



Nancy Benson Irving

March 29, 1935 - October 14, 2025

Nancy B. Irving, of Glen Arm, MD passed away peacefully with family at her side at the age of 90 on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Nancy was born in Philadelphia on March 29, 1935, the daughter of Isabel (Strawbridge) Benson and Francis Post Benson. She was raised in Jenkintown, PA and was a 1953 graduate of Jenkintown High School and graduated from Boston University in 1957 with a degree in Physical Therapy. In 1958 she married Robert W. Irving and relocated to Camp Lejeune, NC where he was stationed in the US Marine Corps. After his service ended, they returned to Philadelphia, where their daughter Susan was born in 1960 and then relocated again to Mountain Lakes, NJ where their son Robert was born in 1963. She was very involved in volunteerism in the community there and served as President of the Junior Women's Club.

The family moved to Baltimore, MD in 1968, living initially in Stoneleigh and then moving to Fellowship Forest. She was very involved in the Stoneleigh PTA and was a frequent performer in both the Stoneleigh and Towson High School follies - most notably as Kermit the Frog, singing, "It's Not Easy Being Green". She also directed many of the skits over the years which also resulted in Sir Reginald, the mannequin, joining the Irving family permanently. She was also a docent for school groups at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

In 1985 she moved to Valleywood at Five Farms where she lived for over 30 years and was very active in the neighborhood: serving on several committees and publishing the community newsletter for a number of years.

Her New Year's Day parties were a tradition for over 20 years.

She also renewed her Physical Therapy license after not practicing for over 20 years and worked for a private physician and then for many years for the Visiting Nurse Association in home care, administration and returning to home care until her retirement . At the time of her retirement , she was the oldest licensed physical therapist in the state of Maryland.

She is survived by her children Susan (Terry) Taylor and Robert (Mary Catherine) Irving; grandchildren Rebecca (Greg) Kelly, Rachel (Alex) Tzomides, Stephen Irving, Christopher Irving and Elizabeth Irving; great-grandson Jonathan Thomas Tzomides; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families. Her marriage to Robert W. Irving ended in divorce.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was predeceased by her older brothers Francis P, Benson, Jr., William T. Benson and Robert A. Benson and nephews Richard W. Benson and Jeffrey Repetto.

For Many years, our mother enjoyed ringing in the New Year with an open house. In that spirit, the Irving and Taylor Families will welcome friends to come share memories of our mother and grandmother. Please Join us at 309 Kerneway on Saturday November 29th from 2-5pm. Services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *I was the best man in the wedding of Nancy and Bob. Miss them both. Charlie Rockey, Princeton, Class of Q 1957*

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