



Nancy S. Hansford

March 3, 1943 - July 6, 2024

****Nancy Hansford: A Life Well-Lived****

Nancy Hansford, born on March 3, 1943, in Denver, Colorado, passed away peacefully July 6, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. As the eldest daughter of H. D. and Ruth Staner, Nancy's life was marked by a vibrant blend of passion, deep devotion to her family, community and seizing each day as the gift it is.

Nancy's journey began in Denver, CO where she spent most of her childhood. She attended Denver South High School and later pursued a degree in Business Administration at the University of Denver. It was here, amidst her studies and her involvement with the Phi Gamma Nu Sorority, that she met the love of her life, Bruce Hansford. Their love story began on a blind date, and they were married in a joyous ceremony on August 22, 1964, at Lakewood Methodist Church. This August would mark their 60th wedding anniversary.

Nancy and Bruce's life together was a testament to enduring love and shared dreams. They moved frequently to support Bruce's career, establishing welcoming homes in Casper, WY; Helena, MT; Cheyenne, WY; Estes Park, Evergreen, and Fort Collins, CO. Throughout these moves, Nancy's adaptability and individuality shone brightly. She consistently found ways to express her passion for writing with local newspapers and for specific projects

as a freelance writer. She became the owner/publisher of Fort Collins Business World magazine, and wrote and published two books.

Nancy's role as a wife and mother was the cornerstone of her life. She was a devoted partner to Bruce, supporting him as he built his career and ensuring a nurturing environment for their children, Brian and Cynthia. Her love for her family was boundless, and she was actively involved in their lives, from school meetings to sports events and music lessons and performances. Nancy's children remember her as a supportive, accepting and encouraging presence who instilled in them incredible life lessons, a love for writing and music, and the gift of being able to find and appreciate beauty in living every day.

Nancy's grandchildren, Benjamin and Conner, held a special place in her heart. She encouraged Benjamin's innovative endeavors and shared her love for reading with Conner. Her optimism and enthusiasm for life were infectious, and she cherished the time spent with her grandsons, teaching them valuable skills like playing poker and exploring their imaginations.

Beyond her family, Nancy was a "connector" and an active participant in her community. She loved bringing people together. She created and joined various groups, including writing workshops, book clubs, and social gatherings like poker nights and girls' night out. Her love for the written word extended to teaching in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program at Colorado State University, where she shared her passion for literature with local authors and mystery book enthusiasts.

Nancy's life was a beautiful tapestry of love, creativity, and resilience. She overcame challenges with an optimistic, forgiving and positive nature, never allowing circumstances to define her. Her adventurous spirit and moxie were evident in the way she approached life, always ready to explore new possibilities and embrace the unknown.

Nancy is survived by her beloved husband, Bruce; her son Brian and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, her grandsons Benjamin and Conner; her daughter Cynthia, son-in-law Derek, and Cindy Sue, a cherished part of the Hansford family for 24 years; and her sister Gail – along with numerous dear friends. Nancy's legacy of love, wisdom and joyful living will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In her own words, Nancy reminds us to "ransack from the ages, learn from the past," and to embrace continuous improvement, recognizing that even a small change can make a significant difference. We honor Nancy's remarkable life with deep love and appreciation, celebrating the joy and love she brought into our lives.

A Celebration of Life for Nancy will be held on Thursday, July 25th, 2024, at 1:00pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins CO 80524. Memorial contributions may be made to OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) by going to <https://give.colostate.edu/campaigns/44680/donations/new>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **25.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I had the privilege of knowing Nancy for over 20 years. I met Nancy through her beautiful daughter Cynthia! Nancy was one in a million and had the kindest heart and soul. My son Ryan and his friends went to one of er book signings, they always remember her kind and joyful presence!! She will be deeply missed.

Katie Beverly - July 22, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CK

“ What I appreciated most about Nancy is that I could be myself around her, and she accepted me for who I am--the good, the bad, and the ugly. Her soul and my soul are very old friends. She will be deeply missed. Carol Ann Kates

Carol Ann Kates - July 21, 2024 at 03:37 PM

NL

“ Nancy and I have been friends for over fifty years. Both of us moved many times, with Bruce and Doug working for Public Service, but we always stayed in touch. Nancy was very talented, and her writing was always a delight. When I spent time with Nancy, I always enjoyed her interests and also seemed to learn something while visiting. She was intelligent, sincere, caring and has many friends. I remember that when she walked into a room her smile was warming to everyone. Nancy was fun to know throughout the years we were friends. Doug and I send our condolences to Bruce and family. Doug and Naomi Lockhart.

Naomi Lockhart - July 21, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MO

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on Nancy's passing. I took a couple of her Osher classes, and found her to be a delightful lady. She will be missed by the community.*

Marie O'Neill - July 21, 2024 at 02:46 PM

BR

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Bruce - July 18, 2024 at 02:47 PM

PB

“ *The women of the Girls Night Out group know that we join many others in the sorrow of losing our friend of decades. To Bruce and Nancy's Family, we send our love and prayers. Nancy's humor, wisdom and kindness have helped all of us of the years, along with many laughs. We hold a place in our hearts for her.*

Patty Bigner, Peggy Gibford, Debra Herrick, Carol Hoelscher, Holly Manley, Rita Peterson, Dolores Rowland, Diane Walton

Patty Bigner - July 16, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“Hello, this is Nancy” always sent a chill up my spine when I answered the phone. The lovely Mrs. Hansford shared “Nancy” as also the first name of my “Ex”. The “devilish” Mrs. Hansford delighted in knowing she always gave me that chill.

How fortunate you were if you had Nancy as a friend. Nancy was fun to be around in all regards. When I really NEEDED FRIENDS during one of my most trying times, Bruce and Nancy stepped right in. The Hansford family holiday dinners and their introductions to new friends were a blessing for which I will be forever grateful.

My dear Nancy. I have been enriched in so many ways from your friendship. I treasure our last hug. Your presence is sorely missed, but your memory shines brightly in my heart.



Kenneth Driskill - July 15, 2024 at 12:41 PM

MH

“ I have the fondest memories of Nancy and am saddened for her loss. I was so lucky to have her children when I taught 3rd grade at Putnam Elementary. She was so supportive as a parent and her kids were a joy. What a special family! My sincere condolences!
Mary Kay Taylor Hallenbeck 🌸🌸🌸

Mary Kay Hallenbeck - July 14, 2024 at 12:51 PM

BH

Miss Taylor! I remember you well from 3rd grade. I appreciate you leaving a wonderful tribute for Nancy. Means a lot to all of us.
-Brian Hansford

Brian Hansford - July 23, 2024 at 02:04 PM

JH

“ There are a few people as you journey through life that you just say " I am so glad I know her." Nancy was just such a person. I have known Nancy for over 60 years and proud to call her friend. She had so many attributes that I admire, but none more than her last few months. She faced her diagnosis with such courage. Farewell old friend. We are so glad we knew you.
Betty and Jim

Jim Hull - July 13, 2024 at 08:08 PM

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Cindi - July 13, 2024 at 01:23 PM

EL

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Elizabeth - July 12, 2024 at 09:06 PM