



## Nancy Jane Weber

March 12, 1943 - December 19, 2020

Nancy Smith Weber died on December 19, 2020. She was 77.

Nancy was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on March 12, 1943 to Alexander and Helen (Smith)

Smith. She attended Ann Arbor schools and attended Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware,

Ohio for two years before transferring to the University of Michigan and earning a bachelor's

degree in Botany in 1965. She continued studying at Michigan earning a master's degree in

Botany in 1967 and a doctor of philosophy in Botany in 1971.

On April 18, 1970 she married James (Jim) A. Weber in Ann Arbor. From 1971 to 1988 she

worked in various capacities in botanical research for the University of Michigan Herbarium.

In 1988, Nancy moved to Corvallis, Oregon when Jim accepted a position with the EPA

laboratory. She joined the Oregon State Department of Forest Service in 1990 and worked as

an Assistant Professor, Senior Research until 2000. She held a courtesy faculty position in

the Department from 2000 to 2004 and was an Affiliate Faculty member beginning in 2004.

Nancy is survived by brother-in-law Michael Leo Weber and sister-in-law Frances Spivy-Weber of Sacramento, CA sister-in-law Karen Marie Weber of Santa Fe, NM and cousins Margaret (Smith) and Scott Arighi, Anne (Smith) Dowling, Dorothy (Smith) Martin and their families.

Nancy enjoyed sharing her enthusiasm for botany and especially mycology. As a child she traveled extensively throughout western North America in conjunction with her father's mushroom research. She tagged along on collecting trips beginning at age three. Nancy never lost interest in mushroom hunting and remembered trips not by scenic spots or tourist attractions but by special mushrooms found. While living in Oregon, she shared her experiences and knowledge by participating in mushroom hunting forays and making scientific presentations throughout western North America. Nancy was awarded the North American Mycological Association Award for Contribution to Amateur Mycology in 2007 for "more than 30 years of duty in the trenches of amateur mycology". She was fondly known as the "mushroom lady" by many in the Corvallis community.

Professional society memberships included the American Institute of Biological Sciences, Botanical Society of America, North American Truffling Society, Northwest Scientific Association, Oregon Mycological Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Society of Sigma

Xi, American

Women in Science, Native Plant Society of Oregon, Michigan Botanical Club, PEO chapters in

Ann Arbor and Corvallis and life member of the North American Mycological Association and

Mycological Society of America. Nancy was also an honorary member of the Michigan

Mushrooms Hunter's Club and the West Michigan Mycological Society.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Greenbelt Land Trust Inc, 101 SW

Western Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97333, Linn Benton Food Share, 545 SW 2nd St, Corvallis, OR

97333, Oregon Chapter Nature Conservancy, 821 SE 14th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214, or the

Mycological Society of America (Student travel/research funds), 2424

American Ln, Madison,

WI 53704.

A Corvallis memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. McHenry Funeral Home in

Corvallis is in charge of arrangements. Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website

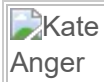
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **24.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis  
2945 NW Circle Blvd  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

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“ I think my biggest memory of Nancy is a culmination of our ongoing email exchanges we had over the years. Nancy was a huge support to me figuring out my celiac disease diagnosis. Honestly, if it wasn't for her, I probably wouldn't be the healthy person I am today. I am incredibly grateful for her vast knowledge, and her avidly to push me to get the answers I need; to not give up. She was one of the first people that really believed that what was going on for me was real and valid, and not just a figment of my imagination. I would have loved to have lived closer as I'm sure we would have enjoyed talking in person.

Nancy was so passionate about everything she took an interest in. From family history, health, and mycology, Nancy loved learning, and passing along her passions.

Nancy- I'll miss our email chats- it's not the same with you gone. I love you. May you Rest In Peace.

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**Kate Anger** - December 30, 2020 at 10:10 PM