



Nancy Leann Lovekamp

June 15, 1947 - September 21, 2020

Nancy L. Lovekamp, 73, of Jacksonville passed away Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, at Passavant Area Hospital. She was born, June 15, 1947, in Jacksonville, the daughter of Robert G. and Bernice Meyer Lovekamp.

Surviving are siblings, Linda (Melvin) Thies of Jacksonville, Galen Lovekamp of Bluffs, Carol (Brice) Lawson of Griggsville and Robyn (Michael) Williams of Judsonia, AR; nieces and nephews, Michael (Veronika) Thies of Jacksonville, Pamela White of Dania Beach, FL, Ginnie Adkins of Riverton, Phillip Lovekamp of Bluffs, Angela (Michael) Makabi of Perry, Travis (Jessica) Lawson of Griggsville, Cody (Kaitlyn) Lawson of Chambersburg, Crystal (Ben) Sotomayor of Kingwood, TX, Carrie Williams and Michelle (Kyle) Holloway both of Searcy, AR and seventeen great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sister-in-law, Cyndi Lovekamp.

Nancy graduated from Bluffs High School in 1965 and Western University in Macomb in 1969. She taught kindergarten, junior high and high school English, library science, language arts and served as media center supervisor in Meredosia and then at Winchester. Nancy directed many school plays and coached girls' basketball briefly. After retiring from teaching, she worked as a secretary for the Jacksonville Public School Foundation, the Jacksonville School District in the Early Years Program and then, in the District's Curriculum Office. Nancy learned to play piano as a youngster and played at some weddings. She loved to sing and was an excellent painter in watercolor and oils. Nancy enjoyed cooking from the time she was in 4-H. After her retirement, she began sewing and making quilts. Nancy was a caring person who helped others, many times anonymously, and was proud of her nieces and nephews. She had a special place in her heart for her cats.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Bluffs. Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Cemetery

Trinity Cemetery

Bluffs, IL,

Events

SEP Graveside Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I worked with Nancy as a fellow school librarian, and she was delightful. Her sense of humor, kindness, and knowledge were an asset to education. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jane Van Tuyle

Jane Van Tuyle - September 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ I worked with Nancy for years as co-director of MCHS/Bluffs musicals and later when we both found ourselves at Winchester. She took me without any experience other than playing in the pit, being a rehearsal accompanist and being on stage for one show, and taught me how to put on a musical, becoming a trusted friend along the way. I took her suggestions and followed the guidelines she had used for years, but never came close to her way with a backdrop and set. She was truly an inspired director who never thought “okay” was good enough. I appreciate all I learned from Nancy. Debbie Bicknell

Debbie Bicknell - September 23, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Nancy. She will be missed by so many people. She was a lovely person with a kind heart. Prayers to the family.

Kathy Newbery - September 23, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ With sympathy to Nancy’s family and friends.

Joe and Becky Dewees - September 23, 2020 at 03:26 AM



“ Saddened to learn of the passing of Nancy as we were colleagues at Dosh in the 90’s. Her dedication to the profession of education will be her legacy that continues in the lives of students that she served.

- Bob Pritchett

Bob Pritchett - September 22, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to Nancy's family on her passing. She was gregarious, extraordinarily kind, fun, and beloved. I have many memories of her as a teacher/play director at Meredosia-Chambersburg High School in the early 1970's -- always smiling or laughing! She was a gracious lady and so many of us were blessed to have been one of her students or in one of the school plays she directed. Nancy brought much happiness to our school back then and will be sorely missed. May she rest in peace.

Charlotte (Tegeder) Wildrick - September 22, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ I had Ms. Lovekamp for a teacher, director, sponsor, and mentor while attending Meredosia-Chambersburg middle and high school. She was a tough teacher and director. Ms. Lovekamp always wanted you to do the best you could possibly do and didn't settle for less. She pushed me to work harder in English, sing louder in the plays and encouraged me to learn photography. I appreciate all the time she invested into me and other students at Meredosia-Chambersburg schools.

C. Johnson - September 22, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Nancy was a creative, generous lady and gave abundant time and talent to Woodhaven Hospice event, Festival of Trees, for many years. Her beautiful trees and other decorative entrees were enjoyed and certainly gained monies for the Hospice when they were auctioned. She is truly appreciated and will be remembered for her gifts.

Pat Frost - September 23, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ Nancy was always so helpful and kind to the teachers in JSD #117. We joked that she was our travel agent - the best travel agent! When attending professional development opportunities, teachers would get a red folder from Nancy with everything they needed in the folder - very helpful and very organized. Nancy lived right down the street from me and I always enjoyed the walk past her house. She has beautiful flowers and yard. Just last week, I saw the birds eating from her feeder and an ornery squirrel trying to get into their food. Nancy would have enjoyed sitting and watching from her window. You have been missed Nancy and will be even more now.

Vicky TabEEK

Victoria TabEEK - September 25, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ I worked with Nancy at MCHS for many years, and she was always ready to drop everything to help any student or co-worker in need. I considered her a very caring and devoted friend. Not many like that gal! She will be missed by many.

S. Wilhite

sally wilhite - September 26, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ I remember Nancy fondly from the Curriculum Office in JSD117. Nancy always did her best to support teachers and administrators. Grace and Peace to her family in this time of remembrance and reflection.

Timothy W. Chipman - September 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM