



Gretchen Mary Sue Nicol

September 5, 1948 - June 28, 2020

Gretchen Nicol age 71 of Columbus, OH, surrendered this life on June 28, 2020, after a seven year campaign to recover from a massive stroke. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother Douglas. Gretchen grew up in Raymond, OH, and graduated from Marysville High School. She began her nursing career after graduating from Mount Carmel School of Nursing. As a trailblazer, in the 1970s she completed The Ohio State University's first Nurse Practitioner Program and continued her professional career as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Throughout her nursing career, she practiced in a variety of roles in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Before retiring due to health reasons, she served as a consultant for a national electronic medical records company which has become the gold standard used by hospitals today. Throughout her nursing career, she served in both The U. S. Air Force Reserves and The Ohio Army National Guard in the rank of Major. Upon her retirement, she completed The Master Gardener Program at OSU and volunteered many hours at both the Chadwick Arboretum and the Ohio Extension Office. Gretchen, with her keen sense of design, loved designing gardens and interiors for her home and for her friends. Gretchen held a huge passion for travels to tropical islands, collecting exotic scarves along the way. From steel drums to Edith Piaf, her choice of music spanned decades and genres. She especially enjoyed playing the piano, hosting Christmas sing-a-longs, and on-line shopping for family and friends. She is survived by her partner of 40 years, Nancy Treece, who was her love and caregiver until the very end, her siamese, cats Dara and Iris, her brothers Roger (Jennifer) Nicol, David, nephews, nieces and her many friends and neighbors. Nancy wishes to thank the special home aides who assisted in providing Gretchen's care and support. Anyone who knew Gretchen knew the determination she had throughout her professional, military and personal life to excel at everything she touched. For the last seven years, she made miracles happen each day. Arrangements by Rutherford Funeral Home, Worthington, OH, and St John's Lutheran Church in Marysville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Chadwick Arboretum, 152 Howlett Hall, 2021 Fyffe Rd. Columbus, OH 43210 or the Courtney Williams Fund at <https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/?fund=315265>.

Comments



“ Gretchen was a true champion of and for the Nursing profession. Her pioneer work as a Nurse Practitioner in the 1980s helped to establish that advanced practice role for thousands of today's NPs. I salute her and her Partner Nancy and offer my sincere sympathy to Nancy and the rest of Gretchen's family.
Jeanne Clement-Alvarez EdD, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN

Jeanne Clement-Alvarez - July 06 at 10:20 AM



“ Nancy, We are so very sorry to hear of Gretchen's passing. As you know, In life she was a very determined woman and this was seen in everything she did and with everyone she touched. This is one of the remarkable things I loved about her. We will keep you and Gretchen in our thoughts and prayers.

Debra Leno - July 05 at 05:42 PM



“ We were friends from the first time we each ventured out of our houses in Raymond. I remember taking the bus to Marysville to go roller skating, and pretending to camp in our backyards. I remember reconnecting when I visited her in Columbus after we departed Raymond for college and adventure. She is part of my favorite childhood memories. Now, rest, celebrate, and wait for the rest of us to join you. Thanks

Barbara Russell Howe - July 03 at 03:07 PM