



Ann M. Nunning

August 22, 1924 - May 9, 2020

Ann M. Nunning, nee Curcuro, 95 years old of Columbia, IL, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Barnes Jewish Medical Center, St. Louis, MO. She was born August 22, 1924, in East St. Louis, IL.

Ann worked as the director of the American Cancer Society and her last 20 years of employment she was an administrative assistant to the Chair of Romance Language & Literature at Washington University. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral in Belleville, IL. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and attending The National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows. Her greatest story was being a wife and mother.

Surviving are her son, Brian Matthew Nunning; her daughter, Paula Ann Nunning; along with one brother, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Richard L. Nunning, her parents, William F. & Carmen C., nee Joshu, Curcuro, and 4 brothers.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, Private Funeral Mass will be held.

Interment will follow in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, St. Jude's or St. Lawrence Seminary in Wisconsin. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home - Dupo.

Cemetery

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road

St. Louis, MO,

Comments



“ I remember your mother from my days teaching at Holy Family School in Cahokia. She was a very good person Sincerely Jennie Leonard

JENNIE LEONARD - May 19, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ Oh, my goodness! Mrs. Leonard! Thank you so very much! Yes, she is and was the best Mom in the world! She never changed from the time you knew her at Holy Family—always doing something for someone, always on the go! She was even talking and cantankerous until she became nonresponsive on Friday afternoon. God just let her go to sleep. She was sharp as a tack and always ready to go somewhere. Even after she fell and broke her hip (at 92), she hopped into my SUV ready to go shopping, out to eat or just to run an errand! She ran circles around me! My brother and I have been overly blessed: We had awesome parents, and they are now in heaven watching over us. I pray to them constantly, and they live in us. Thank you so much for sharing this lovely memory. God Bless!

Paula Nunning - May 19, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ I remember the time we spent together as Cousins hanging out together with our Moms...great memories and a lot of laughs...later on in life your Mom would come out to Cali and stay with my Dad and that was when the fun would begin...it was always funny to see Ann Marie be the Big Sister when it came to doting over my Dad...and to hear her call him “Jimmy”....He really enjoyed having her stay with him and it was very special to listen to some of the Family History Stories they shared with each other...She is able to visit all her Brothers now and say Hello to her Mom ...it's going to be a lovely Curcuro Reunion in Heaven ...so everyone better be prepared ...because the Curcuro's are loud...My heart goes out to both of my Cousins Brian and Paula...Love you both...Jim and Agnes.

james curcuro - May 14, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ Yes, I remember those trips to California. Mom's middle name was “gooooo.” Years later, I worked as a Training Representative and earned Frequent Flyer Miles with TWA. I would take Mom on my business trips. She loved sitting in First Class! I need to upload the photos of her in Iowa, Utah, Ohio and on and on and on! She could run circles around me! After she retired, I thought she would slow down—not a chance! At 92-years-old, she was still driving and would not give up her keys! She was alert and cantankerous til she became nonresponsive on Friday afternoon. She was sleeping peacefully, and I was able to pray her rosary and talk nonstop to her til she took her final breath at 3:40 p.m. on Saturday. I can just hear her saying, “Paula, lower your voice—you're so loud!” I will always miss you, Mama. You're with Dad now, and I cannot wait to see you again!

Paula Nunning - May 15, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss Brian and Paula. I met your mom years ago when she was a client of ours at Crowder & Scoggins, Ltd. after an auto accident. Over the years, she would call or stop in at the office to say hello. One time I admired a rosary type bracelet she was wearing. She asked me what was my favorite color. The next time she came back, she brought me one of my own - a blue one.

Fast-forward, while she was at Arch, I was able to visit her a few times. At Christmas, the last time I saw her, I surprised her by bringing a few of my grandbabies with me and some Xmas cookies my grandbabies helped bake. She was tickled pink to hear and see them. Sadly, she could only see shadows of them. She took her hands and put them around each of their little faces and gave them each a kiss on the cheek. After she kissed them, she said "oh, I hope that was okay Theresa" and I said of course it was Ann! We talked about how she had such great life-long memories and those she could never "un-see". Just last week, or perhaps the week before - but not more than that - Ann called our office. When I saw on caller ID that it was her, I answered the phone and she said "oh honey, I'm sorry, I called you by accident" and commented that she was glad to hear a familiar voice on the other end of the phone. We talked for quite a bit and again, she thanked me for visiting with her over Christmas and bringing my grandbabies and Xmas cookies, She said she still had the Xmas tin if I wanted it back because she saved it to return it. She stayed sharp as a tack over the years!

