



Nancy Anne Van Dillen

September 24, 1968 - June 2, 2022

Nancy (Boswell) Van Dillen passed away June 2, 2022 at Centralia Manor. She was born in Cincinnati Ohio, September 24, 1968, daughter of Dr. Dee Boswell and Janet Sue Boswell, RN.

Nancy was a graduate of the Centralia City Schools and Centralia High School. She attended Eastern Illinois University, graduated from Illinois State University with a BS in Speech Language Pathology. She completed Post-graduate MS in Speech Language Pathology with certification in Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP) from St. Louis University.

Nancy was a member of Girl Scouts and traveled with the Girl Scouts to Mexico. She spent one year in Hjorring Denmark, as a Rotary Exchange Student, living with special host parents, Jorgen and Unni Boe.

Nancy practiced Speech Language Pathology at Health South in St. Louis and at Menard Prison in Chester Illinois.

Nancy married Tom Van Dillen PHD, on October 6, 1996 and he survives her, In addition to her parents, Nancy is survived by her loving sister Julie Boswell and JonDarr Bradshaw of Cleveland, Ohio. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Nancy was preceded in death by a brother, Danny Boswell, grandparents, Alfred and Hazel Boswell and GP and Velma Williams.

Her special canine loves were Lille and Leo. Nancy was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Centralia.

Nancy will be cremated per her wishes and there will be no visitation. A family

gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are honored to be of service to the Boswell Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Facebook Page.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry to hear about Nancy's passing. She could always light up a room with her smile. She was also incredibly loving, kind and patient.

I have so many stories!

We did a tap routine that she choreographed for Cabaret one year and I couldn't get one of the steps. Nancy worked with me until I finally got it. "You're overthinking it, Chad!" I can still do that step to this day and think of Nancy every time I do.

One Easter, Nancy and I were collecting the offering at church. We were waiting in the back with our offering tins. I'm not sure which one of us got the idea, but we both suddenly turned them upside down like top hats and started doing kicks and raising and lowering our top hats. We were laughing so hard that by the time we had to collect the offering and bring it up to be blessed, the whole church could tell we were trying desperately not to crack up. Even Pastor Ed started to laugh, though he probably didn't know why.

And, of course, the Christmas play in the church basement. So many laughs and I still remember the fact that we joked about changing the title to "Ho Ho Whole Lot of Fun".

They say that people won't remember what you've said, but how you've made them feel. Nancy made the entire world feel loved.

She will be missed greatly, but her spirit will always shine brightly in many, many hearts.

Chad Beguelin - June 08, 2022 at 06:09 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy K Jones lit a candle in memory of Nancy Anne Van Dillen*



Nancy K Jones - June 08, 2022 at 05:59 PM

LD

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Nancy's passing. We went to CHS together and she was always such a kind, funny, caring person. Anyone who was blessed to know her is a better person today. Sending many prayers for peace and comfort to your family.*
-Laura (Hollingsworth) Daugherty

Laura Daugherty - June 06, 2022 at 12:58 PM

KM

“ *Dear family, So sorry to hear Nancy has passed away. She was so lovable. For the time I have known her 1984-1985, I do remember her as a very sweet, patient and caring person. Always around to help, to make time for others. I feel sad today but it was a privilege to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish you all the best and I will remember Nancy for always. With love, Koen Meyers, Belgium. Koenraad.meyers@gmail.com*

Koen Meyers - June 06, 2022 at 03:08 AM

DB

*Oh what a great note from your, Koen! We have mentioned you for years! Thank you so much! Nancy's lonely journey with Multiple Sclerosis of 26 years began 3 weeks after she was married! We will understand why! She was a beautiful girl. It just hurts bad! Her Mother is unaware due to Alzheimer's. Please stay in touch! I remember you well!
I remember visiting with your family in Belgium! Thanks again for your letter! Dee, Sue, Julie Boswell*

Dee Boswell - June 07, 2022 at 04:24 PM

KM

*Hi Dee, Sue and Julie. My email : Koenraad.meyers@gmail.com
I hope to stay in contact. Centralia is still in my heart, and will always be.*

