



Nanette Mangano Martin

January 8, 1964 - July 12, 2025

Nanette Mangano Martin passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the WVU Medicine—Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston, West Virginia, surrounded by her loving family and close friends. Nanette fought a long and valiant battle against pancreatic cancer. Although there is no cure for this disease, it never overcame her love of life and beautiful spirit.

Nanette was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on January 8, 1964, the beloved younger daughter of Joe and Nancy Mangano of Smithers. Her loving and kind nature was evident early on, when as a child she made friends with schoolmates, shop owners, and neighbors throughout Smithers, and in nearby Montgomery.

In high school, she was a good student, gracious to others, and showed talent in art and music. Her beautiful drawings and calligraphy were used in school and community projects, and eventually she developed a talent for cake decorating. With her mother as her first helper and baker's assistant, Nanette created thousands of beautiful and delicious cakes—centerpieces for celebrations of birthdays, showers, weddings and community gatherings.

Nanette developed her talents in music, studying piano, flute and voice, and joining the music programs at Valley High School, as well as the Charleston Youth Orchestra. She continued her music studies and graduated with a

degree in music education from West Virginia Institute of Technology in 1987, where she was a member of the marching band, wind ensemble, jazz band and the Tech Singers. She studied under nationally acclaimed professors at W.Va. Tech, including Drs. Charles Martyn, Fred Myer, Olive Myer, Donald Riggio, and Eva Cardea. More than a gifted performer, Nanette brought a warm spirit and unwavering encouragement to her fellow students.

In 1995, Nanette married her high-school sweetheart, Mike Martin of Montgomery, at her home parish, Saint Anthony's Shrine Catholic Church, in Boomer. The couple made their home in Charleston, where they raised two sons, Michael and Dominic. Her parents moved to their home in Charleston, where Nanette cared for them until the end of their lives.

Nanette was an extraordinary daughter, wife, and mother—devoted, nurturing, and endlessly supportive. Though gentle in spirit and deeply empathetic, she was also strong—steadfast in her love, her values, and her care for others. Her love for her family was the steady center of her life, and she poured herself into making a warm and joyful home. She had a gift for hospitality and delighted in opening her home to others, hosting gatherings filled with music, laughter, and bountiful celebration.

Though a standout musician, Nanette's greatest calling was as a teacher and mentor. Through private lessons and her long tenure at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and Elementary School, she inspired hundreds of young musicians who are deeply grateful for her guidance and encouragement. Beginning at Saint Francis in 1989, she served in multiple roles over 36 years—teaching second grade, fourth grade, art, and music. Her children's choirs were extraordinary, sometimes including more than 80 percent of the student body, with up to 90 child singers. She was a role model, a teacher, and a friend—someone who nurtured not only musical excellence but a deeper faith in the Lord, and in life. One young student noted, "Mrs. Martin is not getting us

ready for high school, she's getting us ready for college!"

As the church music director at Saint Francis, Nanette directed music for Mass and led the adult choir. Whether she was working with children or adults, Nanette made music joyful, approachable, and a cherished part of everyday life. It was her personal mission to prepare all her students to act independently, with grace and dignity in everything they did.

Raised in the Catholic faith, Nanette didn't just profess her beliefs—she lived them. Her kindness, generosity, and outreach to all was remarkable, and she touched everyone she met. She was a Life Member and sponsor of the West Virginia Symphony League, a past president of the Pilot Club of Saint Albans, sang with the Community Chorus of Charleston, was a patron and member of the Charleston Community Music Association, and a steadfast supporter of countless church and community events.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Mike Martin of Culloden; their sons, Michael and Dominic; her mother in law, Sue Martin; her sister in law, Andrea Martin Craven (Todd), her nieces Gina Morrison Ware (Lenny), Patti Morrison Corbett (Kevin) and Dr. Nicole Morrison Wiley, DO (Chad); her nephews Matt Morrison, Esq., (Bobbi) and Samuel Craven; many cousins, grand-nieces and nephews who adore their "Aunt Nanette," and her entire Church family.

She also leaves behind a wide and loving circle of friends, former students, and colleagues who will forever cherish her warmth, laughter, and unwavering support. Nanette's legacy of friendship is as lasting and vibrant as the music she made—a gift that lives on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joe and Nancy, her sister Jeanette Mangano Morrison, and Jeanette's husband, Mike.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, July 19, at 11:00 a.m., at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, in Saint Albans, with co-celebrants Father Sojan Xavier and Father Casey Mahone. Visitation at 9:30 a.m., and a reception to follow.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jamie Meeks, MD, and the other physicians, nurses, and clinical associates at WVU Medicine—Thomas Hospital, for their compassionate care.

Memorial donations may be made to the Saint Francis of Assisi Children's Choir, 525 Holley Street, St. Albans, WV 25177.

You may visit Nanette's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Martin family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
525 Holley Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
525 Holley Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall

PQ

“ One of the most caring individuals , with a heart of Gold and everyone was a better person for knowing her. She loved God and loved everyone she came in contact with. It was totally my honor to be her friend and I loved her as well as everyone she came in contact with. She was truly God’s Angel and did so much for St. Francis School and all the Community’s. she was involved with. She had a beautiful family and I got to know all of them. She will be missed by all, and her legacy will live on for years to come. She was so beautiful and caring for all. I’m sorry I missed her Memorial, but I was there in spirit and I loved her very much and she will remain in my heart forever. Thanks Nanette for being yourself and we are all aware that she is with God and continuing to love everyone. God Bless you and your entire family and we love you so much it hurts. Rest in peace and continue to do God’s Work. ❤️🌈🙏🔥💔🎵🎶🎷 . You are truly one of a kind.

Patrick S. Quinlan - July 22, 2025 at 01:57 AM



“ Ms. Martin was one incredible spirit and was loved by my daughter and I, while Hija attended St. Francis. She sang in the choir and Ms. Martin taught her piano. Our time at St. Francis was an incredible experience because Ms. Martin was within it. She will be physically missed, but is always around us in spirit.

Monique Anderson - July 18, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.*



July 18, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

July 18, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.*



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“ *Matthew M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.*

Matthew M. - July 18, 2025 at 01:05 PM

KC

“ Kelly C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

Kelly C. - July 18, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



July 18, 2025 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ The Hopkins Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



The Hopkins Family - July 18, 2025 at 09:55 AM

TF

“ The Hopkins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

The Hopkins Family - July 18, 2025 at 09:55 AM

TR

“ The Ryersons purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



The Ryersons - July 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM

TR

“ The Ryersons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

The Ryersons - July 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM

JW

“ Nannette was truly a virtuous woman. Never heard an ill word come out of her mouth. Mike, and kids, our prayers are with you.

JOHN WRISTON - July 17, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

July 17, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



July 17, 2025 at 10:40 AM

RN

“ You cannot help but morn the loss of Nanette, a truly loving human, from this earth. Although, I rejoice she's with my mom, Carolyn Sue Holstein. So grateful for having both those women in my life as role models for what it means to be a good human.

Rose Nuchims - July 17, 2025 at 09:46 AM

MM

Hi Rose,
Attending your own mother's memorial was Nanette's final public appearance. We all loved your Mom and wish you the very best. She did so much to help Nanette, me and the boys. She is missed also by so many. Love you, Mike.

Mike Martin - July 18, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.

