



Nancy Marie Coffey

September 15, 1949 - April 28, 2019

Nancy Marie Coffey, 69, of Oskaloosa, Iowa entered eternal life on April 28, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Nancy was born in Yankton, South Dakota on September 15, 1949, to parents Arthur and Margaret (Krenk) Holt. She grew up on a farm four miles east of Wakonda, South Dakota. She loved the outdoors and farm life, especially planting crops, harvesting, and driving the big tractors. She graduated from Wakonda High School in 1961 and attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD where she met the father of her two children, Sheila and Bryan. After the divorce, Nancy worked at the VA hospital in Knoxville, Iowa for 32 years in Public Affairs and retired in December 2009.

One day, during those 32 years, Nancy met and married Russell Coffey at the Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa on December 30, 1989. Nancy and Russ have lived on a “gentleman” farm for the past 20 years. Together, and I do mean “together,” they picked morel mushrooms, wild berries, grapes, peaches, apples, gardened, made jelly, held famous fish fries, hot dog roasts, held garage sales, held deer camp, and entertained many friends and family with awesome meals and spirits. Their favorite activity, besides cooking together, was sitting on their patio, watching the deer at their pond and the birds, especially the hummingbirds.

Nancy was truly a wonderful “girlfriend.” She was always there when a friend was in need. Her fierce loyalty and nobility will be missed by all who knew her. Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Art and Margaret Holt, father and

mother-in-law, Cal and Nelda Coffey, and brother-in-law, Steve Coffey.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Coffey; her two children: Sheila Van Sickle of Dallas TX and Bryan Van Sickle of Knoxville IA; her granddaughter, Lillian Scruggs and great-granddaughter Jennaya of Dallas TX; her sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Glenn Strand of Buffalo Grove IL; her sisters-in-law Connie Wymore and Karen Fisher of Oskaloosa. She also has many nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and many loving friends too numerous to list, but not forgotten.

Per Nancy's request cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Marie Coffey*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Russ, I know Nancy met so much to you. My prayers and thoughts are with you. It is hard to lose someone but wonderful is the memory of their time with you. Monte Johnson*

Monte Johnson - May 17, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Oh Russ and all of you that loved this great women...my heart goes out to you. Nancy was just one of those quiet souls that had the biggest heart ever...and then there was that little spark in her eye when she felt someone was being taken advantage of and game on... she would quietly go about righting the wrong in her own way making the world better with her sweet spirit!
Russ I hope you feel her still beside you out there with your deer and birds as I know she is not leaving yet with the glory of spring blooming all around that beloved patio.
God speed to this wonderful soul!*

Theresa Grahek - May 03, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Darla Marsh lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Coffey*



Darla Marsh - April 30, 2019 at 10:02 PM

PK

“ Pam Kreimeyer lit a candle in memory of
Nancy Marie Coffey



Pam Kreimeyer - April 30, 2019 at 07:20 PM

NS

“ Nancy Stanton lit a candle in memory of
Nancy Marie Coffey



Nancy Stanton - April 30, 2019 at 05:50 PM

CC

“ Carla Chambers lit a candle in memory of
Nancy Marie Coffey



Carla Chambers - April 30, 2019 at 03:54 PM

GK

“ Nancy was a beautiful soul.
We remember a good time when you came to Michigan and to the
Antique show in Illinois. Cherish your memories.
Cousin Jerry and Carol Krenk

Gerald Krenk - April 30, 2019 at 10:55 AM

KE

“ Kelly(VA) lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Coffey



Kelly(VA) - April 30, 2019 at 07:54 AM

KE

Such good memories working with Nancy at the VA! Truly a precious lady. Always remember the good times with her!! Kelly (Nutting) Langebartels

Kelly(VA) - April 30, 2019 at 07:59 AM

CS

Thank you for taking time to remember Nancy. Russ Coffey and Carol Strand (her sister).

carol strand - April 30, 2019 at 09:52 AM

LC

“ Linda Carter(VA) lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Coffey



Linda Carter(VA) - April 30, 2019 at 07:13 AM

LC

So sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady

Linda Carter(VA) - April 30, 2019 at 07:14 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Thomas Carter lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Coffey*



Lisa Thomas Carter - April 29, 2019 at 11:24 PM

JR

“ *Judith Van Rees lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Coffey*



Judith Van Rees - April 29, 2019 at 10:07 PM

AS

“ *Angie Sage lit a candle in memory of Nancy Marie Coffey*



Angie Sage - April 29, 2019 at 10:01 PM

EW

“ I am so very very sorry for your loss. Nancy was a good and kind hearted person who I was blessed to call her my friend. I always felt at home when Connie and I would come out to the farm. One of my favorite things to do was to sit on the back patio and watch the hummingbirds. There were so many of them I think I actually heard the flutter or their wings. Nancy was an excellent cook as well as a "farmer". I often commented how in the world did they mow all of the big yard and harvest their "crops?" I remember I always told Nancy and Russ not to be alarmed if I should up with a backhoe and a bull dozier as I was positive the south forty pond held dinosaur bones! I would always try to beat you at Candy Crush or Words with Friends. I never did beat her at those games but I had fun playing them. Russ, I wish I could be there with you and your family. Nancy, you will be missed and thank you for being my friend. Emily

Emily Wallace - April 29, 2019 at 07:23 PM

CS

Thank you for taking time to remember Nancy. Russ Coffey and Carol Strand (her sister).

carol strand - April 30, 2019 at 09:55 AM

DK

“ There are no words to express how amazing this person was. Her smile is what I will always remember. She loved fiercely... she was not only extremely special she was one of a kind... the kind you strive to be. My heart aches. God has taken you to peace now. Your memory will always be in my heart. I love you so very much Aunt Nancy. I will continue to live caring and loving to people as you were to so many. May you rest easy. Thank you for being the best Aunt to me and being the best sister and best friend to my Mother. You truly are an angel. ❤️ Deanna Kowalski

deanna kowalski - April 29, 2019 at 03:24 PM