



Nancy S. Tempalski

June 14, 1945 - September 11, 2018

Nancy S. Tempalski, 73, of Fort Collins, Colorado, died September 11, 2018, at Poudre Valley Hospital surrounded by her beloved family.

Nancy was born June 14, 1945, in Fort Collins, Colorado. Her parents, Helen and Elton Collins, and her sister Nadine, precede her in death. Nancy was the youngest of three siblings.

Nancy graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1963. She went on to Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado for a short time. On December 27, 1967, she married Edward Tempalski of Pittsburgh, PA; divorcing in 2013. They had two children, Carrie M. Tempalski and Gregory R. Tempalski.

Nancy worked at Poudre Valley Hospital for 32 years in the Emergency Room as the department secretary. She was known as “Mom” to the many staff members and colleagues who's lives she touched. She knew how to remain calm in the face of whatever storm came her way, and she did so with a smile, grace and an incredible sense of humor. She retired in 2010, but her influence is still felt throughout the local medical community. In retirement, Nancy volunteered at Source Point Community Acupuncture, the clinic owned and operated by her daughter Carrie. Her influence there was felt by every person who she encountered. Carrie had the honor of working with her mother side

by side for the past 25 years, a gift she will never forget.

Her most influential job was that of Mother. Her children have been inspired by her courage during the hardest times in her life and she has shown them how to remain proud and strong in the face of difficulty. She taught them about perspective, love, and how to be selfless when it counted the most. She always put her children first, and because of that, they know gratitude. Her son, Greg is grateful for all the times she went out of her way to encourage him and make him laugh with her quick wit and unending love.

She is survived by her children, Carrie Tempalski (Heather) and Greg Tempalski of Fort Collins; her brother, Charles Collins (Gloria) of Fort Collins; her niece and nephews and their children who loved Nancy as well.

Nancy leaves behind a community of people who have felt her influence in their lives, and her beautiful spirit will live on in all of them.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She had what my Nana referred to as Moxie! She will be missed at Source Point. Sending Love & Hugs to Carrie, Heather & Greg & the rest of the family.
Sue Harris & Family

Sue Harris - September 19, 2018 at 11:20 AM

AD

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. We had many good years as neighbors and send our condolences to Carrie and Greg and the whole family.

Annette and Frank DeMeyer

Annette and Frank Demeyer - September 16, 2018 at 09:32 AM

SW

“ She was the matriarch of the department - I quickly learned to love her and to respect her. She, without fail, would make me smile or laugh out loud every time I worked with her. Such a gift to us all



Shauna Wall - September 15, 2018 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ Thinking of your family, so sorry for your loss.

Ralph and Madeline Banta

Madeline Banta - September 14, 2018 at 10:46 AM

JB

“ So sad to hear this. Nancy was a loving mother and great friend to many and I am fortunate to be included, as one of her many friends. She definitely was the heart, soul and glue in the ER for the 30+ years she was at PVH. She was the epitome when it came to representing PVH's motto “We Care For You.” She made everyone feel special, whether they were staff, cops, firefighters, patients or patients' families. The world is a little darker without her great smile, twinkle in her eye and sharp wit. Rest easy my friend.



Judi Bratten - September 14, 2018 at 09:28 AM

SP

“ Carrie and Greg, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a wonderful person! I first met her in 1977 when you both were very little. Our paths have crossed several times over the years and I was blessed to receive her "Mom" loving care in the ER while there with a family member. She was very proud of you. She will be remembered for all the wonderful things she did for so many people over the years. Rest in peace dear friend.



Schanna Preuit - September 13, 2018 at 08:33 PM

ES

“ I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing, she truly was the “Mom” Of the ER and I will forever remember her presence and calmness and her smile. Sending you all love, comfort and grace during this time of grief. ❤️

Erin Seader - September 13, 2018 at 04:21 PM

JS

“ Nancy...mom.... love ya and I remember when I started working at pvh ER in 2006 and remember you fondly. My deepest condolences to you Carrie. Love you and your family.

Jason Schneider - September 13, 2018 at 03:59 PM

DH

“ My wife, Jane and I, as Heather Hutson's aunt and uncle, wish to express our condolences at this time for both Heather and her special friend, Carrie Tempalski, daughter of Nancy Tempalski.

Those two young ladies have shared a special relationship with Nancy, and have been the beneficiaries of her calm demeanor and wise council on many occasions.

We share their loss at this time, yet know that the good memories will endure. They will be revisited many, many times bringing a sweet mixture of both sadness and joy, but with Carrie and Heather both thankful for the many positive memories which not only will endure, but will forever prevail.

Dick and Jane Hutson, Fort Collins, CO

Dick Hutson - September 13, 2018 at 01:44 PM

MA

“ Nancy was the BEST!!!! She was a "work mom" to many. Always asking how you and your family were!! Love ya Nancy.....

mark - September 13, 2018 at 12:59 PM

TA

“ During my time working in the ER at PVH, no matter what, Nancy always could make you smile. Even when we grumbled, she just naturally could find the humor and make a joke over it. I know as anyone who works in the ER does, there were plenty of times where sadness took over and yet you felt her warmth, her steadiness and she would find a way to "make it better." Indeed a mom, it was her calling! She will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her, and I will cherish my memories of Nancy.

Terrie L Aul - September 13, 2018 at 12:49 PM

TR

“ Nancy was my mentor in the ER, and she definitely was “Mom” to all. She was a caring, positive, energetic and delightful person who brightened up my days. I’m so sorry for your deep loss, Carrie and Gregory.

Tami Roupp - September 13, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Nancy was always a bright smile in the chaos of emergency medicine. Her kind face and demeanor was always an anchor for a newbie in the ED. You raised a magnificent daughter that cares for people the same way you did. Thank you, Nancy.

Casey Cash - September 13, 2018 at 12:21 PM

CT

“ 7 files added to the album Nancy



Carrie Tempalski - September 13, 2018 at 11:11 AM

LD

Carrie, I've been thinking of you and praying for you from the time I read the obit in the paper. I will make a contribution to the PVH foundation in her memory. Liz

Liz Davis - September 24, 2018 at 03:34 PM

LA

Dear Carrie and Family,

Nancy was so special and caring to all of us at work- she was a role model of warmth and friendship. We are so sorry for your loss- peace and love to all of you!

Lou Abbott and Mark Rohrer

Lou Abbott - September 26, 2018 at 12:02 PM