



## Nancy Hocking

April 2, 1951 - May 29, 2025

Nancy Jeanelle Black Hocking, of Irvington, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at the age of 74, surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services will be held at The Rock Church located at 515 Airport Road in Centralia on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 1:00 pm with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 11:00 am until the time of services. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Rock Church and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Nancy's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Nancy was born in Centralia, Illinois on April 2, 1951 to Lyle and Dorothy Black. She graduated from Patoka High School in 1969 and went on to marry her high school sweetheart, Jerald W. Hocking on September 6 that same year. They were married for 55 years.

Nancy was retired from Irvington grade school and spent the last 13 years enjoying her time as a grandparent. She loved telling mouse stories to her grandkids, enjoyed baking and cooking, decorating for Christmas, gardening,

reading and catching up on the phone with her sisters and family. Her greatest desire in life was that her kids and grandkids would know Jesus. She was actively involved in her church, The Rock in Centralia, and lately spent her Sunday mornings watching several online services and praising Jesus through worship.

Nancy's life will be forever cherished by her surviving family; her husband, Jerry W. Hocking; her daughter, Suzanne Hocking Petersen and husband Timothy Petersen; her son, Eric Hocking and wife Shaina Hocking; five grandchildren, Gabrielle, Elijah and Isaiah Petersen, Karley Squibb and SatieBre Stevenson; three sisters, Kathy Bergen (Jack Bergen), Gayla Ball (David Ball) and Carole Childers (Jim Childers); her close uncle Dean Black (Eloise) as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nancy will be greeted in Heaven by her parents, Lyle and Dorothy Black as well as several other cherished family members and Annabelle.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

The Rock Church  
515 Airport Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801-6583  
(618) 533-3700

## Funeral Service

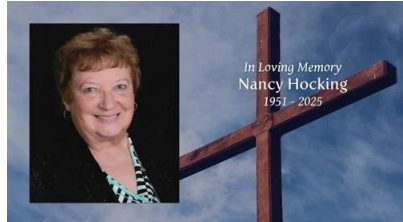
JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.

The Rock Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Hocking*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - June 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *Michael, Susan, Katie & Frannie Petersen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nancy Hocking.*



**Michael, Susan, Katie & Frannie Petersen** - June 02, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ *Bryan & Susan Hayes & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Hocking.*



**Bryan & Susan Hayes & Family** - June 02, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Hocking.*



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June 02, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Nancy Hocking.*



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June 02, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *Nancy and Jerry welcomed me into their home on numerous holidays and long weekends when I was in college. They were a family away from family for me. Nancy gave me home cooked meals and passed on recipes to me when I was married :) She always had a smile and took me into her home without question. Her sweet spirit always made me feel welcome and will always be remembered. ❤️ Karen Davis*

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**Kare Davis** - June 01, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ *Fab 5 purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nancy Hocking.*



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**Fab 5** - June 01, 2025 at 08:05 PM

KK

“ Kara, Julie, and Kelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Hocking.

Kara, Julie, and Kelli - June 01, 2025 at 06:44 PM

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“ Kara, Julie, and Kelli purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Nancy Hocking.



Kara, Julie, and Kelli - June 01, 2025 at 06:44 PM

ED

“ While I didn't get to spend that much time with them, it was always clear what a wonderful love was shared in her family. And she certainly passed that ability to love on to all her family. I am deeply saddened by your loss as I know you all shared a great love. My godson is Tim Peterson, whom I very much love, and am so happy Tim became a part of this wonderful family. My prayers and love are with you all as you celebrate her life, and share the physical loss of her presence.

Eleanore L. DeSmet - May 31, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ My parents, Tom and Dorothy Russell lived on the same street as the Hocking and considered them great neighbors. I first met them thru Nancy's father in law Ernie as we both worked at Bill Rick Ford many moons ago. My sympathies to her family.

janet bigley - May 31, 2025 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ Our hearts are heavy thinking of you with the loss of your mother/grandmother and we are praying for peace for you all. Sending love, The Hoelscher Family

Stacy Hoelscher - May 31, 2025 at 11:43 AM

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We hope the tree serves as comfort and a reminder of her strong roots in Jesus love!

Stacy Hoelscher - May 31, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Hocking.

May 31, 2025 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ The Mokriakow Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy Hocking.



The Mokriakow Family - May 31, 2025 at 11:33 AM

VP

“ We first met Nancy when our nephew Tim fell in love with Suzanne. So through the years we've been able to share so many special times with Nancy & Jerry, beginning with Suzanne's & Tim's wedding, holding babies, holidays, birthdays, graduations, sporting events, shared meals. All treasured memories. May she rest in peace.



Vicki Peterson - May 31, 2025 at 10:56 AM

CP

“ So very sorry to hear of Nancy’s passing... We were good friends growing up together and we made some fond memories. My condolences to her loving family . Sending much love and prayers .

crystal Payne - May 31, 2025 at 10:47 AM

SB

“ Nancy was one of the finest women I’ve ever known. I loved her so much. Peace to Jerry, Suzanne, Eric and their families.

Sherry Baker - May 31, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KM

“ Jerry I’m so sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved Nancy, our prayers and condolences are with you and the family.

Keith & Marie Meador , Anita Ballance

keith s meador - May 31, 2025 at 10:23 AM

KH

“ Kevin & Stephanie Howe purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Nancy Hocking.



Kevin & Stephanie Howe - May 31, 2025 at 09:48 AM

MB

“ Love, thoughts and prayers for all.

Marsha Collins Bundy and Family

Marsha Collins Bundy - May 30, 2025 at 03:56 PM

SM

“ *So Sorry for your loss. Prayers for all*

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**Sandy Maddox** - May 30, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JM

“ *Jerry, Suzanne and Eric, Our sincere condolences. We are so sorry to hear about Nancy. Just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and you are in our prayers.*

*Mark and Jerri Ann Miller*

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**Jerri Ann Miller** - May 30, 2025 at 01:06 PM