



## Nancy Kay Carney

August 30, 1937 - January 21, 2023

Nancy Kay Carney, 85, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed from this life on January 21, 2023.

Nancy was born on August 30, 1937, to Telitha “Bobbi” and Myron Starner in Boone, Iowa. She spent her early years competing in barrel racing and other competitive events and graduated from Boone High School in 1955 and worked as a dental assistant.

Nancy first date with her future husband, Bert Carney was on August 15, 1956, that was arranged by Bert’s sister, Janese. They were engaged in December of that year, wed on April 22, 1957, and honeymooned in Colorado. They built a life together for almost 66 years and were blessed with six children. Nancy and Bert lived in Ames, Iowa, for 14 years before moving to Colorado Springs in 1971. In 1990, they moved to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Nancy was passionate about restoring antique furniture and was a member of the Colorado Questers in both Colorado Springs and Ft. Collins. She was also an accomplished cook and a gracious hostess. She loved sharing food with friends, neighbors, and anyone she felt needed an extra thank you.

Nancy was a Master Gardener and spent countless happy hours both inside and outside of the house cultivating plants and flowers.

In the 1980s, Nancy started running, and it was an outlet she enjoyed well into her 60s. She retired from running on a high note when she completed a 5K race at 70.

Nancy loved traveling extensively with Bert but was happiest when she was at home surrounded by her family, her dogs, and a view of the sunsets over the foothills from her kitchen.

Nancy is survived by her husband Bert, children Mike, Bryan, Dennis, Kathleen, Shelia, and Patrick and their spouses or best friends; grandchildren Kelly, Mike, Dan, Matt, Scott, Scott Michael, Patrick, and Julia; great-grandchildren Caleb, Ella, and Emma; brother Al; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Theresa.

A Mass of Resurrection will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 300 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, on February 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. with Father Joseph Hartmann officiating. The mass will be live streamed at [youtube.com/c/SaintJosephCatholicChurchFC](https://youtube.com/c/SaintJosephCatholicChurchFC). For more information or to share your thoughts or condolences, please visit Bohlender Funeral Chapel at [www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Nancy Kay Carney.

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February 14, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I have so many good memories of growing up with Carneys and Jennisons. As a young girl I remember watching Henry the Eighth on Masterpiece theater with Nancy at Clear Lake and her book recommendations as a teenager were always spot on. Such a wonderful lady, she will be missed.

*Amy Bartels*

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**Amy Bartels** - February 11, 2023 at 01:40 PM

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“ Nancy and Bert are my god parents and would often house me when I was traveling through the area. The most caring woman I’ve never known. She told me stories of my mom who I lost at a young age and treated me as one of her own.

Once I was coming back from a trip and said I needed to do laundry. I put my laundry bag in the room and headed downstairs to put the rest of my things away. I heard the washing machine start and ran upstairs because I knew she was starting it. I said I don’t really sort my clothes fearing she was sorting them. Nancy said “oh I could tell from that dingy bra you didn’t sort your clothes”. She had started to sort but seeing that bra, she dumped the entire bag in.

I feel lucky that I called Bert and Nancy several weeks before her passing and was able to talk, even for a brief moment, to her.

Now she’s up reunited with her best friend, Catie. Heaven look out!

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Sara Shoemaker - February 10, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Kay Carney.



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February 07, 2023 at 10:02 PM

JP

“ I remember enjoying St. Patrick Day celebrations in Nancy and Bert's home in Ames many years ago. The Carney clan really knew how to enjoy the "wearing of the green". Nancy and Bert were always gracious hosts. So we can raise a toast to remember the joy that Nancy brought to many lives. In sympathy and thanks for good memories. Jan Payer. (Husband Don died 2 years ago and loved Irish songs and parties -though he was only 1/2 Irish)

Janet S. Payer - February 04, 2023 at 04:43 PM

NS

“ Burt I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I really enjoyed chatting with you and Nancy when you would come into the bank. She was a very delightful woman. She had such a beautiful smile and was a very caring person. RIP Nancy you will be missed. Norma J Stallsworth

Norma STALLSWORTH - January 29, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JT

“ Nancy and I both were from Boone but didn't know each other until Ted and I moved in to the other half of the same duplex in Ames. From then on we were friends. Carneys, Jennisons and Tedescos celebrated our 50th wedding anniversaries together in Vermont in 2007. Thoughts are with the whole family but especially with Bert as he carries on without Nancy. Joanie & Ted Tedesco

Joanie & Ted Tedesco - January 29, 2023 at 11:33 AM

LL

I first met Nancy when visiting Derek and Pat at their Fort Collins home on a Mother's Day many years ago. Her smile was genuine. We bonded over sharing stories about our sons and talking about our favorite books. Nancy was a remarkable mom, wife and friend with many talents. May she rest in peace. Sending my love to Bert and the family. Linda Johnston Lloyd

Linda Johnston Lloyd - February 14, 2023 at 03:52 PM

MJ

“ Nancy was a treasured friend who was dearly loved by our whole family, her own family, and many friends. We spent seven short years together in Ames and frequent phone calls after that until Christmas of this last year. Lots of laughter, tears, and travels together. Her kids were part of our family. Condolences to all, especially to Bert who was a special soul mate to Nancy. She was loved unconditionally and returned that love to so many others. Here's to Nancy, " my oldest and best-est friend". Love you.

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**Mo Jennison** - January 28, 2023 at 12:28 PM

AM

“ Nancy was my mom's best friend and I'm grateful for the many memories I have of our families' growing up years in Ames, Iowa. Nancy had a lovely way of making life nice for others. She was a gentle soul with a wickedly funny sense of humor. Grateful for her impact on my life - and her cornbread recipe. Anne Jennison Mallampalli

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**Anne Mallampalli** - January 28, 2023 at 09:51 AM