



## Honorable Joseph Robert Nancy

June 17, 1925 - March 8, 2020

The Honorable Joseph Robert Nancy, 94, of Washington D.C. and Leesburg, Virginia died Sunday March 8, 2020 at Heritage Hall in Leesburg after suffering a stroke. Joseph Robert was born June 17, 1925 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was the elder of two sons born to Joseph Peter Nancy and Thelma Beryl (Tapp) Nancy.

Joe, or “Judge” as many fondly called him, loved to tell stories and jokes and was a wealth of information on history, classical music, the Civil War, and WWII. He was a proud Army Veteran, devoted Catholic, and loving family man. In his prime he loved to run and compete in races. He graduated high school in June of 1943 and signed up to serve his country in World War II in September of 1943. He served in the 2nd Platoon Company C, 1268th Engineer Combat Battalion in France and Germany in the European Theater of Operations, and Luzon, Philippine Islands, in the Pacific. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1946. In December of 1946 Joe met Mary Jane Mossinghoff who would later become his loving wife on January 3, 1953.

Joe graduated from Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D.) in June 1951 and was admitted to the Missouri Bar in September 1951. He practiced transportation law in Jefferson City Missouri from 1951 to 1970 when he relocated his wife and family to Washington, D.C. to serve as an Administrative Law Judge at the Interstate Commerce Commission. In December 1980 he transferred to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission where he served as a Judge for 32 years. Judge Nancy retired on November 30, 2013 bringing his total Federal service to 46 years. He lived in D.C. until retirement when he moved to Leesburg, Virginia to be closer to his family.

Joe spent his final years keeping the wonderful staff at Heritage Hall in Leesburg entertained with his stories, as well as his son Matthew, and daughter-in-law Kari who assisted in his care. He was one of kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves behind his loving children, daughter Mary Nancy Pi and husband Fransesc Pi,

his son Matthew J. Nancy and wife Kari, and son Christopher J. Nancy. Joe was the very proud grandfather of 5 grandchildren, Stephen Nancy, Suzanne Nancy, Megan Saunders, Marcel Pi, and Savannah Nancy; and 4 great grandchildren, Lily Nancy, Ashton Saunders, Sebastian Saunders, and Esmond Saunders.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 63 years Mary Jane Nancy, his brother James Oliver Nancy, and countless other loved ones from the Nancy and Mossinghoff families.

Memorial service and interment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in the name of Honorable Joseph R. Nancy may be sent to Friends of the National World War II Memorial, <https://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org/>

# Cemetery

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## **Arlington National Cemetery**

1 Memorial Ave.

Arlington, VA, 22211

# Comments

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“ I worked at the FERC, office of the Chief Accountant. My office was directly across the hall from Joe's. He always had a smile behind his beard, always friendly. I went back to the Office several years after I retired and stopped in to see him. I was greeted with a smile and open arms. He was a pleasure to be around. Though I never testified before him, he was well respected by all and very professional. The picture up the obit captures his spirit and joy. It is perfect. We'll all miss him but we have our memories. Wayne McDanal, Cumming, Ga

**wsyme mcdanal** - January 04 at 09:16 AM

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“ My condolences to Judge Nancy's family. I was his secretary at FERC in the mid '80's. He was such a kind and gentle man. My other judge (Lewnes) was also a WWII vet, and the two of them would gather in the secretarial bay and tell their graphic war stories. My 10-year old daughter would visit occasionally, and he would always give her a civic lesson or two. He thought she was special because she shared the same birthday as his wife. Thank you for your service, Sir, and may you rest in peace.

**Linda Halbritter** - June 02, 2020 at 09:41 PM

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“ Judge Nancy -- I never called him Joe to his face -- was a good judge and an even better man. I met him at the ICC in the 1970s and we renewed our relationship when I practiced before him at the FERC. He called me "a fellow refuge from the ICC." I remember him telling me about his daughter playing the organ somewhere near Barcelona. I also remember his huge admiration for President Harry S Truman and how hard it was to fit a Truman reference into briefs I filed with the judge. A story. I was asked to fill in for a partner in a hearing before Judge Nancy in a case I knew almost nothing about. A witness for the other side was testifying and what he was saying seemed to make no sense. Years later, I saw the judge in the hallway and told him I'd considered asking for a bench decision. His response: "I would have given it to you."  
All the best to his loved ones.

**Steven J. Kalish** - March 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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“ Dear family of judge nacy ( joe),  
I met joe at spring arbor leesburg a few years ago when my mom ( ann pierce )  
entered the facility because they were table mates at meals! The 2 of them always  
had a great time and enjoyed each other’s company. He was such a delight. Then,  
joe moved to heritage hall and after that, mom did as well. (He was one of the  
reasons mom decided it was a good place for her!) Joe amazed me at every  
encounter even way after his 90’s! He was always pursuing something intellectual  
and was a joy to be around!  
We send your entire family our most loving sympathy at this time of great loss. May  
god bless all of you With comfort, peace and strength.  
In loving sympathy,  
Rachel And WAYne Newell  
Leesburg, va

rachel newell - March 12, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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“ Condolences to the Nancy family. I enjoyed working with Judge Nancy while at FERC.

Patrick Kealy - March 11, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Honorable Joseph Robert Nancy.



March 10, 2020 at 05:55 AM