



# Nancy Ann Staerzl

July 20, 1938 - July 21, 2017

Nancy Ann Staerzl, 79, of Ventura, California, died on Friday, July 21, 2017, at her home after a brief illness.

She was born on July 20, 1938, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, a daughter of Arthur Henry Staerzl and Lydia Elizabeth Leitner. She was a 56 year county resident, moving to Ventura in 1962.

Nancy graduated from nurses training in 1960 from Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She worked for the Ventura County Medical Center from 1962-1994. She was very active in the California Nurses Association, helping to negotiate their first contract. She was also instrumental in passing two key pieces of legislation, first, the Nurse/Patient Ratio Law and second, the Motorcycle Helmet Law.

She was a San Antonio Spurs, Utah Jazz, L.A. Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, and New York Yankees fan. However, when it came to football, there was only one team, the Green Bay Packers.

Nancy was very active in her parish life at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, where she was a member of 55 years. Her faith was very important to her. A favorite saying of Nancy's was, "remember, good things always come from bad". She was always right...

She is survived by a daughter, Tami Kay Simpson of Ventura; her sister, Virginia Shelton of Crest Hill, Illinois; her brother, Richard "Dick" Staerzl of Fond du Lac; her sister, Mary (Dave) Hamell of Racine; nieces and nephews; grand-nieces and grand-nephews; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert (Joyce) Staerzl; and her niece and fiancé, Angela Perrault and Paul Simpson.

A graveside service was held on at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at Calvary Cemetery, Fond du Lac.