age 93, in her home in Sumner, Georgia. Born June 25, 1931, she was the daughter of Robert Ira Blair and Ethel Morrison Blair. After graduating from Onondaga Vally Academy in 1948, Nancy married her sweetheart, Walter Killius. They raised their five children in North Syracuse. As a stay-at-home mother, she always provided support and love for her family. She loved camping with her family, traveling with them to many State Parks in New York, as well as having a spot at Brennan's Beach, Pulaski New York, for over fifteen years.

While supporting her husband's efforts as one of the founders of North Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps (NAVAC), Nancy became an active member herself. It was then she realized it was her passion to become a nurse and help people. She entered the workforce as a nurse at the age of 40, after graduating with her RN degree from Onondaga Community College. She started her nursing career at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital as an Emergency Room Nurse. She then was a Nursing Supervisor at several nursing homes in the Syracuse area, finishing her career at Iroquois Nursing Home, in Jamesville New York, retiring at the age of 70. After which she and her husband, Walter, began to winter in Tarpon Springs Florida. While enjoying retirement, Nancy was an active member of the Red Hat Society. In 2022, Nancy moved to Georgia to be close to family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Walter, in 2018, son, Peter, 2022, and

daughter, Patricia in 2023. Surviving are her children, Pam (Gary) Burket, Paul (Maria) Killius, and Marguerite (Craig) Harper; grandchildren, Gretchen Frith, Garren Burket, Robin (Michael) Sheehan, Nathan Burket, April (Terry) Phillips, Paul Killius, Jr., Aaron Spencer, Nicole (John) Eallonardo, Noelle (Rory) Knox, Craig (Jamie) Harper, Jr. and Michael Harper; fourteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday, June 3 at 9:15 a.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home, with Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, North Syracuse followed by burial in North Syracuse Cemetery. Calling hours will be Monday, June 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Tift Area, 618 North Central Ave., Tifton, Georgia 31794.

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rose of Lima Church
407 S Main St
Syracuse, NY 13212

Tribute Wall



“ *Fergerson Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Nancy Blair Killius*



Fergerson Funeral Home - June 03, 2025 at 09:52 AM

EL

“ *Nancy it was awesome to work beside you at Crouse Memorial ER. You were a nurse of great faith and loved the Catholic Faith after becoming a part of it. I'll never forget telling you what I was still doing back in Syracuse. I sent you pics of the CNY Syracuse Nurses Honor Guard as well as a brochure. You fell in love with us and wanted to be sure we were at your wake when the time came. I will be proud of you and your skills to give you our Tribute with my sisters and brothers of the Honor Guard. Blessings and love my friend as you are now with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. See you again when I get there.* 🙏🕊️❤️

Elaine M. Lostumbo - May 31, 2025 at 03:47 PM

KJ

“ *Kimberly, Jay, Eileen & John purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nancy Blair Killius.*



Kimberly, Jay, Eileen & John - May 27, 2025 at 02:50 PM

KJ

“ Kimberly, Jay, Eileen & John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Blair Killius.

Kimberly, Jay, Eileen & John - May 27, 2025 at 02:50 PM

KH

“ Dear Paul and Maria -
I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking about you and your family and am holding you close in prayer at this time.

Kate Hennigan

KS Hennigan - April 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Blair Killius.

February 17, 2025 at 04:12 PM

BD

“ Dear Pam, Paul, Marguerite, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was my good friend , fellow nurse, and we rode NAVAC together. Our families have a long history on Hamilton Rd. I have good memories of those years.

I am holding each of you in my heart and in my prayers.

I love you all.

Bernie Dahl

Berniece Dahl - February 17, 2025 at 04:02 PM

PK

“ I remember Nancy as my favorite Campfire girls leader. Great neighbors Nancy and Walt. Miss that time in my life. Pam Frette-Kent

Pamela Sue Kent - February 17, 2025 at 08:21 AM

LL

“ May you be resting in peace dear Nancy and remembering all those fun, challenging, and crazy times we had in the ER together with the "old gang". I will always remember your smile, your laugh, and most importantly what a blessed friend you were to me, especially during the challenging times. ❤️

Liz Loran - February 16, 2025 at 12:40 PM

CG

“ The Central New York Syracuse Nurses Honor Guard Coalition wishes to acknowledge the nursing career of Nurse Nancy Killius. We honor Nancy for the difference that she made in the lives of so many patients and colleagues. Our sincere condolences to you, her family. May the love of family and friends give you comfort. May the love of God give you peace.
Sincerely, CNY SYR Nurses Honor Guard
No Nurse is Forgotten

Central New York Syr Nurses Honor Guard - February 16, 2025 at 09:21 AM

PC

Nancy was a remarkable Nurse in the Emergency Department of Crouse Irving Memorial. Through my paramedic rotation and two years as a tech she taught me so much about great patient care, life in the ER and she made me a much better provider and person. Thank you Nancy for your dedication, compassion and your friendship. RIP you will always be remembered ❤️

Paul Cousins - February 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SR

“ I'm sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. She was very fortunate to have been with you these past few years. Sending hugs and prayers to Nancy and all of you. Sandra (Fenner) Ridgeway

Sandra (Fenner) Ridgeway - February 15, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DY

I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She was a great lady i worked.woth several years ago at a nursing home. My condolences to your family.

Darlene yager - February 15, 2025 at 06:15 PM

SW

Pam and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I remember your mom and dad when they were in NAVAC with my parents (Dorothy & Millard Wells). Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

Susan Cleland (formerly Wells) - February 15, 2025 at 08:15 PM