



Nancy Raleigh

September 12, 1940 - February 8, 2017

Nancy I. Raleigh, 76, passed away at the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany on Feb. 8, 2017, after a lengthy and valiant battle with breast and lung cancer.

Nancy was born in Eugene to Virgil and Eileen Smith and as a child lived in Bandon and Philomath. She graduated from Philomath High School. While in her early 30's Nancy worked as an aid at the Philomath High School for 10 years, where she was both well-liked and respected by students and staff. In 1975, Nancy married Richard Raleigh who had moved to Philomath to assume the position of Chief of Police.

In 1976, Nancy and Richard purchased a vacant cow pasture on Evergreen Road, south of Philomath, where they established a home and raised her children and later, a grandchild. Nancy turned the barren land into a flower and shrub-filled paradise, the beauty of which brought words of praise and admiration from all who visited. She was a self-taught master gardener who never joined the garden club.

Nancy had three children, Tracy, Jeffrey and Cindy Shaffer, from a previous marriage. Nancy was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Rae Shaffer; parents Virgil and Eileen Smith; and brother Roger Smith.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Richard Raleigh; daughter Cindy Shaffer; son Tracy Shaffer; grandson Gage Shaffer; and her granddaughter whom she raised, adopted and adored, Raechel Imogene Shaffer.

A funeral service will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2540 Applegate St., Philomath, with viewing starting at 10 a.m., the service at 11 a.m., and a committal at Mount Union Cemetery immediately thereafter, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall at Peace Lutheran Church where light refreshments will be served.

The family would like to thank the staff at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice for their excellent care of Nancy and support for the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Nancy's memory to the Mount Union Cemetery Association perpetual care fund in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (PT)

Peace Lutheran Church
2540 Applegate St
Philomath, OR 97370

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 15. 12:30 PM (PT)

Mt. Union Cemetery
Philomath, OR

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“ Tracy & Cindy....I just saw this in the paper. I am so sorry for your loss and sorry that I missed her services. She was very special to me and I think of her often.

Sheri Davis

Sheri Davis Belcher - February 16, 2017 at 04:36 PM

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“ Dana Schlacht - Bowser lit a candle in memory of Nancy Raleigh



Dana Schlacht - Bowser - February 15, 2017 at 11:35 AM

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I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Nancy will be greatly missed by many.

Dana Schlacht - Bowser - February 15, 2017 at 11:36 AM