



Juanita Neu

September 12, 1944 - January 24, 2013

Juanita “Nita” A. Neu, 68, a longtime resident of Aurora, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2013 at her home, after a short battle with liver cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 12, 1944 in Aurora, IL.

Nita grew up on a farm in Elburn, attending Kaneland schools. She was a member of the first freshman class at the high school. She had fond memories of sharing a bicycle with her siblings and her mother, pedaling down the gravel road in front of their house. It was especially exciting when the bull got loose! In September of 1965, she escaped to the “big city” of Aurora where she married Tom Neu. Tom and Nita were blessed with three daughters. Family life was very important to Nita. Many summer nights included volleyball games and cook-outs, not to mention all the kid’s birthday parties and visits from Santa on St. Nick’s Night.

Nita enjoyed all the accomplishments of her daughters and as they grew up and married, she took on her favorite role-the Permissive Grandma. She knew how to assure the moms she would follow directions, while sharing secrets with her grandchildren.

Nita “shone the brightest” while caring for her physically challenged grandson, Matthew. She introduced him to the playground while holding him on her lap

going down the slide because she said, "that's what kids do!"

Nita's faith was a very important part of her life. She was sure to enclose a spiritual message in her Christmas cards. In her early married years, she was a member of St. Therese Church where she taught Religious Education classes. Nita was a member of St. Rita Church for thirty-four years and belonged to their prayer group. She was a writer of spiritual works and part of the editorial staff of the Rockford Diocese Trumpet Publication for many years.

Nita was also a member of the Fox Valley Corvette Club in Aurora, a hobby she truly enjoyed.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Neu; three daughters Christine (Brad) Black of Elburn, Kimberly (John) Branstad of Geneva and Karen (John) Pirc of Oswego, IL; six grandchildren Lauren Black, Kate Pirc, and Joshua, Emily, Nathan and Sarah Branstad; three sisters Helen (Mike) Moore of Morton, IL, Elaine (John) Jones of West Chester, OH and Anna Hanson of Chicago and by her brother Ray Hanson of Maple Park, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents Carroll and Gertrude (Diederich) Hanson, her grandson Matthew Branstad and by her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ruth and Al Neu.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 28, 2013 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 11:30 am to St. Rita of Cascia Church at 12:00 noon. Fr. Lou Busemeyer, S.J. will officiate with interment in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm with a liturgical wake service at 5:30 pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Dreyer Medical Clinic and especially to Dr. Shilpa Dave for the care and concern she gave to Nita and her family throughout the last few weeks.

Memorial contributions in Nita's memory may be made to either Vitas Hospice or to Marklund (center for individuals with profound disabilities) at 1s450 Wyatt Dr., Geneva, IL. 60134.

Nita, you said when Matthew died, you were happy for him because he was no longer suffering. While we will surely miss you, we know you are celebrating together in heaven.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Rita of Cascia Church
750 Old Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-892-5918

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Juanita Neu



Daleiden Mortuary - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

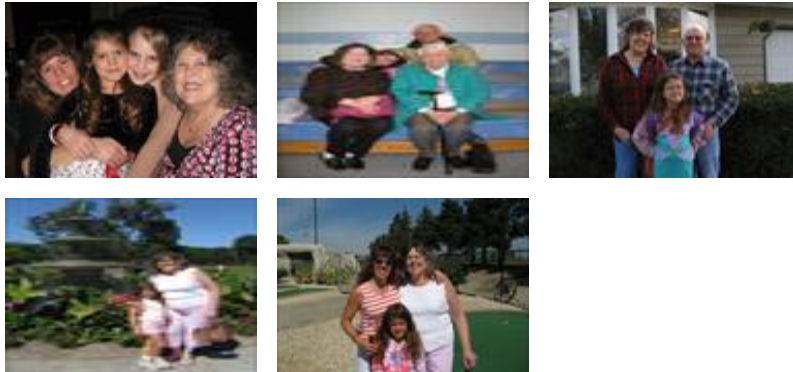
RW

“ Tom and Family I'm so sorrey for your loss, I'm glad I got to visit with you and Nita recently at Woodmans. Thinking of you Rex and Sara Wilson

Rex L. Wilson - January 28, 2013 at 09:49 AM

John Pirc

“ 5 files added to the album Pics from Nita's daughter Karen



John Pirc - January 27, 2013 at 10:20 PM



“ *My thoughts are with all of your family today. I have very many good memories of Juanita. I have to share something I learned from her. I color code thing for my kids. It is the only way to keep all the socks in the right place. I always knew when Kim left a pair of socks at my house because they had a single stitch of thread on the bottom with her color. For that alone she was one of the smartest ladies I ever knew.*

Christina Beverley-Leigh

Christina Beverley-Leigh - January 27, 2013 at 08:28 PM

KB

Thanks for the laugh, Chris! Here's the funny thing- I have four kids and I don't do that because my mom still did my sewing if I needed anything!