Koen Meyers - June 09, 2022 at 09:16 AM

TD

“ My Cousin, Nancy Boswell, You are an inspiration with brilliant light and magnificence that will carry on for ever and ever. The joy you bring to everyone you touch with your grace is clearly with us. I fondly recall our large gaggle of cousins regularly frolicking at one of the family homes, usually outside yard games, in Centralia throughout our early years. Bel Aire, Edgewood, Circle, Elm, Randolph. I was blessed with spending time with You on chance professional encounters such as while you were in Boston. Such a wonderful professional energy. I cherished the time in the last few years just sitting, talking, listening, snacking and singing. Always joyful. Love, your Cousin, Tony

Tony Deley - June 05, 2022 at 11:11 AM

IW

To my dearest Nan. I remember so many trips taken to Carlyle with your mom (I affectionately call "Aunt Sue) , Jules, and my Aunt Sharry to dancing lessons with Janetha. I will cherish the many memories of us dancing together. Love, Ida

Ida Whitelaw - June 05, 2022 at 05:40 PM

TP

“ *A beautiful lady. The world will be a lesser place without her.*

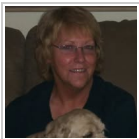
Thomas Phelps - June 05, 2022 at 12:39 AM

SM

“ *Dee and Sue, I am so very sorry to hear of Nancy's death. She is no longer in pain in heaven and for that you can be happy to let her go. When I was at the Manor she would remember me but lately she didn't respond. May God bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. She was a beautiful girl and was lucky to have you both as parents.*

Sue Miller

Sue Miller - June 04, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *Jan Edgar- Poehler lit a candle in memory of Nancy Anne Van Dillen*



Jan Edgar- Poehler - June 04, 2022 at 04:55 PM

LP

“ *Dr. Boswell & Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Steve & LuAnn Pugh

LuAnn Pugh - June 04, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ My Dear Sweet Sister-Friend is gone. 💔 I will always cherish the memories I have of us sneaking into makeup and me almost going blind with her teaching me to wear liquid eyeliner. 📷 Not to mention all of the fun we had being Girl Scouts, playing tricks on others, attending church events, choir competition... Yes we sang a duet called "Freedom". Oh and I dare not forget the dog laughs... I will miss her SO MUCH!!!! My heart, prayers and Love goes out to the family. Know that she will NEVER Be forgotten. The last picture I took off her was at my daughter's wedding. I was SO HAPPY to see her! 💕🙏💕



Chiquita Miller Johnson - June 04, 2022 at 12:31 AM

LB

Sincere sympathy sent to the Boswell family. May she finally find rest and peace in God's arms

Leo and Ruth Barczewski - June 04, 2022 at 03:29 PM

CH

Dee and Sue, So sorry to hear of your daughter's death. Heartbreaking to you as parents, I know. Charlotte Hartley

Charlotte Hartley - June 04, 2022 at 03:55 PM

PB

“ I'm so very sorry to learn of Nancy's passing. I've known her through church for so many years! She was such a joy to be around! She will be missed. Thoughts and Prayers to all her family! Godspeed! 🙏💔🙏

Peggy Myers Beal - June 03, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *My baby cousin. I learned to change diapers on you. You were my precious flower girl in my wedding and survived driving around with me as a teenager. You will be missed your spirit will linger though in all of us. You are very very sparkly and loved by many. The voice of reason that showed in your eyes even when words escaped you. I love you.*

Andrea Byrne - June 03, 2022 at 07:11 PM

DH

Thank You Andrea for introducing me to Nancy, I'll always remember your loving smile 😊 and huge heart ❤️, May you Rest In Peace

Don Hofgren - June 07, 2022 at 05:29 PM

BC

*A truly beautiful & compassionate soul who will be remembered for her radiant smile. Wonderful memories of high school friendships & get-togethers with family members.
Healing prayers for the Boswell family.*

Bill & Leila Crain - June 08, 2022 at 10:44 AM