



Nancy Wild

June 2, 2021

As she wished, Nancy Wild died at home in her sleep on June 2 at age 87 after fighting terminal illness.

“She used to be wild and loved to jump on a horse and ride like the wind, then she became Somebody’s Mother and was transformed into an obsessive neurotic.” This was Nancy Wild’s favorite quote by Garrison Keillor.

At age 15, with money intended for a saddle, she bought her first horse at auction. By waitressing and working in a stable, she kept it. She graduated from State College, PA High School and Penn State University. She helped organize and rode in the first inter-collegiate 3-day jumping event (Olympic style).

Living out west, she couldn’t contain herself watching two cowboys unable to ride an unruly horse. She said, “Gimme that horse,” and within minutes was riding it under control.

After marriage to Lowell McEwen at Valley Forge, PA in 1954, they lived in several states before arriving in Colorado in 1961. She usually worked at universities along the way. After moving to Fort Collins in 1976, she worked at CSU before her successful career as Technical Editor for the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Born to Carl and Bessie Wild in Bellefonte, PA, she had an interest in landscape architecture like her professor father. She always beautified her homes with plantings.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 66 plus years, Lowell McEwen; sons, John McEwen of Fort Collins and Bill McEwen (Christy) of Eagle; and daughters, Anne Hendrickson (Kyle) of Ames, IA and Stephanie Smith of Grand Junction, CO; also 6 grandchildren, Tony Hendrickson, Sean McEwen, Ayla Hendrickson, Latham Hendrickson, Jake McEwen, and Natalie McEwen; brother, Bill Wild (Mary Jane); nieces Robyn Wild (Alex), and Leigh Plue (Bret); as well as many long-time friends in CO and PA. She was preceded in death by her grandson Zachery McEwen.

Thank you to all of Nancy's caregivers, especially to son John; Janna and Helene of Pathways Hospice; and Heidi of ComforCare Home Care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pathways Hospice in Fort Collins.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Nancy was a professional colleague of mine for at least 15 years at Colo.Div. of Wildlife. Nancy was always helpful and worked sincerely to make publications better. She was a great technical editor to work with and always tried for 'perfection'. Within our research group she was our teaching trainer to use new word processing, photo, and illustration software--and she was excellent in making software work for her! She was also a daily friend who chatted about animals and dogs. But, she never mentioned her 'career' with horses--can't believe she never mentioned about equestrian jumping!! When she retired from DOW, her reliable and helpful function was never really replaced. --Dave Freddy*

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“ *Sincere condolences to your family. My mother, Marian Hershcopf, was a coworker of Nancy's at the Division of Wildlife, but they became more than colleagues---they were friends. Nancy was a wonderful person, full of energy, and I'm sure she will be greatly missed! Fondly, Debra Hershcopf Kennedy*

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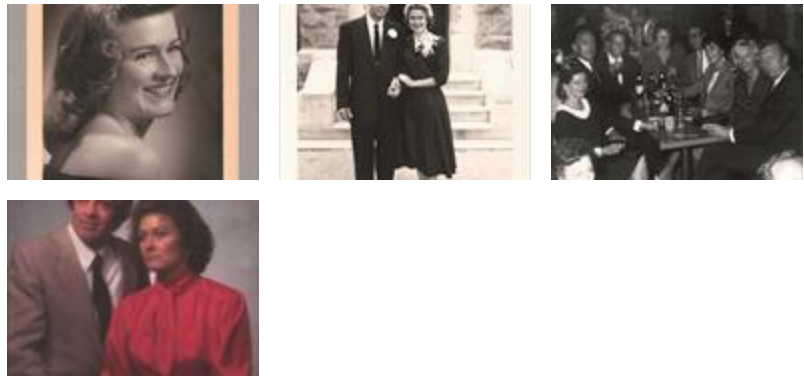


“ Nancy was a wonderful mentor to me as a recent high school graduate who had my first job at the Ft Collins DOW. She shared her love of the outdoors and her print work with me, and remained a good friend for years afterward. -Cari Carpenter

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