



Nancy H. Cekalla

April 15, 1947 - November 18, 2018

Nancy H. Cekalla, 71 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, November 18, 2018 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 12-2 P.M. at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN

Nancy Howard Nicholson was born April 15, 1947 in Montpelier, VT, the fourth child of Elmer (Nick) Nicholson and Diana Howard Nicholson and their third daughter. Nancy graduated from Harrington High School (Bryn Mawr, PA) and from the University of Vermont with a French degree and a minor in Art in 1968. She also studied abroad in Paris.

While living with her sister Carol and family in Duluth, MN, Nancy was hired as a full-time city bus driver. She had some harrowing tales of her first winter driving on snowy, hilly streets. Nancy met her now former husband, Marvin (Marv) Cekalla in Duluth and they married in Little Falls where they raised their four sons, Marv's son Keith and their three sons together, Garrett, Wyatt and Morgan. Nancy was very proud of all of her sons and was a staunch supporter of their academic and athletic endeavors (especially her years as a "hockey mom".) Nancy was a creative and artistic person with a unique style and was the owner of her silk-screening wearable art business, Fibrations by Cekalla. She presented in art fairs (which were often juried) and in festivals

across the country. She gained many loyal customers and vendor friends with her beautiful vibrant designs.

Nancy is survived by her former husband, Marvin Cekalla of Little Falls; by her three sons, Garrett of Brainerd, Wyatt (Angella) of Fort Ripley, and Morgan (Heather) of Duluth; three grandchildren, Dylan, Everly and Sylvi; step-son, Keith (Kate); sisters, Carol (Jerry) Fryberger of Duluth and Linda (Tim) Evers of Mystic, CT. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, special friends, Sandy and Dennis and her many AA friends.

Nancy was preceded by her parents and by her brother, David Nicholson in 2016.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to a local charity or local art festival in Nancy's name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy H. Cekalla*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 30, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *Nancy H. Cekalla*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I was one of Nancy's many classmates at Harriton who always looked to her for calmness, grace, caring, and sensitivity. Her smile lit up the room and her beauty went beyond the surface. We worked together on GSL events, making use of her energy and creativity. May her memory be a blessing.*

Leslie Kardon Pugach - January 14, 2019 at 12:09 PM

PC

“ Nancy and I were good friends at Harriton High School. We had some wonderful, fun times. We watched *The Beatles* together on *The Ed Sullivan Show* at her family's house on Fairway Lane. She was full of life and always ready for a good time. I hoped I would see her again some day. Condolences to her family.

Pam Knowles Clark

Pamela Clark - January 13, 2019 at 03:33 PM

NO

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Nancy's family and friends. I knew Nancy beginning in her senior year at Harriton High in Rosemont, PA, Nancy changed the lives and hearts of everyone who knew her. Peace, dear Nancy. Nick Ovalle

Nick Ovalle - December 01, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ 10 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 30, 2018 at 01:29 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 29, 2018 at 09:20 AM

LK

“ *LeRoy Kowalczyk lit a candle in memory of Nancy H. Cekalla*



LeRoy Kowalczyk - November 22, 2018 at 08:49 AM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Nancy H. Cekalla*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - November 21, 2018 at 10:16 AM

LA

“ I met Nancy at art fairs, as a customer, and instantly fell in love with her and her beautiful clothes! Saw her every year, for years, whenever our paths crossed at art fairs. She always remembered me and my likes. Just from these once-a-year interactions I learned that she was a sparked individual--much more than the ordinary! What a bright light! Thank you, Nancy, for the bright clothes full of your spirit.thank you for making the world a better place to live, for many of us.

Lynn Arnsdorf - November 21, 2018 at 06:46 AM

KC

“ I ment Nancy right after she had Morgan I was 18 I became his sitter! Fell in love with vibrant personality!! We had a wonderful relationship for 33 years! Until recently but Things she said often poo in my head!! What a brilliant woman!! I will so miss her!! I love you Nancy!!

karrie czech - November 21, 2018 at 05:19 AM

CD

“ our sympathy and prayers
Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter



Charlie and Dianne - November 20, 2018 at 09:06 PM

BN

“ I will always remember Nancy with her beautiful smile, her artist talents were amazing, her love for her sons and the sparkle in her eyes when she chatted with you. She will be missed by many and have a place in our hearts.

Bonnie Jo Nagel - November 20, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, Nancy. Sympathy and prayers to the family.
Enjoyed fun times with Nancy..during hockey tournaments.*

The Hammerbecks

Patti Hammerbeck - November 20, 2018 at 07:53 PM



MR

“ *Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Nancy H. Cekalla*

Mary Jo Retka - November 20, 2018 at 05:41 PM



KW

“ *Karen (przybilla) Waddell lit a candle in memory of Nancy H. Cekalla*

karen (przybilla) waddell - November 20, 2018 at 09:08 AM



KW

“ *Rest In Paradise, my lovely friend Nancy.*

karen (przybilla) waddell - November 20, 2018 at 08:11 AM

SN

“ *My condolences to the family. Nancy was a wonderful person, smart, talented and funny. Years of good memories. I already miss her!*

Sandy Nelson - November 20, 2018 at 07:05 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Nancy H. Cekalla*



Sandy Nelson - November 20, 2018 at 06:56 AM