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Nancy Alden Roberts, of Lewes, died peacefully at home on Christmas Day at the age of 77. Nancy left this life while doing something she loved and that brought her so much joy - wrapping gifts for her beloved family. Nancy was a holiday season baby, born Nancy Priscilla Alden on December 28, 1943, the daughter of the late Bill and Eloise Alden, and a direct descendant of pilgrims John and Priscilla Alden. She was educated in English at Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) in Charleston, West Virginia, and graduated in 1965. Nancy was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, in which she made some lifelong sorority sisters who became like family. Nancy also received her Master's in English from University of Delaware in 1969.

Nancy met Gary Wray in college, and they married in 1966 in Columbus, OH. They then moved to Delaware, and both became teachers in Caesar Rodney School District. Nancy also taught in Milford School District and Cape Henlopen School District. Gary and Nancy chose to stay in Delaware to raise their three daughters together: Jessica (Mrs. John) O'Leary in Ocean View, Robin Wray in Lewes, and Katie (Mrs. Mike) Schimmel in Lincoln. Although they divorced in 1987, Nancy and Gary remained lifelong friends and loved being grandparents to nine grandchildren together.

Nancy was widow to Milt Roberts (1918-1991), whom she married in 1987. She was also predeceased by her parents, whom she had lovingly cared for in her home. In addition to Gary Wray, their three daughters, and two sons-in-law, Nancy is also survived by her two brothers, two sisters-in-law, and their children (eight nieces and nephews) - John (and Amy) Alden of Columbus, OH, and Jim (and Kathy) Alden of Spring Lake Hts., NJ; nine grandchildren - Mandy Christopher of Berlin, MD, Abbey Christopher of Salisbury, MD, Max and Zak Wray of Lewes, Liam, Sean, and Lily O'Leary of Ocean View, and Nicholas and Christian Schimmel of Lincoln; her cousin, Marilyn Howard of Findlay, OH, and her family; and many friends and acquaintances who will all deeply miss her.



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Nancy was active in several nonprofit local organizations, including being the recording secretary for the Fort Miles Historical Association and the Lewes Junction Railroad and Bridge Association.

Nancy was a gift to all who knew her. She was loved by many and memories of her will be cherished forever.

Arrangements and services are private. Nancy was an avid reader. Anyone who wishes to honor Nancy's memory could do so with a gift of support to Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958. lewes.lib.de.us

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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BM

Barbara Margolis posted:

We were next door neighbors to Nancy, Eloise, and Bill. We loved visiting with them whenever we were in Lewes. We are so sorry for your loss. Barbara and John Margolis

December 31 at 9:24 AM

CW

Caeolyn And Chuck Wikson posted:

We have been friends with Nancy for more than 50 years. We met Nancy and Gary through mutual friends and shared so many happy times. In the last few years, Nancy, our friend Betty and myself have gone to "lady lunches" as often as we could. We send our love and sympathy to all of Nancy's family. We will miss her so much. Chuck and Carolyn Wilson

December 31 at 5:11 AM

JC

Joann Campbell lit a candle in honor of Nancy.

Nancy and I worked together at M, W & G many years ago. She was a joy to work with and always so kind and helpful. My deepest condolences to Nancy's family. May your wonderful memories help to heal your broken hearts. May she rest in eternal peace. JoAnn



December 30 at 6:32 PM

BD

Betty And Butch Daugherty shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Betty and Butch Daugherty. Berlin, Maryland I've known Nancy since our WV high school days at South Charleston High. We both attended college in Charleston, where Nancy met Gary. My husband Butch and I, along with Nancy and Gary, have shared many joys and challenges through the years. Our love and deepest sympathy to Gary, Jessica, Robin, Katie and all the family. Butch and I will miss her so much.



December 29 at 1:04 PM

SW

Suzanne Wade posted:

To Jessica, Robin, Katie, John, Jim, Gary and your families. I was so saddened to hear of Nancy's passing. Nancy was my cousin, and I truly wish I had known her better. I do know that she was caring, creative, and very accomplished. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Suzanne Abbott Wade

December 29 at 12:37 PM



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LB

Larry Boyer posted:

Nancy was one of those people who you got to know immediately. No pretense. i loved that about her. She was very candid in her spoken and written word but you could sense the kindness and thoughtfulness come through nonetheless. A big loss.

December 29 at 11:30 AM

JP

Jim Pierce posted:

Nancy administered the membership program of Fort Miles Historical Association and provided the minutes for FMHA Board meetings. She was well liked by all at FMHA and will be missed. Rest In peace, Nancy. Jim Pierce, Secretary.

December 29 at 9:58 AM

MH

Marilyn Howard posted:

Nancy was my cousin and I grew up knowing her from the very beginning. She was a beautiful, sweet, gentle woman who always made me feel special. The ways she touched our hearts cannot be erased and the smiles and the laughter she created will live on forever. Rest in peace Nancy. Your light burns brightly in our memories. Marilyn and Phil Howard and family

December 29 at 9:21 AM

LL

Liz Lefevre posted:

We were so thankful to have visited with Nancy and Gary in September of 2019 after many , many years of being out of touch. We picked up right where we left off and found Nancy to be the same dear soul we had known all those years ago. We feel blest to have seen her once again and thankful to have that happy memory to add to all the others. Liz and Chuck Lefevre

December 29 at 6:37 AM



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December 29 at 1:04 PM



Betty & Nancy 12/2019



Nancy, Carolyn, Betty 7/28/21



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nancy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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