



Nola Garey

July 12, 1950 - January 12, 2021

RACINE - Nola (nee: Bernhardt) Garey, 70, passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Aurora St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee.

She was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on July 12, 1950, the daughter of the late Leonard and Violet (nee: Boetzel) Bernhardt. Nola was a graduate of Wm. Horlick High School and Racine Technical College, where she received her Associate Degree in Secretarial Science. Her working career was in law firms of Hostak, Henzl and Bichler and Timothy Crawford. Spanning thirty-three years, twenty five of those years were in the litigation department.

Nola was a lifetime member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church and the New Hope Bible Study Group. Nola also volunteered in the Food Pantry and at the Lutheran High School Thrift Shop. In addition she was a member of the Lay Ministry Visitation Team and the Alter Guild. She felt fortunate to have traveled extensively, many of those trips skiing or vacationing with friends. Nola fondly remembered skiing in Kitzbuhl, Austria. She also played softball and enjoyed golf. She loved animals, especially cats, including Cotton, Cody, Bandit and Rebecca. Nola also loved to knit, crochet and sew, and was an avid reader.

Nola is survived by her former husband and longtime friend Stephen Garey, cousins and many dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 2 p.m. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 p.m. until time of service. Nola will be laid to rest next to her parents in St.

Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Wilton, Wisconsin on Tuesday, January 19, 2020
at 11 a.m.

For those wishing to remember Nola in a special way, may make donations to
Holy Communion Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
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Funeral Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nola Garey*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 17, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nola Garey*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 06:22 PM

BR

So very beautiful

Betty Russell - January 15, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JJ

Judi Bernhardt Johnson -I love you, dear cousin, Nola!

Judi Bernhardt Johnson - January 16, 2021 at 04:08 PM

SG

“ I met Nola the very same day I met my future wife Joanne in March 1970. She and Joanne came to UW-Madison to visit a mutual friend Kathy and the rest is history. Nola became a life long friend of ours and another "aunt" to our two sons. She was often a participant in Johnson family events Racine. No matter where we lived, Nola was always part of our lives--either by mail, phone or visits. When we lived near the Twin Cities, a stop in Tomah to visit her mom and dad was a convenient half way point between there and Racine. Nola was a kind, caring and loving person. I am very grateful that she and Joanne had an enduring friendship over the many years. God bless Nola and keep her in the palm of His hand.

Stephen Greger - January 17, 2021 at 09:19 AM

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Stephen Greger - January 17, 2021 at 09:18 AM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Arlyn Bernhardt - January 17, 2021 at 08:03 AM

PP

“ *I'm saddened to learn of Nola's passing. Nola and I worked together at Hostak, Henzl & Bichler during the early 1990's. Not only was she a lovely woman, she was also a very professional, hard working legal assistant. Nola also had a good eye for fashion - she was always dressed in beautiful clothes and wore them so well. God Bless You, Nola!*

Pamela Pelej - January 16, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Nola had the kindest heart. She was a true testimony to her Christian faith. Sonja Bengtson*

Sonja Bengtson - January 15, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ 19 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 06:06 PM

CM

“ I am the second cousin of Nola. We both grew up in Racine, but we did not see each other often because she lived on the north side and I lived on the south side. As we grew older, we began to spend a little more time together, and on one occasion travelled to Jackson Hole, WY, in March 1976, to downhill ski Rendezvous Mountain and cross country ski in Grand Teton National Park along the Snake River, as well as admire the beauty of the area. It was my first time vacationing out of Wisconsin, but Nola was a seasoned traveler. We feasted on the most delicious steaks at the Alpenhof restaurant in Teton Village. We also took a sleigh ride on the elk refuge and watched hang gliders launch off the 10,449 elevation top of Rendezvous Mountain into the clouds below. I will never forget those memories of Nola and our adventures. It was spectacular to say the least. The name Nola is the feminine form of Leonard (her fathers' name). It means "brave" in High German. Nola was very brave, astute, and kind. She had a smile that could tame a lion. She will be greatly missed. God grant her peace and love forever.

Sincerely,

Cheryl (Bernhardt) Mersch



Cheryl Mersch - January 14, 2021 at 02:44 PM

CM

“ Cheryl Mersch purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Nola Garey.



Cheryl Mersch - January 14, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CM

“ I am Nola's second cousin through the Bernhardt side of the family. Our fathers' were cousins. Nola and I grew up on opposite sides of Racine, WI. I was on the south side and she was on the north side. Consequently, we did not see each other very much. As we grew older, we connected occasionally. On one special occasion we decided to take a ski trip to Jackson Hole, WY, in March of 1976. That was my first vacation outside of Wisconsin. She was four years older than I and had travelled much more frequently. She also had a better paying job working for attorneys! We enjoyed ourselves tremendously downhill and cross country skiing. We dined at the Alpenhauf and ate the best steaks I have ever tasted to this day. We went on a sleigh ride in the elk refuge. The mountains were beautiful and the snow would not stop falling out of the sky. We saw hang gliders jumping from the top of Rendevous Mountain disappearing into the clouds below. I have not returned to Jackson Hole, WY, but will again soon. My memories of this special trip will linger forever, as will my memory of my second cousin, Nola. She loved kittens and cacti and had the most lovely smile. She loved her parents very much and she loved Racine. Nola is the feminine form of Leonard (her father's name) from the High German word for brave. Nola was very brave and kind. Rest in peace Nola, you are in God's arms now!



Cheryl Mersch - January 14, 2021 at 10:59 AM