



## Nancy Karp

June 20, 1953 - November 6, 2020

Nancy Karp of Otisville, NY, passed away on Friday, November 6th, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 67.

Nancy was the daughter of Angelo and Irene Ruggiero of Wallkill. She was a graduate of Wallkill High School and Harriman College, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Fine Arts. Throughout her career, Nancy worked in various aspects of graphic arts, beginning with two local newspapers, The Citizen Herald and The Cornwall Local. She entered the field of advertising with a job at DeVito and Associates in Goshen, eventually launching a successful advertising agency of her own. More recently, she worked for NYNEX, Cornell Cooperative Extension and SUNY Orange.

Nancy was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Middletown, where, among other activities, she sang in the choir. She also participated in a number of community choral groups, including Orange County Classic Choral Society, with whom she sang at Carnegie Hall on three occasions. Sharing her talent for graphic arts, Nancy also created publications for many of these groups as well as for the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra and the American Guild of Organists. In addition to her passion for her church and music, Nancy was an avid gardener, an animal lover, and an adventurous cook who enjoyed creating and sharing foods of all kinds.

Family was deeply important to Nancy. She was a loving daughter, caring sister and aunt, and devoted spouse. She is survived by her husband, Steven Karp of Otisville; her brothers Paul Ruggiero of Cornwall-on-Hudson NY, and

Rick Ruggiero of Queensbury, NY; and her nephew, Jesse Ruggiero and his wife Natalie of Albany, NY. She is predeceased by her parents.

Friends may call at the Martinez-Morse Funeral Home, 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown on Tuesday, November 10, from 10 am to noon. A service will be conducted at the funeral home by the Rev. Victor Sarrazin. Burial will be at St. Charles Borromeo cemetery in Gardiner immediately following the service.

Those wishing to share their condolences and memories virtually may do so by visiting [www.DeWittFH.com](http://www.DeWittFH.com)

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Grace Episcopal Church, or the Orange County Classic Choral Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Charles Barromeo Cemetery

Gardiner, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home  
33 Railroad Ave  
Middletown, NY 10940  
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<https://www.MartinezFuneralHomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Karp*



**Martinez Funeral Homes** - November 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM

RC

*Very nice. Nancy was my sister, Jenny's best friend. Now they can work on some 2-part harmonies. My best to her family; not many gals like Nan*

**Raymond Classen** - November 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM

GS

*A beautiful life. May your spirit now soar, free, beautiful and everlasting. My deep condolences to your family and to all who knew you. Peace and Love, Georgia*

**Georgia Stokes** - November 14, 2020 at 06:31 AM

CA

*Nancy was an incredible joy to have in Classic Choral Society and always met us with a loving smile and sweet camaraderie. She made me feel welcome when I was "the new kid on the block". We will miss her terribly when chorus returns to singing again. What a hurt this is to know she's no longer with us. I'm so truly grateful for the years she lent her lovely voice and spirit to our music-making. CCS and the world were both so much the better for having her present. RIP, dear Nancy, and many warm and genuine thanks for the wonderful self that you were and the way you graced all of our lives.*

**Cherwyn Ambuter** - December 13, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Martinez Funeral Homes** - November 10, 2020 at 09:37 AM

EB

“ *I sang with Nancy in the Grace Church choir for many years. I remember her enthusiasm, her smile, her sense of humor, and her lovely alto voice in my ear. I am grateful to have shared this time with her. Peace and condolences to her family and loved ones- she is missed.*

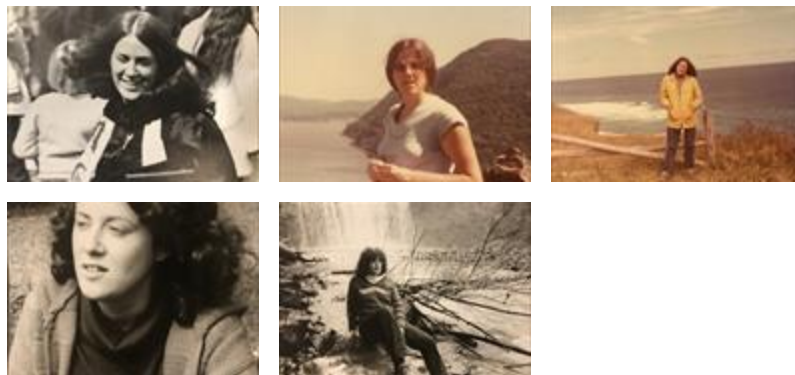
*Eileen Bloomer*

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**Eileen Bloomer** - November 10, 2020 at 08:31 AM

KV

“ *Best memories of a best friend. We will meet again!*



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**Kathleen Verdino** - November 09, 2020 at 10:43 PM

DV

*Nancy was an amazingly talented artist and cared very deeply about her work, friends and family. She will be missed...*

**Denyse Variano** - November 10, 2020 at 08:13 AM

SK

“ *I will Love You Forever Nancy ... we will always be together-* Steve

**Steve Karp** - November 09, 2020 at 10:29 PM

IN

“ *Nancy truly was a chef galore - I loved to hire her for making Swedish meatballs for our Christmas parties - I had never before tasted meatballs that tasted so Swedish! - not even during my 30 years growing up in Sweden..she really knew her stuff! (secret ingredients; allspice and lingonberries and Nancy's special touch) I will miss her so much..*  
*ingela*

**Ingela Noren** - November 09, 2020 at 04:24 PM

IG

“ *Ingela and Daniel Grant-Noren purchased the En charnted Cottage for the family of Nancy Karp.*



**Ingela and Daniel Grant-Noren** - November 09, 2020 at 03:06 PM

KV

“ The last Moody Blues concert Nancy and I attended in Poughkeepsie, NY on May 17, 2014. Nancy and I met in Harriman College 48 years ago and shared many adventures before we got married. Nancy will forever be young, fun, and a loving friend in my heart!



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**Kathleen Verdino** - November 09, 2020 at 01:58 PM

KV

“ Nancy and I shared many wonderful days in Harriman College. She was always so friendly, kind and supportive and we shared an obsession with the music of the Moody Blues. Too often circumstances kept us apart in this world but our hearts and soul have been entwined always. Nancy I know you're having a blast in heaven. Please put in a good word for me and save me a seat in the alto section. 💕  
Love, Kathy Kennedy Verdino

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**Kathleen Verdino** - November 09, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nancy Karp.



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November 09, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Nancy Karp.



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November 09, 2020 at 01:02 PM



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**Martinez Funeral Homes** - November 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM

RF

“ *Ruggiero family purchased the Bountiful Memorials Casket Spray for the family of Nancy Karp.*



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**Ruggiero family** - November 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM

IS

“ *In loving remembrance, Classic Choral Society purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Nancy Karp.*



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**In loving remembrance, Classic Choral Society** - November 09, 2020 at 12:42 AM