



Nancy Hein

November 11, 2022

Nancy Jo Hein, age 70, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed from this life on November 11, 2022, at her home. Nancy was born in Beckley, West Virginia on December 16, 1951, to parents Donald and Aleen Rupert. The family relocated shortly after, living in Texas, New Mexico, and finally settling in Colorado in 1960.

Nancy graduated from Highland High School in Thornton, Colorado in 1970. Nancy was married in 1971 to her high school sweetheart, Brad Hein, and they had 3 children together. After earning her Associate Degree from the University of Colorado, she worked as an X-Ray Technologist at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, Colorado. In the 80's the family relocated to Greeley, Colorado, where she worked at the Greeley X-Ray Clinic. Fort Collins became home in 1991, where she spent the rest of her career as an MRI Technologist in the Poudre Valley Hospital System and finally at the Harmony Imaging Center, until she retired in 2021.

Thanks to her green thumb, beautiful plants and flowers thrived in Nancy's home and her garden. She was humble about it and would say she did nothing special. She just, "dug a hole and planted it." She loved to take walks with her friends every Saturday, after which they would have breakfast together, unabashedly undoing their hard work. They even walked a marathon several years ago. In more recent years, Nancy took an interest in making pottery and spent many afternoons at the Fort Collins Pottery Studio and

enjoyed giving her beautiful works to family and friends. She also loved a good road trip south to Santa Fe or Texas or wherever the road took her. She and her siblings would often travel home to West Virginia to drive the state in search of family history and good food. Her grandchildren, all boys, were a source of great delight and amusement to her. She was very proud of each of them.

Colleagues remember Nancy's kindness, mentorship, hard work, and deep knowledge of their field. She was a leader and friend to them. Friends and family remember how peaceful and sweet she was, while also acknowledging her incredible inner strength and resolve, which could never be discounted or ignored. She had a certain lilt in her voice that cheered those around her and a pep in her step that reflected her energy. Never weary, she embraced the motto, "Carpe Diem" (Seize the Day) and truly lived it.

Nancy is survived by her children, Jeremy (Carla) Hein, Jennifer (Thane) Gorek and Jordan Hein; grandchildren, Talvin, Hayden, Ash, Emerson, and Elliott; siblings, Susan (Fred) Mazzotti and Andy Rupert; and many extended family and friends who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents Donald and Aleen Rupert and her husband Brad Lee Hein.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, November 28, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins with a reception to follow at Windsong Estate Event Center in Severance, CO. Donations in her memory may be made to Brent's Place, <https://www.brentsplace.org/give>. Flowers are also welcome.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **28**. 11:00 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church
1005 Stover Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.fcfumc.net/>

Reception

NOV **28**. 12:30 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd
Severance, CO 80524
(970) 686-9690

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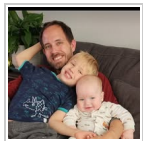


Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - November 28, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *More than a friend, Nancy was a sister. Who could have ever guessed that 2 little girls who happened to be in the same 5th grade class for a couple months in 1962 would become life-long friends. She was a much better friend than I was, loving and generous. As I look around my home I see memories of her in photos and tokens of our times together, trips taken and holidays shared. It wasn't supposed to end this way, she had longevity in her family tree and me not so much. I was counting on her to be there for my children at the end, but alas God had different plans. So now I will try to comfort Jeremy, Jennifer, and Jordan as they face a future without their mom just as she would have done for me. Through tear filled eyes I say goodbye dear one, until we meet again. You are always in my heart.*

Linda Hanie - November 25, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *I worked with Nancy for 7 years. She was one of my favorite people to have lunch with and talk about our gardens. Her grace and compassion for her patients and colleagues is something I will always cherish.*

Michael Hilmes - November 23, 2022 at 06:02 PM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss. It was really awesome growing up in the same neighborhood, right up the street. We had a lot of good times.

Stanley Peterson - November 20, 2022 at 02:26 PM

BE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I truly enjoyed having her at the Pottery Studio on Wednesdays. I got to know her as part of a small group there during the early days of the pandemic and I will remember her always.

Beth Dickson

Beth - November 20, 2022 at 12:31 PM

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“ We will miss her greatly. I take peace in knowing that she is in heaven and no more sickness. She will be forever with us in our walks, talks, and Birthday celebrations. You were loved.

Pam Roys - November 20, 2022 at 11:07 AM

LM

“ Though I didn't see her on many occasions, being that we lived half a country away, I will never forget Nancy. It is the people who step up to be kind, that stay in our hearts forever. Nancy was like that when my sister and I along with our parents, traveled to Colorado for a visit when I was twelve. Nancy immediately took us girls out to play miniature golf. She introduced us to it and we had a great time. She was warm and involved with us as if we'd been friends for years. She was also on board years later, for the cousin reunions and in a later visit, she took me shopping to a delightful French gift shop and then to her pleasant home, where we talked and shared. I wish we could have shared much more. A hole that cannot be filled now exists.

Laurie MacDougall - November 19, 2022 at 10:42 PM