



Nancy Morris

February 23, 1951 - September 1, 2017

A Celebration of Life service for Nancy Morris, 66, of Jefferson will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson. A gathering for family and friends will follow the service at the Jefferson Community Golf Course from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Burial will take place at a later date at the Jefferson Cemetery, Jefferson, Iowa. Memorials are suggested to the Sierra Community Theatre.

“The Best Thing About This Trip is I Don’t Have to Pack”

Nancy D’Ann Morris passed away on September 1, 2017 after a valiant fight against terminal cancer.

Nancy was born February 23, 1951 to Kenneth and Helen Jean Morris, making a dramatic entrance as the family was in the middle of a move from Stringtown, IA to Clearfield, IA on that very day. Nancy grew up in Clearfield alongside three siblings, Lewis, Janie and Todd. She was a devoted daughter, conservative high school cheerleader (think knee-length skirt, Jackie-O style) and moved to the Windy City in 1969, after marrying Terry Brown of Clearfield. In Chicago, Nancy worked as a dental assistant until the couple moved to Jefferson, IA, where they raised four sons – Brandon, Dominic, Tristan and Rhett.

In between endless loads of laundry and cooking elaborate meals, Nancy enjoyed starting collections - of everything. From Precious Moments, to Beanie Babies to Snow Village, whatever was the “it” item of the time, Nancy started a collection. There are now tubs upon tubs of stuff her sons get to sort through since she’s passed but don’t worry, if you knew Nancy, you know she already instructed them on how she wanted it done.

Many years of family memories were made at the Lake of the Ozarks where Trivial Pursuit matches, occasional tattoos, porch karaoke and coving out in the boat reigned supreme for over 15 years.

Later in life, Nancy fell in love all over again with her seven grandchildren. Aside from being “Gram,” her other passions included quilting, chocolate, gardening, ice cream

(which made her pass gas unabashedly), bossing others around, traveling (while complaining how much she hated packing), and she adored shamrocks, anything green and the movie Lonesome Dove.

While it may feel silly, raise your hand if Nancy ever said or did something that made you pee your pants. Now keep your hands up if you ever witnessed tears running down her leg from laughing so hard. That's the spirit this woman, mother, daughter, sister, crazy fun aunt and loyal friend to countless people sprinkled throughout her life.

Nancy would like to thank Dr. Matthew Hill, nurse Linda Smith and Dr. David Ohrt for their compassionate advice, care and help over the last year.

Survivors include sons Brandon Morris (Angela) Brown of Oskaloosa, KS, Dominic Drew Brown (and special friend Maryna Jennings) of Cedar Falls, IA, Tristan Marshall (Jenni) Brown of Roswell, GA, Rhett Matthew Brown of Jefferson, IA; seven grandchildren, Jacob McCall (b. 1998), Alivia Lynn (b. 2004), Mara Jo (b. 2009), Ella Marie (b. 2010), Becca Kathryn (b. 2011), Wilson Drew (b. 2011), MacKenna Lynn (b. 2012); three siblings, extended family members, and friends that are all raising a few middle fingers to cancer that tends to steal joy.

Today, Nancy is most likely looking down, enjoying a Gin Rickey (probably sharing it with her dad but hiding it from her mother!) while we are left celebrating our time with her. It's important to remember that while someone may no longer be among us on earth, our relationship with them can still exist and carry on. We will miss you something terrible but know you are at peace.

"It's been quite a party, ain't it?"

- Captain Augustus McCray to Captain Woodrow McCall, Lonesome Dove

Cemetery

Jefferson Cemetery
1019 East Lincoln Way
Jefferson, IA,

Events

SEP 6 **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM
First United Methodist Church
307 South Wilson Street, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

SEP 6 **Gathering of family and friends** 03:00PM - 05:00PM
Jefferson Community Golf Course
501 W Greenwood Road, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

Comments



“ To you four boys and all of your mom's family, Our sincere sympathy. Nancy was a vibrant, delightful lady who will be missed by so many. May you be comforted with your good memories and knowing she is at peace. God bless you all, Lee and Sheri Sloan

Sheryl Sloan - September 09, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 06, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ Your Tri Star Facilities family purchased the Victorian Teacup Bouquet for the family of Nancy Morris.



Your Tri Star Facilities family - September 06, 2017 at 07:38 AM



“ Nancy was a dear sweet kind soul who was always there for me and everyone else. We raised our children together, shared happiness and sorrow, good times and bad, laughed and cried together. I am truly blessed that she was a part of my life.
Joyce Gitch



Joyce Gitch - September 06, 2017 at 06:53 AM



“ Lori, Ashley and Shaunda purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Nancy Morris.



Lori, Ashley and Shaunda - September 05, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 05, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ Your Target Optical Family purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Nancy Morris.



Your Target Optical Family - September 05, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ GSC Agribusiness purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nancy Morris.



GSC Agribusiness - September 05, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 05, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 05, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ My favorite memory of Nancy is a recent one. I came to visit her this past Easter and while there I asked her to give me two small pieces of her favorite fabrics that I could place in my Forever Scrapbook. We both knew why. But soon it turned into a hilarious full tour of the sewing room. Boxes were pulled down from the closet shelves. Thread baskets were toppled. She showed me her works in progress. The room was already messy but we made it much worse. She said. "This is where I like to be. Someone else can pick it up." I now have my two fabric squares in my book...knowing they were her favorites.

Ginnie Brooks Dingman

Ginnie Brooks Dingman - September 04, 2017 at 08:34 PM



“ Nancy was my first best friend at the age of 4 or 5. I was lucky enough to see her after many years, a little over a year ago, right before she found out she had Cancer. She was excited about our 50th class reunion coming up in a couple of years and told me I "had to come to this one" (I am not a fan of class reunions!) It makes me sad to think that now she won't be there. We lost touch over the years but after seeing her a while back, it was clear that we were still friends with lots in common. There will never be another one like her! My heart and prayers go out to the boys and their families. Nancy was so proud of all of them and you should be proud to call her Mom or Grammy.

Donna Beggs Leeps - September 04, 2017 at 07:59 AM



“ That is a great obituary. It sucks big time that Nancy had to leave too young, but I know she has a village beyond.

Sarah hankel - September 04, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 03, 2017 at 10:06 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 03, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. We didn't get to see Nancy a lot over the years due to distance but whenever we did she was always a pleasure to be around and always fun and laughing. We will miss her and we are sad she had to leave so soon. God bless your family.

Courtenay Morris - September 03, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ Nancy was a true friend which is hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget. Our friendship lasted over four decades and across the miles . . . from the birth of her four boys and grandchildren . . . we have shared laughs, vacations, and tears . . . my condolences to her entire family.

Diane Gilley

Diane Gilley - September 02, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ My dear friend Nancy will always be in my heart. Scott Stabile has a quote that clearly says how I feel: I'll never forget you. I don't want to, either. Along with the great sadness that comes from missing you, lives a universe of gratitude for having shared a friendship with you. Our connection changed my life. I'm honored to be able to miss you.



Georgia Tucker - September 02, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ My dear friend, Nancy, always put others before herself, was devoted to her four sons and absolutely treasured her grandchildren. I will miss her sense of humor, her sense of adventure, her friendship and support, but certainly will not miss her navigational skills!
Whenever I have to rip a seam while quilting will be thinking of you.
Love, you, Nancy.
Jan Scharingson

jan scharingson - September 02, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Morris.



September 02, 2017 at 08:15 AM