During this conversation, which little did I know would be our last conversation, I told her that when this "stuff" was all over with and she could have visitors, that I would surprise her and bring her the fish that she loved that she and I talked about. Neither one of us could remember the name of the fish place - and all of a sudden she said "Captain D's!". She even gave me her order and I wrote it on a yellow sticky and put it on my desk so I would remember what she liked!!! She especially loved their corn she said. I don't think her calling me was an accident. If it was, I'm very happy I was able to talk to her one last time and I'll be going to Captain D's someday and I will order her meal and think of her with thoughts of joy and love. She was by far the sweetest, kindest, most thoughtful person I have ever met. She truly loved life and her Lord. I pray she is now at peace and can see the beauty of heaven! I love you Ann Nunning. You will be missed my friend.

Theresa Holcomb

Theresa Holcomb - May 12, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Thank you so very much for your kind words, Theresa. Your words are such a comfort to us. Mom loved Captain D's! I told her so many times that when this virus was finished we would go to Captain D's so she could have her corn! I remember before the virus I had gotten Captain D's for us and brought it back for us to eat in her apartment. I had no sooner gotten my fish out of the box when Mom was finishing her corn!
Mom could run circles around me-always on the go! She was sharp as a tack til the day she took her last breath. She was awake and alert Thursday morning into Friday afternoon, having had breakfast and lunch and being very cantankerous with the nurses, answering their "test" questions of where she was and who she was without hesitation when she

suddenly became nonresponsive. She looked like she was sleeping. God was so merciful to let her stay with me until Saturday afternoon when she took her last breath at 3:40. We prayed her rosary, and I was able to talk to her nonstop. She is with Dad now, and I cannot wait to see them again. Thank you so very much for all you did for Mom. I know that meant everything to her. God Bless!

Paula Nunning - May 15, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ Brian and Paula-

I'm terribly sorry to hear this. Ann was one of my favorite people I ever had the pleasure of working with. She was always so kind and so giving. She will be dearly missed. She was truly a wonderful lady.

Clay St. Clair - May 12, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Thank you so very much for your kind words, Clay.

Paula Nunning - May 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ To Brian and Paula, ... my thoughts and sympathy to both of you as you are now living the beautiful memories of your mother. My heart became very sad when I heard prayers for her announced from the pulpit at the Cathedral Sunday morning Mass online. She has become my weekly Tuesday morning joy these past several years as I would visit and gift her with Holy Communion. I have been waiting with so much hope to be able to see her as soon as this virus comes to a time when I would be able to knock on her door and see her welcoming smile and invitation to “just sit down” and listen to her stories of life. The two of you were so much of her story and her consolation as her physical struggles put her body down but her mind so filled with interest. But more than anything, I saw and listened to her love for Jesus and His Blessed Mother as she spoke of her continuous prayer of saying the rosary as well, as the tears in her eyes when she received the Blessed Sacrament with so much appreciation. I truly came to love your mother as a special lady in my life.

I will miss her, I will pray for her and to her, and only wish that I could have given her a kiss good-bye. With thoughts of love and caring, ... Jeanne Haar



Jeanne Haar - May 12, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ My apologies for the delay here, Jeanne, your words have been such a comfort to us. She would speak about you often and how she was so happy to be able to receive Holy Communion. I remember the weather was bad and rainy one day. I was talking with her on the phone. She said that you had come to give her Holy Communion even in such bad weather. Thank you for doing that for my mom. My mind will always see Mom sitting in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying her rosary. I know every prayer was for me and Brian. She was talking and cantankerous up to Friday at 2:30 p.m. when she became “non responsive.” The doctor said she would be gone within minutes, but I also know God had his plan. I was able to pray her rosary with her and talk nonstop to her until she took her final breath at 3:40 p.m. on Saturday. Mom is with God and my dad now, and I cannot wait to see them again. I ask her to keep praying for me, and I, too, pray to her. God Bless, Jeanne.

Paula Nunning - May 15, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Capitalization correction:...God had His plan.

Paula - June 29, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ Thank you for being my mom. I will love you forever and miss you forever. You were the greatest mom. I always needed you and still do. I cannot wait to see you again.

Paula - May 11, 2020 at 09:31 PM