



Nancy Kay Hiatt

May 11, 1945 - October 22, 2018

Nancy Kay Hiatt, 73, of Philomath, Oregon, died peacefully in her home on Monday, October 22, 2018. She was surrounded by family, her pet cat, Tog, and the loving wishes of friends and neighbors.

Nancy was born to Rex and Mabel Wakefield in Cottage Grove, Oregon on May 11, 1945. Her family moved with the US Forest Service, until arriving in Corvallis, Oregon, where she graduated from high school in 1962. She attended the University of Oregon to study psychology, specializing in child development, and received her Master's Degree in 1967.

During this time, she married John Buckley, whom she met in high school. The two moved to Colorado where Nancy worked at Spanish Peaks Mental Health Center and later served as their director. Her research with children in the classroom then led to her position as director of the McClelland School.

Following the early loss of her husband to cancer, Nancy later remarried David Hiatt in Pueblo. They moved to Oregon to be near her parents and the farm that her great-grandfather had settled in 1889.

Nancy worked first at Old Mill School in Corvallis and then the Corvallis Clinic, starting in 1989. She earned her PhD from the University of Oregon in Counseling Psychology in 1990, specializing in children of divorced parents.

During these years, Nancy was a busy mom and active in many committees at work, but still found time for gardening, skiing, knitting, traveling, and writing letters.

Following her retirement, Nancy could be found helping with the birth of a calf at the farm or slaloming down the Colorado ski slopes at age 70. She dedicated much time to volunteering and to the deacons committee at the First Presbyterian Church. The highlight of her retirement travels was her trip to Africa with David in 2014.

Nancy is survived by her husband, David, her sister Betty, her daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly, her step-sons, Michael, Jeff, and Chris, and her eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:30 pm Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any memorial donations to The GCS Project, (<http://gcsproject.org>) for cancer research in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 1:30 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
114 SW 8th St
Corvallis, OR 97333

Tribute Wall

LS

“*fond memories of Nancy as a fellow Franklin Grade School, Highland Middle School and CHS Class of 1962 alum ... So very glad to have touched base a couple of years ago at Wynona's 70th birthday gathering. I would say "gracious" comes first to mind ... Rest in Peace, Nancy. Your work on this earth was well done!*



Sincere condolences to Nancy's family ...

Fondly, Lou Shafer

Lou Shafer - November 05, 2018 at 07:22 PM

NH

“*When my husband's daughter was very small and came from Wyoming to stay with us each summer, she would go to visit with who she called "the other Nancy" (because of my first name). This was in association with Old Mill when Nancy's office was in the little house across the street from the old cannery. Our little one told us that Nancy "knew a lot of stuff about kids to help them when their parents got divorced" and how easy she was to talk to. She loved their time together. She is now 38 years old, has met many challenges, is a loving mother, and we know Nancy would be proud of her!*

Nancy Hoffman

Nancy Hoffman - November 03, 2018 at 10:31 AM

KS

“ Nancy defines "caring," "gracious," and "friendship," more than anyone I have ever known. She will live on in my heart to my own last day! I am so grateful for the magical day we shared at Malheur Refuge in May. Can you believe that we hiked up the Blitzen River just a few weeks after her treatments? I should add the word "INSPIRATIONAL!"



Kay Scheurer Steele - November 02, 2018 at 03:52 PM

AC

“ I was lucky to work with Nancy at the Corvallis Clinic before she retired. She graciously hosted get togethers for us, the female Clinic providers, at her home and at her century farm. Welcoming and wise, she was truly a gem! We will miss her so.
Amy Card

Amy Card - October 30, 2018 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ MARCIAL HUNTER lit a candle in memory of Nancy Kay Hiatt



MARCIAL HUNTER - October 27, 2018 at 07:06 PM

MH

“ My favorite memory of Nancy occurred our junior year at the U of O. She showed me a triangular shaped mark on her tummy. She explained that she had ironed her skirt WHILE SHE WAS WEARING IT..

If the dictionary needs a picture of a sweet and gentle person, it would certainly have Nancy's picture as an example.

Rest in peace you wonderful girl.

Marcial Hunter

MARCIAL HUNTER - October 26, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ Nancy was a close friend in high school, and at University of Oregon. I would stay overnight at her house, and her mother would make the best popovers ever!! She was a very special lady, and I so wish we would have stayed in touch. But, I would hear about her from classmates, and it would make me smile. Nancy was a very accomplished woman, and I know she helped so many people have better lives. I am sad inside, because she was a treasure.

Charlotte Heath Fraser

Charlotte Fraser - October 25, 2018 at 08:39 PM

BM

“ Dave and family we are so sorry for your loss. Nancy was a special lady.

Betty Lou and Joe Marshall

Betty Lou Marshall - October 25, 2018 at 01:20 AM