



Nancy Ann Lynch Beatty

July 21, 1934 - June 26, 2021

Nancy Ann Lynch Beatty passed away in Bonita Springs, Florida, on June 26, 2021. She was born on July 21, 1934 to Charles Jeremiah Lynch and Dorothy Mayne Lynch in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on one of the hottest recorded temperatures for that date (without air conditioning)! She arrived under tough circumstances and proved to be one very tough individual. Over the next 86 years she endured chronic hepatitis (so rare that it was never identified as any of the known varieties) that manifested in cirrhosis of the liver, breast cancer, multiple hip replacements beginning at age 55, Celiac disease, bleeding varices and more...a lot for one lifetime.

Although she was beset with multiple health issues, she never let it keep her from living life and helping others through her volunteer work. Nancy graduated from Franklin High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1952. She attended and graduated from Colorado College with a teaching degree in 1956. As a member of the Delta Gamma sorority Nancy served as chapter and alumni president. She was the Sweetheart of Beta Theta Pi and enjoyed the synchronized swimming team. She met fellow Iowan, H. Edward Beatty, at her freshman mixer and after graduation they were married. Nancy and Ed were married for 58 years until Ed's passing in 2014.

Nancy was a volunteer role model serving as a den mother and Camp Fire Girl group leader. She served on the Iowa Council of Camp Fire Girls as Board President and a National Council member. She was an active and sustaining member of the Junior League of Cedar Rapids and served as Treasurer for that organization. Nancy was a long-time member of the chapters of the PEO in Cedar Rapids and Bonita Springs. She was a board member for the American Red Cross, Seminole Valley Farm, and Methwick Manor. She was a tutor for literacy. She generously volunteered her time for many causes.

Nancy loved all animals, but horses and dogs in particular, and at one point she even had a pet pig. She played the accordion and the piano. Nancy was skilled at all kinds of arts and crafts. Oil paintings? She painted many which graced her walls and the walls of those who received her art as gifts. Personalized Christmas stockings? She knitted one for every grandchild and great-grandchild. You need a prom dress or ski pants or curtains or 7 bridesmaid dresses? Nancy always delivered with love. Counted cross-stitch your thing? Nancy completed a large family heirloom afghan honoring every member of the family.

She also pioneered the now very common photo Christmas cards. When she initiated that tradition in the early 1960's, these cards required the creation of a handmade collage that had to be "shot" by a professional photographer and then reproduced by a printing company. She created an annual record of the family highlights through her themed photographic Christmas cards that are still cherished today. Nancy enjoyed gardening and was a dedicated super fan for the many activities pursued by her children and grandchildren, often traveling across country to be a first-hand witness. She would arrive, camera in hand, ready to document the moments for posterity which we all appreciate. In high school, Nancy's family hosted a foreign exchange student from France which lead the way to her and Ed hosting others in her adult life that became extended family: a brother and sister from Australia, and two sisters from Germany. Those friendships have continued for her entire life.

Nancy was a baptized member of the First Congregational Church in Cedar Rapids where she was married and a visiting member of the First Congregational Church of Naples. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Edward Beatty and her parents, Charles Jeremiah Lynch and Dorothy Mayne Lynch. She is survived by: Jerry and Heidi Lynch (brother and wife); Celia Lynch Van Metre (sister); Cindy and Mike Conrads (daughter and husband); Dave and Trudy Beatty (son and wife); Bob and Raynette Beatty (son and wife); Jenny (Conrads) and John-Michael Kirkconnell (grand-daughter and husband); Nick Conrads (grandson); Shelby (Beatty) and Adam Cordingly (grand-daughter and husband); Sean and Shannon (Speak) Beatty (grandson and wife); Luke and Max Kirkconnell (great-grandsons) and many nieces and nephews.

Some say that there are angels among us and not all angels have wings. Our family can attest that there ARE truly angels among us and two of them are the amazing doctor and nurse that cared for Nancy for the last years of her life. Our family could not have found more caring, unselfish, devoted, knowledgeable, cheerful, honest and kind caregivers than these angels. Our family was double blessed to have such stellar people enter our lives to share their time and expertise to Nancy at the most medically challenging time of her life and we are forever grateful.

A memorial service will be held on July 7, 2021, at 11:00 AM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following organizations: The Harry Chapin Food Bank, 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 or Humane Society of Naples, 370 Airport-Pulling Road N, Naples, FL 34104.

To sign Nancy's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit <http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com>.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Comments



“ The Carmichael Family was saddened to learn of the passing of such a loved one. We send our condolences, prayers, and love to the Beatty family.

Judith Carmichael - August 01, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ I will always remember the parties she and Ed used to give for Willow Creek--her barb-a-Q sandwiches and her pigs in the blanket. In later years, she was able to remain cheerful in spite of health issues. She was a gentle soul who will be missed.
Doris Tabel

Doris Tabel - July 06, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Lynch Beatty.



July 05, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ My sympathy to the family. I met Nancy in Bonita Springs through PEO. She was a lovely lady who has left her family wonderful memories.
Marilyn Carson

Marilyn Carson - July 04, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ Colleen and I send our heartfelt condolences in memory of Aunt Nancy. Nancy always had a smile on her face whenever I saw her when I was growing up and through the years. I'm thankful for a life well lived. Lindsay Beatty

Lindsay Beatty - July 01, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ We were blessed to be 20 year neighbors of Nancy and Ed in Spring Run, and to enjoy many pleasant social and personal conversations with them. They were a joy to be around and always had a positive outlook on life and to share their time with us.

May God Bless Nancy in her passing, and we join her family in remembering a remarkable woman and friend.

Beverly and Roy McTarnaghan

Roy McTarnaghan - July 01, 2021 at 04:59 PM



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Mike & Cindy Conrads - July 01, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ I was blessed to have had Nancy as a devoted friend and neighbor. The memories are cherished and there are many. My love and condolences to her family.

Susan - July 10, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Nancy Beatty Memorial Video



Mike & Cindy Conrads - July 01, 2021 at 02:10 PM