



Nancy Lee Stinson

September 15, 1944 - October 6, 2022

Nancy Lee Starkey Stinson, 78, of Reynoldsburg, OH, passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2022 after a long battle with breast cancer. Nancy was born on September 15, 1944 to Thomas and Irene Starkey in Columbus, OH. She was a graduate of North High School in Columbus and Ohio University in Athens, OH. While at Ohio University she met her husband, John E. Stinson. They were married in 1967 and celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year. Nancy and John have three daughters: Sarah, Hannah, and Esther, five grandsons: Blake, Drew, Kai, Jacob, and Ethan, and one great-granddaughter Oaklie. Nancy was very active throughout her life teaching Middle School at Reeb Ave in Columbus, substitute teaching K-8th grade at Federal Hocking and Alexander School Districts while her girls were growing up, as well as being an active member of the Athens Chapter of Eastern Star, where she was Worthy Matron multiple times. She also has been a past President of the Ohio University Women's Club. Nancy always had a strong bond with her church, both in Athens at Christ Lutheran Church and in Columbus at Redeemer Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and volunteering in various community outreach programs. But her truest love was her animals. She was the manager of Sarhanther Farms in Albany, OH, where she raised and cared for Arabian horses, multiple dogs and cats. She never knew a stray, much to the dismay of John. She loved riding and showing her horses and did so throughout her adult life. She was a member and past officer of the Ohio Half Arabian Horse Association.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Irene; her siblings Thomas Starkey and Sally Warner; and her favorite dog Lily and her horse Crash. She is survived by her husband John; her sister-in-law Betty Starkey; her daughters Sarah Wrather (Troy Johnson), Hannah Harris (Joe), and Esther Stinson; five grandsons Blake Stafford, Drew and Kai Wrather, Jacob and Ethan Harris; one great-granddaughter Oaklie; and her dog Mocha.

There will be a memorial service for Nancy at Wesley Ridge Retirement Community in the Kime's Chapel in Reynoldsburg, OH on Sunday, October 23 at 2:30pm with a meet the family starting at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, Nancy wanted donations to be made in her name to the Fairfield Humane Society or your local animal shelter. Rutherford Funeral Home - University Campus is honored to care for the Stinson Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Lee Stinson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Nancy Lee Stinson.*



October 25, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Debbie, Colleen, Dan & families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Nancy Lee Stinson.*



Debbie, Colleen, Dan & families - October 21, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Nancy Lee Stinson.*



October 13, 2022 at 10:40 AM

CC

“ Nancy and I both sang in the choir at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbus. She had a strong soprano voice, and loved to provide the occasional descant when the congregation sang hymns. Several years ago I did some genealogical research for her, and she was so pleased when I sent her some photos and documents about her Aunt Ida Starkey and Mary Jane Smith Johnson. One summer, maybe 3 years ago, she and I sang a duet during church service, "Ubi Caritas." I have been listening to it and singing along with it on YouTube in her memory. The last time I saw her was at a funeral at Redeemer 12 days before she died, and I am so glad I had a chance then to hug her and wish her well. May God hold you in loving, caring arms and give you comfort and peace. -- Connie Criswell



Constance Criswell - October 12, 2022 at 09:24 PM

HH

Do you have a link to the youtube video of you and mom's duet? I'd sure love to see it.

Hannah Harris - November 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM

DB

“ Nancy was always willing to help out in Eastern Star. She was so dedicated and always had a smile to share. We both started out at Corinthian Chapter in Columbus, and both ended up in Athens. Nancy was a dear person and a blessing to others. You and you family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time.
Debbie Balding
Athens Order of the Eastern Star #175

Debbie Balding - October 12, 2022 at 12:39 PM

VF

“ John and girls - Saddened to learn of Nancy's passing. I always found her to be a warm and authentic individual who never had an unkind word. You were all blessed to have such a wife and mother in your life. Don't dwell on what you've lost, be thankful for what you had.

Virginia M Finsterwald - October 12, 2022 at 10:28 AM

PW

“ Great lady with wonderful children. My condolences.
Peggy Williams

Peggy Williams - October 11, 2022 at 09:56 PM

RT

“ Our sympathy to family of Nancy Stinson. We have many fond memories of being involved in activities with Nancy when we lived in Athens and attended Christ Lutheran. With heartfelt sympathy, Rick and Linda Taylor

Rick and Linda Taylor - October 10, 2022 at 05:28 PM

RM

“ In the 35 years of my privilege to know Nancy I had never once seen her without a genuine smile on her face. Her charm and ability to deeply listen have made an everlasting impact on me as one who greatly benefitted from her friendship. I will forever treasure her presence. -- Rick Milter

Rick Milter - October 10, 2022 at 09:37 AM