



Nancy W. Ypma

February 27, 1936 - April 26, 2026

Nancy Lou Wells Ypma, born in Libertyville, Illinois, to Mary H. and Aubrey V. Wells, loved music, children, wrapping presents and hosting celebrations. She was thrilled that all her children were with her at her 90th birthday party in February.

Leaving Bryn Mawr College to move to California with her husband John as a newlywed, she quickly made friends. She was far from the small, Midwestern town where they grew up in a time when communication and travel were either slow or infrequent. She created her own family circle and community, earning the love of many, many people. The mother of 6 children, she was involved in church life and the musical circles of Orange County. She returned to university with 4 children still at home and earned a degree in Accounting from CSUF. After 32 years of marriage, John passed away and she leaned into her career, working as an IRS agent and later as a valued tax preparer at HR Block.

Nancy did everything with determination but also with love and vision. She taught her children to follow Jesus, excel in academics while learning practical skills, to love the arts and to enjoy physical activity. Nancy loved God and cherished the Episcopal and Anglican Churches. She always traveled with her Prayer Book and led the Los Angeles chapter of the National Cathedral.

Nancy is the mother of Catherine (Paul), Nancy, John (Jan), Mary Frances (Ken), Edward (deceased), Margaret (Virgil) and Georgia (Philip). She is grandmother to 34 grandchildren and 39 beautiful great-grandchildren, with more on the way. She loved every one of them, never failing to send thoughtful gifts.

Everyone who spent time with Nancy found her to be bright and funny. Until the end, she was active in PEO, the Anaheim Garden Club, the Ferry Hall Alumnae. In the end, her heart simply could not keep up with her spirit. She left this earthly home to rest in the arms of her Lord, with family members present in person and in spirit.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Residence
2037 South Capella Court
Costa Mesa , CA 92626

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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