



Celebrating the Life of



Nancy J. Young

August 6, 1938 – March 22, 2026

Nancy J. Young, 87, of Garner, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2026, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center.

Nancy Jean Young, the daughter of Robert and Martha (Maertens) Anderson, was born on August 6, 1938, in Northwood, Iowa. She grew up in Mason City and graduated from high school in 1956. On June 3, 1957, she was married to Bill Young at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mason City. They lived all of their married life on the family farm west of Garner, where they raised their five children. Nancy was a school cook at Garner-Hayfield Community Schools for 26 years. She enjoyed her family, sewing, baking, and vacations in northern Minnesota and South Dakota.

She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rosary Society and was a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader for many years. Above all, Nancy cherished her family. She loved spending time creating lasting memories filled with laughter, love, and togetherness. Her family was the center of her world. She had a lifelong passion for sewing. She was also an avid doll collector and took pride in her carefully curated collection.

Nancy is survived by her five children, David (Roxie) Young of Hartselle, AL, Scott (Monica) Young of Garner, Lisa (Mark) Watts of New Sharon, IA, Gary (Amy) Young of Mason City and Brenda (Tim) O'Hare of Rushford, MN; grandchildren, Christopher (Stephanie) Young, Angela (Bo) Simmons, Pamela (Charlie) Boyd, Melissa Rizzo, April (Adam) Brackin, Chase (Miranda) Suggs, Amy (Seth) Fitzgerald, Katie (Eric) Butcher, Megan (Roman) Meyers, Tressa Watts (fiance Jace Bloomer), Samuel (Regan) Watts, Caleb Young, Joseph Young, Austin (Danielle) O'Hare, Bailey O'Hare (Sr. Zelig Marie RSM) and Luke (Karissa) O'Hare; many great- and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Sharon De Maris of Mason City; sister-in-law, Joyce Thompson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, June 9, 2012; her parents; siblings, Verna May (Myron) Dobbertin, Henry Thompson, Helen (Lynn) Turbett, Gerald (Marlys) Thompson, Mavis (Pat) Fitzgerald; brother-in-law, Leonard "Slim" (Donna) Young; and sister-in-law, Betty (Bill) Lein.

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FUNERAL MASS

St. Boniface Catholic Church
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10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026

CELEBRANT

Fr. Paulraj Sellam

LECTOR

Mark Watts

MUSIC

Mary Kopacek, Organist
Mary Chambers, Cantor
St. Boniface Choir

USHER

Francis Oborny

CASKET BEARERS

Chris Young	Austin O'Hare
Samuel Watts	Luke O'Hare
Caleb Young	Joseph Young

BURIAL

St. Boniface Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

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FUNERAL HOMES