



Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia

October 24, 1946 - February 13, 2026

Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia, 79, of Kansas City, KS, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family. She was born on October 24, 1946, in Kansas City, MO, the beloved daughter of John and Lena Rios. Nancy was a true people person. She rarely met a stranger and had an effortless way of turning anyone into a friend. Whether through a cheerful conversation, a shared laugh, or a simple smile, she had a gift for making others feel seen and valued. Social by nature, Nancy loved spending time with friends, visiting the casino, traveling around town, getting her nails done, and keeping up with everyone's lives. She especially enjoyed collecting Mexican dolls, shopping on QVC, and savoring her daily Coke and hamburger. Family was the center of Nancy's world. She took great pride in staying connected and always made it a point to ask about the activities and accomplishments of her loved ones—especially her grandchildren. Being a grandmother, especially a great grandmother, was one of her greatest joys, and she embraced that role with endless love, encouragement, and devotion. She was always ready to listen, support, and show up for those who needed her. Nancy also shared a remarkable bond with her beloved dogs, Maxine and Sissy, whom she cherished deeply. Her relationship with Sissy was especially close. The two shared meals, took trips, enjoyed long walks, and spent countless hours napping side by side. They were inseparable companions, bringing comfort and joy to one another each day until Sissy's passing at 17. Their bond was a beautiful reflection of Nancy's tender and loyal heart. Known

for her kindness, warmth, and genuine interest in others, Nancy leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and connection. She will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lena Rios.

She is survived by her two children, Rich Garcia (Angela) and Lisa Garcia-Stewart (Darryl); her brother, John “JD” Rios; her grandchildren, Darryl Jr., Darrell, Ashley, Kacie, Izzy, and AJ; her great-grandson, Kingston; and many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A visitation will be held from 9:00–10:00 AM on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1086 N. 94th Street, Kansas City, KS. The Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
1086 North 94th Street
Kansas City, KS 66112

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
1086 North 94th Street
Kansas City, KS 66112

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Lisa Garcia Stewart lit a candle in memory of Nancy Rios-Garcia



Lisa Garcia Stewart - February 26 at 02:56 PM

KS

“ Kimberly S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.

Kimberly S. - February 18 at 10:43 PM

GL

“ Gloria Baeza from the Bubbleroom laundro purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Gloria Baeza from the Bubbleroom laundro - February 18 at 04:58 PM

RN

“ Randy & Naomi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Randy & Naomi - February 18 at 12:44 PM

RN

“ Randy & Naomi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.

Randy & Naomi - February 18 at 12:44 PM

RB

“ Rick & Kristin Bulls purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Rick & Kristin Bulls - February 18 at 12:11 PM

KM

“ While I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Nancy, I have had the great pleasure of working with and for her son, Rich, over the last decade at State Farm. Every beautiful trait expressed about Nancy radiates through Rich. He is warm, caring, compassionate and so full of pride about his family. He is also fiery and fights for goodness and truth. He has told stories about his mom and grandmother for years - passing along life lessons to those lucky enough to work with him. As a mother myself, I can only hope my legacy is passing along the best of me through my children. This clearly holds true for Nancy. Her legacy will live on proudly through stories and lessons stretching far and wide. Rest peacefully, Nancy, and know you've done beautiful work in your children.

Kelly Minter - February 18 at 11:47 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 18 at 11:42 AM



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

February 18 at 11:42 AM



“ *Gina Battle lit a candle in memory of Nancy Rios-Garcia*



Gina Battle - February 18 at 01:56 AM



“ *My heart is frozen in time, some of the best times of my life Nancy gave to my children and I. She gave me truth serum. And Family is more than blood. Its support and laughter and traditions! We are forever blessed by you!
Love you
Gina, Zane, and LaLa*

Gina Battle - February 18 at 01:53 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 17 at 05:44 PM



“ *I worked with Nancy yrs. ago at Prov. Hosp. E.R. We became good friends, going out to dinner etc. Lost track of her over the yrs. but thought of her often. She talked a lot about her 2 kids, Lisa & Ricky Joe, her brother JD & of course Mother Lena. Rest in peace now my friend. Susan (Elliott) Williams.*

susan Williams, Retired Nurse - February 17 at 05:22 PM



Thank you so much for sharing your kind words about my mom. I treasure seeing her through the eyes of others. Thank you. Lisa Garcia-Stewart

Lisa Stewart - February 20 at 03:23 PM



“ *Patty & Lou Schueman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



Patty & Lou Schueman - February 17 at 04:57 PM

DM

“ Desiree M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.

Desiree M. - February 17 at 12:32 PM

AL

“ Avenue of Life purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Avenue of Life - February 17 at 12:29 PM

TS

“ The Swanson's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



The Swanson's - February 17 at 10:35 AM

TS

“ The Swanson's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.

The Swanson's - February 17 at 10:35 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 17 at 09:27 AM



“ *Love, The Holcombs purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



Love, The Holcombs - February 16 at 10:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 16 at 09:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 16 at 05:58 PM



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

February 16 at 05:58 PM



“ Kelli Mather and Janet Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Kelli Mather and Janet Taylor - February 16 at 05:55 PM



“ Sherry Knight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.

Sherry Knight - February 16 at 05:09 PM



“ Nancy was a sweet lady and welcomed me into the family immediately and thereafter. Condolences to all family members in their hours of sorrow Mike and I are both deeply sorry for your loss. God bless you, do not hesitate to let us know if you need anything.

Mike & Betty Castaneda - February 16 at 04:18 PM

PS

“ Pops and Momma D Andrew/Dorothy Smith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Pops and Momma D Andrew/Dorothy Smith - February 16 at 04:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



February 16 at 12:31 PM



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

February 16 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ Much love to you sis and the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Mike Aurich - February 16 at 12:27 PM

LC

“ Love, Joey & Dee Castaneda purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.



Love, Joey & Dee Castaneda - February 16 at 11:31 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 16 at 11:03 AM



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

February 16 at 11:03 AM



“ *Mary L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*

Mary L. - February 16 at 10:57 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Nancy Ellen Rios-Garcia.*



February 16 at 10:30 AM



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

February 16 at 10:30 AM