



Nancy Lee Brooks

December 27, 1943 - March 5, 2023

Nancy Lee Brooks of Cadillac passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023 at Curry House Assisted Living in Cadillac. She was 79.

Nancy was born December 27, 1943 in Havre De Grace, Maryland to Phillip and Elizabeth (Kilburn) Shimek.

She was a graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder and was employed at the Laboratory of Atmosphere and Space Physics for many years before retiring and moving to be closer to her family. Nancy loved the mountains especially being in Rocky Mountain National Park and she spent two summers working in Glacier National Park. She enjoyed camping, canoeing or kayaking rivers, and traveling in her camper. Nancy loved attending camping rallies with her group of friends and spending time with her favorite grandchildren, Benny and Brody. Friends described Nancy as adventurous, delightful, independent, kind, joyful and she loved everyone she knew.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Mandy (Tim) Meyer of Cadillac; grandsons, Benny and Brody Meyer; brother, John (Connie) Shimek of Palm Springs; nephew, Nathan Shimek, two great nieces and a great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, David and Phillip.

Continue your adventures Mom and pop in to see us and all your friends now and then. Your spirit, kindness and love will forever live on.

Cremation has taken place and no service will be held at this time. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ I've just discovered Nancy's obituary and would like to give my condolences to Mandy and family.

Nancy was a lovely person and former co worker the summer of 83 at Rising Sun in Glacier NP. We had fun sharing a cottage with several fellow colleagues while we worked in housekeeping. Great ice cream socials, hikes, and long talks about life ahead of us.

Once summer was over, we returned to our respective homes and colleges. Delightfully, Nancy and Mandy stayed with my family in Akron, OH during the following holidays.

Nancy was very special with her sweet smile and sense of fun. I look forward to crossing paths with her again.

My condolences to you all. :)

Leslie Lange Kennedy

Long Beach, CA

Leslie Kennedy - September 04, 2024 at 02:07 AM

WN

“ Nancy was a gift from God to me. I am blessed with many camping memories I have of that lovely woman. May all the loving memories of Nancy be a comfort to the entire family.

Wanda Nissen

Wanda Nissen - March 08, 2023 at 08:33 PM

NS

I had a chance meeting of Nancy about 15 years ago in Cadillac. My friend and I were in line to sign up for swimming exercise offered by the Y. I wrote a check for the class. As I was gabbing with my friend, I dropped the check, unknowingly. Your "Nancy" picked up the check from the floor, saying "That's my name!" My name is Nancy Shimek!!! She mentioned she had recently moved to Cadillac from Colorado, or maybe she was visiting you and your family. My maiden name was Nancy M. Watson. My husband is Charles Shimek from the Glen Lake area. When I read her obituary, my memory was jogged.

Mandy, I extend heart-felt condolences for your loss.

My email address is

pedler1919@gmail.com in case you'd like to reply.

Sincerely,

Nancy (Marie) Shimek ❤️

Nancy Shimek - March 09, 2023 at 12:33 PM

GS

Mandy, our condolences to you and family. Nancy laugh filled the neighborhood and will be forever in our hearts. RIP our dear friend!!!
Gary&Deb Swan

Gary&Deb Swan - March 10, 2023 at 01:34 PM

RM

I met Nancy and Mandy in the summer of 1979 while on a business trip to Denver - Nancy worked for the company training me and five other employees. We stayed in in touch a few times over the years.

My brother and I stopped by to visit Nancy on our way to a week-long bike ride starting in Mackinaw City in late September of 2022 - she wasn't home, so I left my contact information on a Post-it note.

I was very pleased when she texted me a couple of weeks later. We texted a lot in the last five-plus months - we shared stories and memories. My intention was to bring her some joy and hope that things would get better.

Man was I shocked. Mandy (and family), please accept my condolences.

Bob - From Chicago

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Robert G Mayer - March 10, 2023 at 04:53 PM

MB

To Mandy and family: I met Nancy when she was living in Boulder Colorado. We shared several camping trips in the Rocky Mtn. National Park. She was so much fun to be with, her laugh was infectious, so awesome. Nancy was a blessing to be around. We all will miss her. I send my condolences and love.

Margaret (Marty) Butcher

Marty Butcher - March 15, 2023 at 11:19 PM

BS

I met Nancy through a camping group, and like Wanda, shared many happy days and campfire nights with her. Her smile was infectious, and across the distance, we continued our friendship. In 2018 she played host to me in Cadillac--more fun memories. I will remember her most for how easy she was to hang out with. I'm grateful she's at peace.

BJ Shannon - May 02, 2023 at 12:05 PM