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Nancy Smith Hagopian, age 64, of St. Augustine, passed away on Sept. 9, 2017 with her daughters by her side. Nancy was born and raised in North Miami, Florida and graduated from North Miami Senior High School with the class of 1971. She went on to attend the University of Florida, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1976. After graduating from UF, Nancy began a career in real estate in Gainesville, FL. She was extremely successful in her new career, selling more than a million dollars in homes in her first year. She later founded and ran her own company, Commodore Management for 15 years. During this time, Nancy cared for more than 25 members of her extended family and friends in her home including nieces, nephews, an elderly aunt and many others in need of a helping hand. In 2004, Nancy changed her career and attended the University of West Florida where she studied Historic Preservation. After receiving her teaching certification in 2006, she began working as a teacher at Booker T. Washington High School in Pensacola. In 2011, she moved to St. Augustine and taught 7th & 8th grade Civics, U.S. History and Honors Reading at Fruit Cove Middle School. Nancy served as a representative in the Teacher's Union, started a Dance Club at Fruit Cove Middle School, and was a Sponsor for Fruit Cove Cares. In 2015, she won the Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics, and was runner up for the award again in 2016. Nancy was a true renaissance woman and has

traveled all over the world living in Bermuda and Japan. She enjoyed learning a diversity of subjects both academic and practical and embraced new technologies. She once appeared on the NBC Today Show being showcased as one of America's first female home brewers. She was an avid sports fan, especially of baseball and Florida Gator football. She was an excellent ballroom dancer and bridge player, enjoyed cooking, and was an avid reader. Her greatest accomplishment however, was raising a wonderful family of three beautiful and accomplished daughters who loved her deeply and dearly. She is survived by her daughters, Lauren Hagopian (Evans Hillen) of East Quogue, N.Y., Marlaine Hudgins (Mark) of Orlando, Diane Hagopian of New York, N.Y.; brothers, James O. Smith, Jr. of Davie, FL., Michael Smith (Pam) of Dania Beach, FL; and half siblings, Audrey Smith Hollis (Chris), Jack Smith, Jay Smith, Joel Smith, Angie Harper and Jinnene Massey of Alabama and Sara Muncher of Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents, James O. Smith, Sr. and Mary Joyce Blanton Smith, and her half-brother, Timothy Smith. A funeral service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, Sept. 17, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with long-time friend and Reverend Johanna Miller officiating. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 on Saturday at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations for a scholarship fund in Nancy's memory can be made to: Marlaine Hudgins, 1011 Elmwood Street, Orlando, FL 32801. St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *RIP*

Richard Hoffmann - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *You are dearly missed, Nancy. My heart goes out to your family.*

Steve Whitmer - September 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your dear mother. She was a friend & will be missed. Our prayers are with each of you girls during this time. Love, Skip & Mary*

Dr. Ervin & Mary Eaker - September 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Mike, what a terrible loss. Her accomplishments are awe inspiring. My condolences old buddy.*

Danny Ballou - September 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My heart was broken when I heard the news. Nancy and I have known each other since 1988 through Heritage Christian School where I taught two of her daughter's, Lauren and Marlaine. We hit it off right away and became good friends. I loved going over to her house in the woods and we would have BBQ's, talk and just chill. She was always so much fun and one of the sweetest people I know. We drifted away over the years, as our children grew, and then she moved away. I talked with her a couple of times and stayed in touch on Facebook. I didn't know she was sick, so it came as a big surprise when Marlaine posted about her passing. Nancy, you will always have a special place in my heart for being the lovely friend you were. I cherish the times we spent together and teaching and watching your beautiful daughters grow. You were the best mom to them, and taught them how to be sweet and loving just like you. I hate to say goodbye, so I will just say, until we meet again my friend.

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**Linda Thompson** - September 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Nancy you are locked in my heart ! To your beautiful girls all my love and deepest sympathy.

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**Suzanne Guyton** - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Nancy--I am missing you already. So glad I got to see you when I went to Miami for the reunion, St.Augustine and to Biloxi. Spending the afternoon in New Orleans with you and Suzanne was a blast and being able to spend time with you guys was a treat after being parted for so long---years could go by and when we all met, it seemed as tho we had never been parted. One day, the Miami chicks will be together again. My thoughts are with your family and I send my love to you and yours~~~Beth

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**Beth Vergowven** - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM