



## Nancy Lou Stratz

July 9, 1943 - April 17, 2020

Nancy Lou Stratz, 76, a devoted, mother, grandmother and nurse, of Eaton Rapids, died Friday, April 17, 2020. Nancy was born July 9, 1943 in Big Rapids, MI, the daughter of James and Pearl (Howe) Mark. Following graduating from high school, Nancy earned a Bachelor's degree in Nursing, and later earned a Master's in science from Michigan State University. Nancy worked as a registered nurse at St. Lawrence Hospital and for numerous hospice organizations. She got through nursing school while taking care of her 5 children. In 1961 Nancy married Joseph Stratz and started their legacy together. Family was everything for Nancy. She served as a troop leader and den mother for 30 years while her sons were in boy scouts. Nancy loved spending time with her grandchildren and never wanted them to leave their house. The family enjoyed spending time by the family pool creating memories together. Nancy's hobbies included crafting, gardening and doing family genealogy. Nancy was able to successfully trace her family back numerous years.

Nancy is survived by her sons, Norman Stratz, Dennis (Debra) Stratz, Sean (Jaymie) Stratz, and Rick (Shelly) Stratz; 9 grandchildren, Melissa (T.M.), Carla, Anastasia, Jacob, Zachary, Cole, Makayla, Mattea, and Corrina; and 1 great-grandchild, Neveah. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; son, Paul; sister, Ann; and her parents.

Due to current quarantine and sheltering guidelines, a memorial service will take place at St. Mary Catholic Church, Charlotte, when Michigan's shelter-at-home restrictions are lifted. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Leukemia Research Foundation. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Nancy on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.