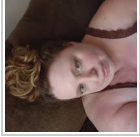


July 17, 2025 at 08:53 AM



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“ *Nanette was literally a Saint. There will never be a more kind, loving and sweet soul. Her mom and my grandma were best friends. Nanette was someone I looked up to. I don't think she had a flaw. I remember being a young girl and going to listen to her concerts, watching her decorate cakes and loving when we would visit and she would watch us. She was truly beautiful inside and out. I am so glad my son got to meet and work with her and he just fell in love with her too. God truly is gaining an angel who will forever play her music in heaven. Rest in peace sweet sweet Nanette.*

Amy Ballengee - July 16, 2025 at 11:00 PM



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July 16, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ *I first met Nanette when we were in choir together at WV Tech in 1983. We became close friends. She made the beautiful cake for my wedding in 1985. She was one of the kindest people I've ever known and, as I recall, pretty funny. I remember her making me laugh until I cried. I moved away and we lost touch. I'd always hoped we would reconnect. I'm so saddened to hear of her death and I'm so sorry for the great loss of so many.*

Lisa Plummer - July 16, 2025 at 07:22 PM

ED

“ I, first, met Nanette when I started going to St. Francis church. I was new to the area. She was the one who welcomed me and made me feel so comfortable. We have talked for many years. She shared her journey with me. She was so very kind, compassionate, caring, loving and just a beautiful Soul. Nanette was a beautiful woman in every way and I loved her dearly. Prayers for her family and friends. May God bring peace and comfort to all. She was just such a beautiful Soul and now a beautiful Angel. She will be missed by so many, many people.

Ellie Dillon - July 16, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JB

“ I met Nanette many years ago through my sister Sabrina Brant while my sister taught at WV Tech. We used to share stories about Fr. Eugene Weber whom we had both known at our perspective parishes. There are few people whom you may have lost contact with long ago but as soon as you hear the name a big smile would appear in my head thinking about how kind, sweet, sincere, and special they are. Nanette was one of those people. Heaven is a better place today with her presence. My deepest sympathies to her family and those who knew her. She made this world a better place.

John David Brant - July 16, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JJ

“ There are too many memories for me to share. But I will never forget one day I noticed someone was in my yard picking up scattered leaves & branches. Yes, it was Nanette , she was there to decorate for my then 6 yr old son James for his birthday. His birthday is October 29th, and she wanted his porch & yard filled with pumpkins of all shapes & sizes. What was notable about this time in our life was I had surgery at Cleveland Clinic & unable to decorate for James. However, Nannette showed up on her own to give us the prettiest fall decorations & pumpkins in the entire neighborhood. Not only that, but she greased them with oil... She told me that the pumpkins would last longer. Nobody but a friend like Nanette would go to those lengths to help someone. Please know how much we are saddened by her passing, with our love James & Jen.

James & Jen - July 16, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JJ

“ James & Jen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



James & Jen - July 16, 2025 at 12:02 PM

CJ

“ Chrissy, Ellie, Sophie Dundics and Jeann purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



Chrissy, Ellie, Sophie Dundics and Jeann - July 16, 2025 at 10:45 AM

DJ

“ To a loving family, please accept my condolences for the loss of Nanette. You all were exceptional neighbors on Lewis Street. God bless Nanette, Mike, Michael and Dominic. Dick Jennings

Dick Jennings - July 16, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JF

“ Jackie Miller & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



Jackie Miller & family - July 16, 2025 at 09:21 AM

CI

“ I'm saddened to hear about the passing of Nanette. I have known Mike, Nanette and the boys for many years. It all started back when my son & their sons used to play little league football together. They have always been some of the nicest people you could meet. She will be deeply missed. Prayers and condolences to Mike , Michael and Dominic .

Cecil Terry III - July 16, 2025 at 06:05 AM

PS

I was saddened to hear about Nanette I was her hairdresser for many year, Nanette was the sweetest nicest person you would ever want meet always willing to help if you had a problem or listen she will be missed. Prayers and condolences To Mike ,Michael and Dominic 🌹

Patti Stamper - July 16, 2025 at 02:32 PM

VK

“ Veronika and Kacie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

Veronika and Kacie - July 15, 2025 at 09:22 PM

VK

“ Veronika and Kacie purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



Veronika and Kacie - July 15, 2025 at 09:22 PM

MS

“ Mike & sons
Got to spend a couple hours with Nanette in May & helped her eat lunch during my visit.
Always gracious & smiling through the pain.
Her shining light & spirit will be greatly missed.
Have no doubt that is singing in heaven. May she rest in peace. 💔
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Mary Sanney - July 15, 2025 at 08:55 PM

