



## Nancy Jane Goorey

May 8, 1922 - September 10, 2015

### GOOREY

Nancy Jane Goorey age 93, born on May 8, 1922 in Davenport, Iowa, passed away Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Riverside Hospital. Nancy grew up in Wooster, Ohio. She received her D.D.S. degree cum laude from the College of Dentistry, The Ohio State University in 1955. Completed a residency in anesthesiology at Ohio State University Hospitals. Nancy served as Director of Dental Hygiene for 17 years and as a College of Dentistry faculty member for more than 30 years. She retired as Assistant Dean and Professor Emeritus. Nancy was the first female president of the American Association of Dental Schools (renamed American Dental Education Association). Among her many honors, Nancy received the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in 2000. She was the recipient of the Ohio Dental Association Achievement Award in 2002. Nancy was honored by Leadership Worthington in 1997 with the Leadership for a Lifetime Award. The Columbus Department of Health established the Nancy Goorey Volunteer of the Year Award in 1998 and in 1983 Nancy received the Distinguished Dentist Award, the Ohio Dental Association's highest honor. She was a member and past-president of several professional and women's service organizations. Preceded in death by father Dr. Edgar Miller, mother Glenna May Williams Miller, step-mother Dorothy Miller; brothers Dr. George H. (Bee) Miller and William E. Miller; and son Douglas George Miller. Survived by husband Dr. Louis Goorey; sister Barbara Ann (Paul) Jenkins; daughters Victoria Miller, Nickola E. Miller (Steven

Schwartz), Lani (Larry) Singer, Susan (George) Petrak, Sharon (Brian) Starr; 8 grandchildren; sister-in-law Joyce Miller; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday, September 14, 2015 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. A Celebration of Nancy's Life will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Attn: Development Office, 3167 Postle Hall, 305 W. 12th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Calling Hours

SEP 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

SEP 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church  
600 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Jane Goorey*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sherri & Suzi,  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, your Dad & the rest of your family on the loss of your mother. May your many fond memories of her over the years be a special comfort to you during these trying days.*

*Sincerely, Lynn Church-Akin '74 & Ralph Church '72*

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**Lynn** - October 01, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ *Lou and family, I am Nancy's cousin from Mansfield, Ohio. I will always remember you coming to our family picnic. It was great to see family we had never seen before. I wish I still had those family picnics, but life changes things over time. I was named after my Aunt Glenna by my father, David Mack Williams. Sorry we missed the obituary in the paper until after the fact. Dennis, my brother, lives near Columbus, but didn't see it until too late and I was on vacation which made it later still for me to send condolences. We would have been there if we knew. --- Glenna Williams Sheaffer*

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**Glenna Williams Sheaffer** - September 23, 2015 at 12:18 PM



“ *I wish I had known your lovely wife. I am sadden by your loss.  
Condo neighbor, L. Kehoe*

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**L. Kehoe** - September 16, 2015 at 06:34 PM

DB

“ We are so sorry that you had to say good-bye to your mom. What a great lady and a leader in her profession. There is the sting of losing a parent; it hurts and has such emptiness. Our hearts are with you.

Dick and Yvonne Burry - September 16, 2015 at 03:32 PM

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“ My last memory of mom was when I was reading her about Abigail Adams. I paused and said was Abigail the one who saved the paintings. She quickly replied no that was Dolley Madison. I couldn't remember but she did. Amazing.

oldest daughter -- Vickie. ?? - September 15, 2015 at 07:28 AM

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P.s. ?? Was to be an icon

oldest daughter -- Vickie. ?? - September 15, 2015 at 07:30 AM

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“ Lou ... you and Nancy competently developed and led a cadre of dedicated health educators in Columbus for many years before health education received the recognition it deserved. I remember regular meetings in various places around Columbus, working with Bob Potts at OSU and Doctors Hospital, and with the support of several Ohio healthcare organizations to create videos and television shows. Topics were varied, many your ideas, and Nancy interviewed experts with her articulate and easy going manner. It was a multifaceted and successful effort. Thank you both for your efforts to raise health literacy in Ohio. Most sincerely.

Charlette Gallagher-Allred, PhD, RDN - September 14, 2015 at 09:22 PM

MW

“ Chet and I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the Nancy J. Goorey family. She was a credit to her profession making many meaningful contributions as an educator and dentist. Her efforts in the establishment of the Worthington Peggy McConnell Art Center is one of her greatest legacies. Her accomplishments are much to live up to. Mary & Chet Winter

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**Mary Winter** - September 14, 2015 at 04:44 PM

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“ Condolences to the family. Class of 1983.  
Dawn Ellis RDH BS



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**Dawn Ellis** - September 14, 2015 at 04:21 PM

JM

“ I met Nancy when I married her son, Douglas (George). I always thought she was amazing and I admired her. My condolences to all of the family.

*Love Josephine Miller*



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**Josephine Miller** - September 14, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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“ We feel so honored to have known such a wonderful, kind, and generous lady. Nancy was always the very essence of grace. She was one of those people who literally lit a room with her mere presence and her beautiful smile. And then she would speak, and the room grew even brighter. We loved her charm, her wit, and her love of life. We will miss her and her famous mac-n-cheese -- it was always the first dish to disappear!

*Tim and Angela Kalb*

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**Angela Kalb** - September 14, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Jane Goorey.



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September 14, 2015 at 09:38 AM

JN

“ An Amazing Woman in so many ways. Beautiful inside and out. A fun memory is an AWS Halloween costume party where she came as a harem girl; in her 80's she was stunningly beautiful and younger looking than most many years younger than she.

*Jo Anne Nay*

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**Jo Anne Nay** - September 14, 2015 at 06:46 AM



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



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September 13, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ *Vickie, your mother had an amazing productive life. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With condolences, Ellen*

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**Ellen** - September 13, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *Annie and I were saddened to hear of our friend Nancy's passing. We will always cherish many fond memories of times spent with Nancy and Lou. Our sympathies are extended to Nancy's family and her many good friends.*

*Bert and Ann Meine*

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**bert Meine** - September 12, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Nancy was an energy giant who used her talents to improve Worthington. She was a great friend who was always kind and gentle! I often told her that I admired her and Dr Gory as the perfect couple.*

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**james S Mowery Jr** - September 12, 2015 at 08:06 AM

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“ *Your California Millers. Joyce and Bills families son Billy, Melinda, Mike and their loved ones purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Nancy Jane Goorey.*



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**Your California Millers. Joyce and Bills families son Billy, Melinda, Mike and their loved ones** - September 11, 2015 at 06:59 PM