

Nancy Ann Fletcher, "Gigi"



Nancy Ann Fletcher, "Gigi" as she was known, loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and sister of Austin, TX. peacefully passed away on August 8th, 2012 surrounded by her loving family after a three year courageous battle with melanoma.

Nancy was born on June 1, 1950 in Centralia, IL. to Robert E. and Bernice (Isaak) Schmidt. She was a 1968 graduate of Centralia High School and graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1972. Nancy married Russell Fletcher on August 12, 1972 in Centralia, IL. and they had two wonderful daughters, Jennifer and Sarah. Nancy spent most of her career teaching elementary and middle school students in Centralia (St. Mary's and North Wamac School), Indiana and Ohio. She was a wonderful teacher and loved children. She especially loved spending time with her two wonderful grandsons, Rome and Benjamin Foronato. Nancy also enjoyed spending time with her friends and enjoyed her Bunco group, Literary club and her empty nesters dinner group.

She is survived by her husband, Russ of Austin, TX, her two daughters Jennifer Foronato and her husband Anthony, and their two children Romano and Benjamin of Austin and Sarah Fletcher of Breese, IL. Her parents also survive along with three sisters, Susan Minor and her husband Mike, Mary Jo May, Lisa Watson and her husband Marty, all of Centralia, IL. A brother in law, Steve Fletcher and wife Jane of Nashville, IL and a sister in law, Marilyn Miller and husband George of Mt. Vernon, IL. and numerous nieces, nephews and loved ones.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Nicholas Papadopoulos, RN Farida Sakhyani, Seton Medical Center Williamson and Dr. Brian Aldred and Austin Hospice.

A celebration of Nancy's life was held on Sunday, August 19th at their home in Austin, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations were made to Whitestone Elementary School Library for reading materials for the elementary school children. On September 22nd, at 1:00pm a funeral mass and celebration will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Centralia, Ill. celebrating Nancy's life. Beginning at noon at the church, a visitation will be held for family and friends. After the services a dinner will be held in the parish hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mary's School technology fund and they will be accepted at the church or at the parish hall.