



Nancy Lynn Lee

June 14, 1950 - August 15, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Nancy Lynn Lee, of Centralia. Nancy was born on Wednesday, June 14, 1950, and departed this life on Friday, August 15, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She was 75 years young. She is the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Shae. In 1976, she married Clinle Lee and he survives.

Nancy was a devoted educator who touched countless lives throughout her more than 30-year career with the Central City School District, teaching at both Bronson and Jordan schools. She continued her impactful work even after retirement, remaining active in the Jordan Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). A testament to her dedication to education was her receipt of the Friend of Education Award from the Illinois Education Association Region 4 in 2017.

Alongside her professional achievements, Nancy was a cherished member of her community. She received her Master's in Education from Spaulding University and shared her passion for learning with many young minds. She also taught Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes at St. Mary's Catholic School for several years, leaving a lasting legacy of faith and knowledge.

Nancy's warmth and kindness will be dearly missed by her loving family, including her husband, Clinle Lee; her daughter, Amber Rowe; and her

grandchildren, Praxton, Prezdon, and Ameerah Rowe. She is also survived by her sister, Carol Ann Bouchard; nieces and nephews, Shauna Shae, Lamont Shae, Savannah Shae, Kimberly Nelson, Tina Sisco, Terry Wayne, Charles; and stepchildren, Cline Lee Jr., Tracy Lee, Toya Cathy, Kerry Lee, Natsay Lee, and Ladonn Spaulding. Her special friends, Elaine Schlaue, Sandra Johnson, Beth Radernacher, Craig Bland and Brian Husk, along with numerous colleagues and former students, will fondly remember her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Shae, her mother, Mary Shae, and her siblings, Roberta Shae, Shirley Sisco, Darrell Shae, and Douglas Shae and Douglas Biddle.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to honor Nancy's memory and her remarkable contributions to her family, friends, and community. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to everyone for their love and support during this difficult time.

In remembrance of Nancy, her family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to an educational fund for her grandchildren (checks payable to Amber Rowe) or an educational charity of your choice and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Lee family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

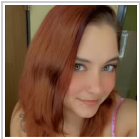
Her spirit of kindness, dedication to education, and love for her family and friends will remain in the hearts of all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Lee was my absolute favorite teacher ever. She always made me feel special even as I grew into an adult. I always made it a point to talk to her whenever I saw her out in public, to the point if my children saw her before me they would point her out. She was truly a very special woman. I have so many funny stories from my grade school years, 90% of them include her. She's be deeply missed by the many lives she impacted.

Jenny Mulvaney - September 25, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Mrs. Lee was my 2nd grade teacher and she even meet my older two children and helped them with school. I always enjoyed seeing her. The nicest woman I have ever meet and always such the warmest smile on her face. She has touched so many people's lives and she will be greatly missed.



Brittany Sanders - September 19, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Sending prayers for/with family and friends!

Vickie & Wayne Houser - September 18, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ I worked with Nancy at the City Schools. She was always so kind. Prayers to her family

Jason Hill - September 17, 2025 at 10:04 AM

HW

“ Mrs. Lee was my 2nd grade teacher at Bronson. She was such a wonderful teacher with the warmest smile!

Heather Wangler - September 17, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AT

“ Mrs. Lee was my 2nd grade teacher at Bronson, she always had a bright smile and was always ready for a hug. I'm sure she touched many young minds and hearts as she did mine over the years.

Aaron A. Tate - September 17, 2025 at 08:53 AM

MS

“ Mrs Lee taught our children in 2nd grade at Bronson. Such an amazing and caring teacher. Always a smile to greet the kids and parents as well. So honored to have known her. She will really be missed.

Margaret Spears - September 16, 2025 at 09:41 PM

CO

Mrs Lee, will truly be missed. A wonderful teacher and friend. Heaven is rejoicing for your new homecoming.

Connie - September 17, 2025 at 08:28 AM

GC

“ Ms. Lee was my 2nd grade teacher at Bronson, she was hands down my favorite teacher of all time. She was patient and caring. I'd see her all these years later and she always remembered me I'm glad I got the chance to tell her what an impact she made on me and I always told her you're my favorite teacher. I think she heard that a lot that's who she was an amazing beautiful soul, she will be missed.

gordon chavez - September 16, 2025 at 09:34 PM

AS

“ *Mrs Lee was my second grade teacher and she was the most outstanding person you could ever meet. Rest in peace to the BEST TEACHER EVER*

Amy Schofield - September 16, 2025 at 08:35 PM

NH

“ *Nancy was one of the most dedicated teacher that I had the pleasure of working with. Her care and compassion for each child is what every school employee should strive for. My heart breaks for her family and my prayers for your peace and comfort.*
Nila Hawkins- school nurse

Nila Hawkins - September 16, 2025 at 07:39 PM

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“ *Mrs. Lee was my 2nd grade teacher. She was the most wonderful lady ever and one of my most favorite people.....*

Artina (Mullins)Fogerson - September 16, 2025 at 06:06 PM