



## Nancy Jeanne Ream

June 17, 1950 - June 15, 2023

Nancy Jeanne Ream of Corvallis passed away June 15, 2023, at Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, Oregon, within miles of where she was born in Corvallis, Oregon, on June 17, 1950, to Rod and Jeanne Gilstrap. Nancy is loved and missed by family and friends everywhere, but especially in Oregon, Colorado, and Tennessee.

Nancy enjoyed sports as a child, especially horse packing in the Wallowa Mountains. She was proud to have been a National Merit Semifinalist and for being selected to attend Girls State while living in Crystal Lake, Illinois. She graduated with her BA in Sociology from the University of Illinois in 1971. She obtained her an MS in Recreation from Cal State Los Angeles in 1977. She met then Air Force Captain Tom Ream in Southern California in 1976. They married in 1978 followed by 45 years together. Nancy thrived as a military spouse, making an impact everywhere the family was based including California, Ohio (where Megan was born), Texas (where Julie was born), New Jersey, the Philippines, Alabama, and Florida. After Tom retired from the Air Force in 1994, they lived for a short time in Morgantown, West Virginia, followed by 17 years in Cordova, Tennessee. She finally made it home to Oregon when they moved to Sisters in 2013. She volunteered in or created countless organizations everywhere she lived. She was especially proud of having served as President of Greater Memphis Greenline, a group which advocated for conversion of an abandoned rail line in Memphis into an urban

bike trail. The efforts of this group and others helped transform Memphis from one of the worst places to ride a bicycle into one of the best places to do so in the nation. The group also distributes bicycles and safety equipment and provides safety training to less fortunate children in Memphis.

Nancy loved living in Sisters and enjoying the natural beauty of the Cascades. Her dream was always to go West when Tom retired. Nancy is survived by her loving husband, Tom, her children Megan Ferry (Stu), Julie Christianson (Carl), grandchildren Gale, Teddy, Ruby, and Nate, as well as her siblings Sue Olliffe (Jake), Ted Gilstrap (Pam), Warren Gilstrap (Lynne), brother-in-law Jeff Ream (Kathy), along with nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday morning, August 19, at 10:30 at Corvallis United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to one of these three charities or another charity of your choice: 1) Grace Center for Adult Day Services in Corvallis ([gracecenter-corvallis.org](http://gracecenter-corvallis.org)), 2) Deschutes Land Trust ([deschuteslandtrust.org](http://deschuteslandtrust.org)), or 3) Greater Memphis Greenline ([greatermemphisgreenline.com](http://greatermemphisgreenline.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 19. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (PT)

First United Methodist Church  
1165 NW Monroe Ave  
Corvallis, OR

# Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Jeanne Ream



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - August 28, 2023 at 08:17 PM

MH

“ It was very sad to hear about Nancy's passing. I heard the news at the 55th Class Reunion held in Crystal Lake just this past weekend September 15 & 16, 2023.. Nancy's name came up in conversation and a classmate told us she had just heard the news. Everyone at the started remembering "Nancy" stories including building our senior float in their barn. She was admired by all, and appreciated by friends and classmates in Crystal Lake. She lived a beautiful and productive life and will live in our hearts.

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**Mary Ann Hidding** - September 17, 2023 at 07:02 PM

LC

“ Your Mom was such a lively and caring soul who gave so much to her family and community. No doubt her legacy will live on in you, Julie, as well as your sister, your dad, and the grandkids. Though our hearts are heavy, we feel honored to be able to join you this weekend to celebrate her amazing life. Prayers to you all. ❤️

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**Lauren Christianson** - August 17, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MW

“ Nancy dearest Sister-in-Law. Thank you for all the times together with Tom and your beautiful family. You shared so much. You could organize anything and lead us to many family adventures. You and Tom at my wedding, our thanksgiving in Riverside, jogging at the Marina Green, the new year's party at the Top of the Mark in San Francisco, a day at Great America Park with Megan and Julie, a family celebration at Lake Tahoe. You achieved high academic standing, and it showed over in your daughters too. We will miss you and we will remember you always. May you rest in peace. How sweet it was.

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**Mark Wuotila** - August 15, 2023 at 06:42 PM

RC

“ Nancy loved to watch her grandchildren at soccer games. It was touching to see the love Tom showed to her even in the difficult times.

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**Rose Christianson** - August 13, 2023 at 05:55 PM