



## Nancy Knapp

December 31, 1952 - May 24, 2020

Nancy Knapp, 67 of Grand Island went to her Heavenly home, Sunday, May 24, 2020 with her loving family by her side.

A celebration of life service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church. Her service will be announced at a later date.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Nancy was born on December 31, 1952 in Aurora, Nebraska the daughter of Raymond and Melba Ann (Wilshusen) Ortegren. She was raised and received her education in Palmer.

On July 18, 1971 she was united in marriage to John W. Knapp. The couple lived for a short time in Palmer and Hastings before making Grand Island their home. Nancy worked for local real estate offices and lenders. For the past 20 years she was employed by Home Federal Bank.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 48 years, John; their children, Jason (Lorie) Knapp and Arin (JP) Parrella; grandchildren, Madison Knapp, Josie Knapp, Alexis Socha and Dré Socha; brothers, Jack (Marg) Ortegren, Gail Ortegren and Bruce (Pat) Ortegren and sisters, Janet (Kurt) Rump and Lynette (David) Wojahn.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister-in-law, Jackie Ortegren; son-in-law, John Socha and parents-in-law, Charlie and Maxine Knapp, sister-in-law, Evelyn Knapp, brother-in-law, Lou Knapp, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Allie and Louise Valasek and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gene and Charlotte Trebilcock.

Memorials are suggested to the GRACE Foundation.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Knapp*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Uncle John and cousins,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Nancy's passing. She was a wonderful aunt and a beautiful person. I will never forget her calling me after I graduated from business school in Grand Island and had no idea what I would do with my new business degree. She told me about a job opening at a real estate company and because of her I was hired! That meant so much to me, a farm girl getting such a good job.*

*I know this time is hard for all of you, especially hard because of the pandemic and not being able to have a funeral service for Nancy. You have been in my prayers every day since I heard about Nancy, and we look forward to any type of service you might be able to have for her in the future.*

*Pat & Rhonda O'Brien*

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**Rhonda O'Brien** - June 08, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ *John-*

*Denise and I are so very sorry for your loss. We just found out and wanted to send our condolences. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Carmie Shubert-Kozel*

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**Carmie Shubert-Kozel** - June 05, 2020 at 12:33 PM

CB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy's family. I knew Nancy from working in the mortgage lending business for many years. May you find peace and strength during this difficult time.

Conni and Dick Bales  
Omaha, NE

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**Conni Bales** - June 02, 2020 at 10:57 AM

SP

“ There are no words to make your pain less. Just know that you will always have your memories. My sympathy to the Knapp and Ortegren families. Sally (Schlueter) Pichler

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**Sarah Pichler** - May 31, 2020 at 05:35 PM

CW

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss John and Arin. Nancy always treated me with such kindness when I worked for Oxbow and as your neighbor. The Huskers lost a big fan. She will be truly missed.

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**Chris Williams** - May 30, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nancy Knapp.



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May 29, 2020 at 02:34 PM

CK

“ Our deepest sympathy to John and his family on the death of his beloved wife and mother of their children. They were a beautiful family and worked so hard. Gone way before her time. Life is not fair sometimes. Our blessing to you each day forward.

*Cleetis and Bernie Miller*



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**cleetis kowalski-miller** - May 28, 2020 at 11:27 PM

SG

“ John, sorry to hear about Nancy, may she rest in peace with no more pain this cancer causes. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Shorty Grudzinski.

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**Shorty Grudzinski** - May 28, 2020 at 10:47 AM

KM

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy will be missed by many family and friends. Wishing you peace and strength during this loss. We are thinking of you during these difficult times. God bless you and your family. One thing I'll always remember is how much of a Jayhawks fan she was, I hope you enjoy them still from the best seat in the house.

*Kenny "MOUSE" Meyer*

*Steve Meyer*

*Albert and Darlene Meyer*



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**Kenneth D Meyer** - May 28, 2020 at 10:29 AM

AV

“ Vic and I are heart-broken over the news of Nancy's passing. She was a good-hearted person who loved her family deeply. Over 46 years ago, she and John befriended us when we were just two punk kids, who wanted to get married at a very young age. Vic always looked up to his "Uncle John" and his beautiful wife Nancy from Palmer and valued their opinions. They always had that "down-to-earth wisdom," with strong independent spirits, that we were drawn to and relied on many times. John was Vic's Best Man, and Nancy was my Maid of Honor in our wedding (1974), and both remained very important to us ever since. As time moved forward, babies were born and jobs became hectic, the physical miles grew between us; Christmas cards, family gatherings, and an occasional visit to Grand Island became the norm. Family funerals came and went, and we so regret not making more of an effort to stay closer. Nancy always had an inner strength, a "common-sense wisdom" that I'm sure many friends benefited from. I so appreciate her friendship and guidance over the years. She will be missed by many! Rest in peace my friend!



Adel Valasek - May 27, 2020 at 10:43 PM

AP

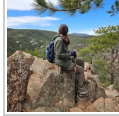
Thank you for sharing! ❤️

Arin Parrella - May 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM

FP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you John and the rest of the family. God bless each and every one. Fern Place

Fern Place - May 27, 2020 at 09:29 PM



*Dear John and family, I'm so very sorry to hear of the news of Nancy's passing. Many good memories with the Ortegren's as neighbors and time spent at Palmer High with her and you! May you find comfort and strength in the great times you had together. May she rest in peace, free of any suffering. Thinking of you all. Sally (Nickel) Anderson*

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**Sally Anderson** - May 29, 2020 at 04:36 PM

JA

*“ I am so saddened by Nancy's passing. She was truly the most hard-working person I've ever known. Always with a comforting smile, a thought-out solution, and a take-the-bull-by-the-horns attitude. After all her dedicated work life, I'm so sorry she didn't get to enjoy her retirement. Thank you, John, for being her loving companion and for taking excellent care of her in her illness...and always. What a beautiful picture of Nancy you have posted, just as I wish to remember her. George and I are lifting you all up in prayer, hope and peace. Jacalyn Ayoub*

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**JACALYN AYOUB** - May 27, 2020 at 11:15 AM