



Nancy Jean Johnson

September 15, 1943 - February 15, 2024

Nancy Jean Johnson, age 80, passed away peacefully on the morning of Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville, Florida.

Nancy was born on September 15, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, to Ashley Rolfe and Jean McDonnell Rolfe. They relocated to Palo Alto, CA, during her childhood and teenager years. She has often been described as wild and rebellious during this period, a trait that some would argue never left her. Combine that with flowing blonde hair and long legs, and you get a recipe for adventure. She graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1961, and went on to earn a business degree from San Jose State. By then she had also developed a particular affinity for men and partying.

Nancy gave an admirable 47 years to the airline industry as a flight attendant, working primarily for United Airlines. Her dedication and commitment to service shone through as she made her way to places such as Shanghai, London, and Sydney. She loved to share her passion for travel with her family, and took every opportunity she could to help them see the world.

While Nancy undoubtedly experienced a myriad of adventures during her time as a flight attendant, the journey of becoming a mother brought a whole new kind of adventure. She first gained the title of 'mommy' in 1978 with the birth of

her son, followed by a daughter in 1983. With all of life's ups and downs, her love and devotion to provide for her children was unwavering and constant. This continued as she became a grandmother to 6 over the years. I can write with great assurance that some of her most treasured moments were indeed with her children and grandchildren, and know she has carried them with her.

Fiercely strong, independent, and loyal, Nancy has left an imprint on individuals and communities. She had a huge heart and loved with all she had. Many have lovingly described her as a 'force to be reckoned with'. If someone said 'take this path', she would take a different one. If she was told something couldn't be done, she would say 'watch me!'. She forged her own way and fought her own battles, right to the very last breath.

Nancy enjoyed musicals (movies and theatre), staying active, and spending time with loved ones. You could find her anywhere there was water - particularly the beach or pool. She took up water volleyball in recent years, and it truly made her heart happy. When she wasn't at home living her life to the fullest, she was on a luxury cruise ship exploring and relaxing. She loved discovering new places and was a seasoned world traveler (even outside of work!)

Nancy is predeceased by her parents; Ashley Rolfe and Jean McDonnell Rolfe, and former husband Ronald Mewshaw.

Nancy is survived by her children Jedediah Robert Johnson and Ashley Jean Moores, six grandchildren, sister Marjorie Ann Paulsen, step-mother Lydia Rolfe, significant other Walter Cunningham, and the father of their children, Robert Dale Johnson.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 24, at 2 p.m. at her former residence of 877 Tree Side Lane, Ponte Vedra, FL.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the community hospice team at Baptist South Medical Center, for taking such amazing care of her in her final days.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Walt & Nancy's Home
877 Tree Side Lane
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Tribute Wall

PT

“ It was a pleasure to meet you on board The famous Queen Mary 2 and cruise transatlantic from New York to Southampton with you. Meeting you and your lovely daughter Ashley will stay Imprinted on my memory forever. RIP Nancy xx

Pete Tedder - March 26, 2024 at 05:21 PM

BL

“ I loved flying with Nancy. She never took any guff from anyone, she told it like it was, and she made me laugh. Thanks, Nancy, for the memories. Betsy Landergren

Betsy Landergren - March 20, 2024 at 07:21 PM

SR

“ The time Nancy was in my life was brief, and now remote, but it was endearing. She had such a passion for life it was contagious. I'm thankful for the time she was in my world. Our memorable trip to Pendleton and celebrating our daughters' birthdays will always be one of my favorites.

Shawn Roberts - February 29, 2024 at 10:08 PM

EG

“ *My sincere sympathy, dear Ashley, Jed and Walt! I know your loss is huge. As an au pair, I was able to live with the Johnsons for a year in 1986/87. I will be grateful for that year for the rest of my life, also very much because of Nancy. She always had the right words for me, was understanding, humorous, uncomplicated and very generous. I am very glad that we were able to see each other last October. Thank you for everything, dear "American mom"! Rest in peace. Evi*



Eva Gschwind - February 24, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AD

“ *Astrid Dietschi lit a candle in memory of Nancy Jean Johnson*



Astrid Dietschi - February 24, 2024 at 07:05 AM

AD

“ *Synonym for Nancy:
incredible, smart, amazing, cool, clever, astonishing, wise
==>> simply the best!*

Nancy

- you were an amazing woman*
- you always had a great intuition and wisdom*
- you mastered all situations in your life incredibly*
- you were a great cook*
- you (most) always got your way ;-)*

I've met Nancy 40 years ago as a first Au-Pair in California. Coming from Switzerland with 18 years I was still pretty naive. But as you can imagine with Nancy, I've learned fast, not only the language but the real things in life.

Nancy became my best friend and distances were no barrier. She accompanied me in many life situations and was always there when needed. I've had so many laughter and experiences. If no one could imagine handling a certain situation, Nancy always had a solution. Sometimes it was too overwhelming and just not imaginable but at the end she always managed everything. Be assured if she wanted it, she got it.

Nancy had made a big impact in my life and I will never forget her. I miss her very much, but the thought of her looking down on us from wherever she is with her smile is comforting.

Nancy, I will always carry you in my heart. ❤️ 🌟

Yours, Astrid



Astrid Dietschi - February 24, 2024 at 06:40 AM

TF

“ *The Bouley Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Jean Johnson.*



The Bouley Family - February 23, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JE

“ *She was the best sister anyone could ever ask for. And she was the best brother-in-law anyone could ever ask for. We love you to the moon and back Jerry and Margie.*

Jerry - February 22, 2024 at 11:29 PM

AR

“ *Dear Jed and Ashley and Family...:Your mom was one of the most Generous persons I have ever known. I can't believe she is gone and my heart is saddened. Your mom constantly thought of what she could give or do for someone..without ever asking for anything in return. She was a rare gem who touched many peoples lives..who stayed positive and hopeful even through the toughest times of her life. She was a fighter and an example to many of us on how to live. For all of us we will remember her Light and Caring..and I KNOW she is in a place of peace and healing....LOVE Anne Ryland*

Anne Ryland-Anderson - February 22, 2024 at 11:18 PM