Kim Branstad - February 09, 2013 at 10:07 AM



“ *I could not have had a better Mother-in-Law, she will be greatly missed. I always joked around with her about being her "Favorite Son-in-Law"... she never denied it. ;)*

John Pirc - January 27, 2013 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Chris and family, my deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers are with you and your family. I know your Mom is locked in the embrace of our heavenly Father and free from suffering. May God wrap you in His loving arms and give you solace and peace in the knowledge she is with Him. God's blessings and peace...*
Jeannie Prombo

Jeannie Prombo - January 26, 2013 at 09:26 PM

PH

“ Tom and Family, Jo and I are so sorry for your loss. I remember riding on the ski lift with Nita at Bill and Mary Anne Grosse's wedding. I guess Jo and Tom were too chicken to go.

Paul Hesson

Paul Hesson - January 26, 2013 at 09:14 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Juanita Neu.



January 26, 2013 at 04:03 PM

SM

“ My Aunt Nita always wore the sauciest of dresses ... I recall as a little kid thinking how daring she was, always looking so beautiful. Beyond much more, I love that she valued the girlie things in life and the art of dressing for the occasion. Sorry I can't be there. Love you guys. ~Sarah

Sarah Miller - January 26, 2013 at 03:33 PM

LB

“ Tom, So sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. She was such a wonderful lady, and always had a smile on her face. Remember the good times!! And always remember the Allsteel family is here for you!!

Lynda Babbitt - January 26, 2013 at 01:18 PM

MS

“ Nita always sent us a Christmas card too. She cared for my mother during the day when she was living with us so I could go in to work. Lovely photo of her here.

Mary Ellen Smith - January 26, 2013 at 10:20 AM

MS

“ Tom and family, I am so very sorry for your loss! Nita was a beautiful and funny person. She helped me buy a coat one time, with a geat fur collar. We went to see a really long movie Tess of d'ville together.

Mary Ellen Smith - January 26, 2013 at 10:17 AM

TM

“ Tom,
Please accept our sympathy on the loss of your wife, Nita. What a shock to hear of her passing. Keep your memories close to your heart and know that you have a guardian angel watching over you and your family. May she rest in peace.

Todd & Mary McGowan

Todd & Mary McGowan - January 26, 2013 at 10:11 AM

AO

“ As I received an email from Karen about the loss of her mom, I was so extremely saddened to hear this. I haven't seen Nita in years but I always remember her kindness and how her smile would light a room. Our condolences to your family during this difficult time. We will be praying God will show an outpouring of his love, strength and peace in the weeks and months ahead! Love and hugs to your family!

Andrea Ostermeier and family!

Andrea Ostermeier - January 26, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss Tom, Chris, Kim and Karen Your mom was a great lady. I have never forgotten how Nita came down to ISU when Karen and I were in college and she would cook for us. I recall one time when she took great care in showing us how to make baked chicken. What a treat that was as a poor college student!! She was such a kind lady. May God be with you all now through this difficult time. Love, Jen Strait

Jen Strait - January 26, 2013 at 12:08 AM

BH

“ "OH HOW I LOVE JESUS" ... that sums up precious 'Nita to me. Her faith...her smile...her poetry and writings...all for the glory of God. How wonderful that she is HOME and her suffering with those headaches is now over. We will cry, and grieve, but we WILL see you again, dear sister...safe in the arms of your Savior. Tom and the girls...you will be held close in prayer during these very difficult days and months to come...my heartfelt sympathy is yours. Fondly, Barb Hess

Barbara Hess - January 25, 2013 at 08:45 PM

AF

Sorry for your loss and Nita will be in our prayers.

Anna Flaim - January 26, 2013 at 01:01 PM

MM

“*Michael and Helen Moore purchased the Multicol or Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Juanita Neu.*



Michael and Helen Moore - January 25, 2013 at 08:09 PM

CN

“*I will truly miss holding hands with Nita whom I shared a seat with every Sunday at St Rita's. She was the link between Tom and I during prayers. I enjoyed reading her wonderful spiritual works that have helped me in my time of need over the past few years.*

I know she will be looking down upon us everyday and I will feel her presence next to me in church.

My condolences to her husband Tom and her family.

Cheryl Nichol



Cheryl Nichol - January 25, 2013 at 05:33 PM

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Barbara Hess - January 25, 2013 at 08:43 PM