JA

“ My heart is so broken 💔 Mrs Martin was not only a mentor and teacher but a second mom. She was also so welcoming and was one of my biggest supporters. If it wasn't for her and the choir I would have never found my love for theater. Thank you for making a huge impact on mine and so many other lives. You spirit lives on in love forever. I love you Mrs.Martin.



Jilli Arthur - July 15, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MZ

So very sorry Mike. Tough on you . God bless you.

moses zegeer - July 16, 2025 at 10:48 AM

TF

“ The Epstein Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



The Epstein Family - July 15, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JC

“ Mike and boys, I am so sorry. She will be greatly missed, church will not be the same.
You all are in our prayers.
John and Alex Carnell

John Carnell - July 15, 2025 at 04:30 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Martin was my second grade teacher in 1997-1998, the year she was pregnant with her first son. I was in the choir for six years at St. Francis and have many many great memories of her. From playing the flute at mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the many field trips to sing at different locations around the state. This is such a tremendous loss for the entire St. Francis community. Nanette will be deeply missed.

J.C. Bush - July 15, 2025 at 04:19 PM

SK

I went to school with Nannette. I remember going to Montgomery hospital visiting her and no matter how sick she was she was still smiling. Rest easy cause you have finished the race. Prayers for Mike and her boys. She loved her family unconditionally.

Sandra Koch-Humphreys's - July 15, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ She taught both my older brothers in second grade and their chorus teacher, but she was my beloved godmother who I am lucky to have had as a godmother, yes over years when my family moved to Virginia we last touch but i always use the Christmas stocking she and my godfather gave me. Also so glad last year i reached out to Mike my godfather and got to update them on my life and just wish i had more time to have spent with her. I just went to a job fair to be an aide for elementary school special education and I felt like she was there with me smiling and she would be proud I want to work with kids. Best godmother ever💕

Bridget Eckert - July 15, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DR

“ *Nanette was my cousin’s wife. And yet I have always referred to her and Mike as my cousins. She was always so welcoming and caring when I would visit with my family. My kids grew up knowing she and Mike would be there if they were needed.*

Deanette Rogers - July 15, 2025 at 03:07 PM

YF

“ *Your New Jersey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.*

Your New Jersey Family - July 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM

YF

“ *Your New Jersey Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.*



Your New Jersey Family - July 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.*



July 15, 2025 at 02:55 PM

TS

“ This incredibly unique lady is going to be missed by so many people. She certainly left a mark on the world. While we are sad, don't you know that she's happy to see the face and hear the voice of Jesus.

Teresa M Smith - July 15, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TF

“ The Russo/Fairweather Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nanette Mangano Martin.

The Russo/Fairweather Family - July 15, 2025 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ The Russo/Fairweather Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Nanette Mangano Martin.



The Russo/Fairweather Family - July 15, 2025 at 02:46 PM

MN

“ Truly an angel has returned home. Nanette was undoubtedly one of the kindest people I ever met as well as a marvelous music teacher. I met her as my grandson's piano teacher and instantly felt her loving kindness. May her soul rest in peace.

Melanie Nesselrodt - July 15, 2025 at 01:59 PM

SS

“ I’ve never seen Nannette without a smile, a hug, and many kind words (and often a goodie bag for the kids). I was blessed to have Nannette in various chapters of my life and remember how excited she was when she heard Josh and I had met. She’d shown each of us love and encouragement before he and I met and had wanted each of us to find perfect partners. I think she knew even before we did that her wish had come true. We join so many others mourning her loss. To the entire family, we send our love and prayers.

The Shindles

Sherry Shindle - July 15, 2025 at 01:18 PM