



## Nancy John Janson

February 18, 1922 - March 22, 2011

Nancy John Janson died peacefully of Alzheimer's disease on March 22, 2011 at St. Anthony Village, where she received loving care for over nine years. She was 89 years old. Nancy was born on February 18, 1922 in Farmington, Missouri. She was the youngest child of Bernard T. Gentges (the mayor of Farmington) and Elsie Buckman Miles Gentges. Nancy graduated from Farmington High School as the Salutatorian and was elected by her classmates to be the Senior Class Queen. She attended Mineral Area Junior College for two years and graduated in 1944 from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, WI with a BS degree in Dietetics. While in college she was the president of the Athletic Association. Nancy moved to Portland, Oregon in 1946 to work as a registered Dietitian at Emmanuel Hospital. It was in Portland that she met her husband, Gerald N. Janson. They married on June 19, 1947 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before Jerry's death in May of 1998. Nancy worked as a dietitian at Edgefield Manor and the Evergreen School district. She later established a successful cleaning business employing family and friends to help her. After retirement she tended a large, prolific garden where she grew a variety of vegetables and flowers. Five children survive Nancy: Greg (and wife Jacque), Paula Rose Lang (and husband Mitch), Elsie Grover (and husband Michael), Eric, and Gerald (and wife Polly). 14 grandchildren, Donald Rose, Ana Grover Moseley, Sean Janson, Elspeth Rose Burns, Sarah Grover, Martha Grover, Beth Janson Thorson, Zoe Grover, Elysia Janson, Rachael Grover, Michael Grover,

Marissa Janson, Simone Grover and Kyle Janson, also survive her. In addition she leaves 10 great-grandchildren and two "on the way." Her husband Gerald and her oldest grandson, Aaron Janson, preceded her in death. A Rosary will be said at 9:00 am Monday, March 28, 2011, followed by a funeral Mass at 10:00 am at her parish, St. Anthony of Padua Church 3700 SE 79th Ave. Portland, OR 97206. If you wish, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the Catholic Charities Project Rachel Program 2740 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97202 or to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:49 PM

JE

“ I am thankful for the mother she was, as it brought me the blessing of a dear friend, her daughter, Frani. I wish I could've known her better, the few times we met she brought laughter to our gathering. "A dear soul whose memory is locked in your heart never really leaves you." Your family/loved ones are in our hearts and prayers, especially today as they are missing you!

Jennifer English - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Nano, The Cottage is not as bright without you beautiful smile. We miss you very much and you and your family are in our prayers. It was an honor to know and care for you.

Susan Davison - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Though the only "memory" I have is from a visit in Oregon at 8 years old - I do remember her friendly smile. Reading all these wonderful tributes, one knows she enjoyed her wonderful family and friends. May your memories comfort you as you celebrate her "life well lived"

Mareth Vedder - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Thank you for sharing your wonderful family with me.

Alyson Janson - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you. If there is anything we can do please let us know. God Bless each of you and help you during this sorrowful time in your lifes. With Sincere Sympathy, Jim & Kathy Warner

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**Jim & Kathy Warner** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oh my precious Nano. I will miss and love you always and treasure every moment I spent with you. May you rest in peace and give our love to Aaron, Papo and all the rest of our loved ones with you in paradise. Love Always, Ellie.

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**Elsbeth Mairi Rose Burns (Ellie)** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ There is but one and only one on earth there is no other. In Heaven a noble work was done when God gave man a Mother. May your hearts find comfort, your memories be fond and bring smiles to your faces.

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**James and Barbara Billstine** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ The obituary notice is just beautiful. Nancy was a great person to her community and especially to her children, grand children and great grand children. Nancy will always be remembered for her great capacity to Love those around her, her wonderful sense of humor, her great ability to laugh, and her heart-felt love of our Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Nancy lived life to the fullest, and she will be missed greatly. Our love to all during this time, Sheila & "the other Grover family"

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**the Grover's** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Beautiful smile always shared freely. Another loving mom, in heaven, to watch over her kids here on earth.*

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**Colleen Becker** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *All of my thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Nancy Janson. May Grace fill your space.*

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**Terrence Samuel** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM