



Nancy Louise Hunt

May 21, 1934 - July 26, 2020

ADRIAN—Nancy Louise Hunt, 86, of Adrian, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, July 26, 2020, at Charlotte Stephenson Manor after a long illness.

Nancy was born & raised in Sylvan Lake, MI, the only child of Donald Johnston and Louise (Longpre) Johnston. She earned her BS in Education from the University of Michigan in 1956, where she met her future husband, Phillip J. Hunt. They moved to Adrian in 1965, where they raised their seven children.

In 1974 Nancy went to work at Family Counseling & Children's Services of Lenawee County, and subsequently earned her Masters in Social Work from Case Western University to become one of the agency's Licensed Therapists. She dedicated 36 years to the community through her tireless work. It was there that she met two of her most cherished, lifelong friends, Sara Forthun and Julie Olin.

Above all else, Nancy was a devoted mother. Her love, patience, wisdom and understanding knew no bounds. She was a true matriarch, committed to ensuring her children will always be there for each other. In her 70's she fulfilled her wish to take a special trip with each of her children individually. They will miss everything about her – especially her laugh.

Nancy was very active in the community. She was a long-term member of Zonta, Civitan, and KKE. Her favorite activities were playing Bridge with two Bridge Clubs and relishing books with two book clubs for many decades. All the members of these groups were cherished, lifelong friends.

Nancy is survived by all seven of her children, each of whom was blessed to see her in her final days: David Hunt, Catherine Wright, Laura (Jeffrey) Ver Beek, Jane (Steven) Bloom, Steven Hunt, Elaine Hunt, and Kurt Hunt. Also surviving are her grandchildren, David Wright, Rebecca (Niklaus) Otto, Andrew Wright, and Louise Bloom; step-grandchildren, Deja Weiner, Adam Bloom, and Morrison Bloom; great-granddaughter,

Adeline Otto; cousin (“daughter”), Barbara (Ron) Meloche; first cousin, Alana Pioter; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; former husband, Phillip J. Hunt; daughter-in-law, Barbara Hunt; and son-in-law, Michael Wright.

Nancy’s family extends special thanks to the entire staff of Charlotte Stephenson Manor and Hospice of Lenawee for their excellent care and kindness over the past months.

Please join us in celebration and prayer in honor of Nancy Louise Hunt, dearest mother, relative and friend to so many.

A memorial service for Nancy will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. A light luncheon will be provided. Visitation follows service until 5:00 p.m.

Nancy passed away after a long illness in July 2020 during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, unable to visit family and friends for many months. As always, she met the moment with courage and dignity. In her spirit of grace, commemoration of Nancy’s life extends to all those who suffered the loss of a loved one in these unique times.

As Nancy delighted in sharing favorite books, please bring a book to exchange. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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The Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home
1501 West Maumee Street, Adrian, MI, US, 49221

JUL **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Comments



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Wagley Funeral Home - July 14, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ So hoped to be there for her memorial but I just was released from the hospital after surgery. God bless you Nancy, good friend, and bless all you children. Jaquie Dever
jaquie dever - July 18, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ Thank you for letting us know, Jacquie, and wishing you a speedy recovery.
jane bloom - July 21, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ Hi there, I am so sorry for your loss, she was such a sweet lady and always made me feel at home when I came over.

Camille Leonard - August 18, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ Thank you from our entire family, Camille. We hope you will join us in the Spring to celebrate our mother's inspiring life.
jane - August 19, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ I hope I can! Thank you for the invite! I live in NC and hope we can travel by then.
Camille - September 13, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Camille, please provide us with your contact info so we can let you know when the memorial is: janembloom@verizon.net.
Jane - September 15, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ Rest In Peace, Nancy. You were an inspiration to so many, myself included. I'm grateful for the long conversations that helped me know myself better. We're all grateful for the good work you did - you left the world a better place. Love to you and your beautiful family. Lannie

Alana Johnston - August 08, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Dear Lannie, thank you for your kind words. I'm Jane, one of Nancy's daughters. I'd like to send you a few childhood photos of you and mom which you may or may not have... will connect with you soon!

jane - August 08, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ I read your thoughtful words and I think, gee, I wish Mom was here to hear them. She'd be so touched! But then she probably knows. Thank You Lannie

Laura Ver Beek - August 08, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Thank you so much Lannie. Our mom certainly was a special lady. I know she regretted not seeing you and Gunner (sp?) more but she had a frequent reminder of you ever time she admired the little Japanese maple you planted in her yard. She would bring that every now and then! Thanks again and stay well.

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:54 AM



“ Thanks Lannie. I'm so grateful that she (and I) got to spend that wonderful weekend with you a while ago (ten years! My, how time flies by). It meant so much to her.

Kurt - August 11, 2020 at 08:19 PM



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jane - August 08, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ Oh, my little mom!

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:55 AM



“ Suzette Mulrooney lit a candle in memory of Nancy Louise Hunt



Suzette Mulrooney - August 05, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ glad you took a look! Thank You for your kindness

Laura Ver Beek - August 06, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Hunt Family.. I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of your family during this difficult time.

Stephanie Seidel (classmate of Steve)

Stephanie Seidel - August 05, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Thank you, Stephanie. Steve's not on FB, but I'll let him know you're thinking of him and us.
--Jane

jane - August 06, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Thank you so much Stephanie! I hope you are staying healthy and well.

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:57 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Hunt family, I have read the other memories that were shared and agree wholeheartedly with all the kind sentiments. Nancy was truly special. I would like to add that Nancy was a skilled social worker and family therapist. I remember smiling to myself when a couple would come into the agency for therapy, because they were stuck or appeared resistant to change. They would follow little ol Nancy down the hall, past my office, to her office expecting to sing Kumbaya Then her door would shut. I could just imagine seeing their jaw drop, when she would slowly turn toward them, slide to the front edge of her chair, look them directly in the eye and give them the "what for". Week after week they would come back. She helped countless individuals. couples and families. Nancy was very supportive of me and my career, and was a ribbon cutter for us at Fostering Solutions, The memories that I will hold tightest to, are when I think about the times when we shared laughs. Godspeed.

John C. Bailey

John C. Bailey - August 04, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ I read these tributes through tears of sorrow and joy. Yours gave me a big belly laugh as well, just picturing what a tough nut my mom could be! I don't know if we've ever met. I hope we get the chance some day

Laura Ver Beek - August 05, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Thank you, John, for your unique perspective. Our mother was extremely committed to her clients, and I believe her career was a source of great fulfillment to her. Her laughter reached all her walks of life -- even as recently as window visits with us during Covid, when her health was quickly failing. . . still that precious laugh!!

Jane - August 05, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Thank you so much John. I also laughed when you described the unknowing couple and what they would find on the other side of the door. My mom was a feisty one - certainly no pushover. As she aged and became progressively ill, she would not stand for anyone treating her like a child and would demand to be heard and respected as the adult she was! I can't stop wondering what all her wonderful caregivers at Charlette Stephenson Manor must of thought of her ! What a hoot! My mom loved having you for a co-worker (and boss later?) and truly valued and respected you for all the great work you did/do. Tell Tina I say "hi".

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:47 AM



“ Dean Wallace lit a candle in memory of Nancy Louise Hunt



Dean Wallace - August 04, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Thank You for the candle Dean!

Laura Ver Beek - August 05, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ To the Hunt family, I send you all much love and prayers. Your Mom was one in a million. She was crazy about all her kids and always welcomed any of their friends in with open arms. I always loved talking with her cause she never treated you like a kid, but a friend. I remember how much she loved watching her movies and series on PBS. We had a wonderful dog named Martini, because your Mom took her in. Your Schnauzer and her did not get along, so we took her in. I would come over to do homework with Elaine and we would always end up listening to music and singing and your Mom never told us to turn it down, well hardly ever. My your memories of her kind heart, welcoming spirit, infectious laugh and love of family and fun, fill your heart and minds every day.

Prayers, love & hugs,
Dean Wallace

Dean Wallace - August 04, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ I don't know if you remember me Dean but I remember you and what a great friend to my sister you were. Thank You so much for these beautiful memories of my mother!

Laura Ver Beek - August 05, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ oh I remember all of the hunt kids even though I didn't see you all a lot. Plus my brothers have some stories of the older Hunt kids. (Hush, hush)

Dean Wallace - August 05, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ Thank you, Dean. It makes me happy to know that our mother left such a wonderful impression on you, as well as many kids who came through our family's doors over the years. She was so easy to talk to about anything, without judgment, which is a gift grown-ups seldom have.

Jane - August 05, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Hi Dean! Thank you so much for all of your kind words and memories. I guess I really jumped right into the phases of grief starting with denial. I've been putting all my focus on work and school. This is the first time I've been able to bring myself to get on here. I forgot all about martini, the little cutie! My mom sure did love her PBS shows - right up to the end. It warms my heart so much to hear my friends - you, Cheryl and Kathleen, and friends of my sibs have such fond memories of our mom. She really was a special woman and I always knew I was lucky to have her for my mom. And, as an adult, my best friend.

I hope you and all of your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this crazy time of COVID 19. Much love -
Elaine

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:13 AM



“ Sending love to the Hunt family. Nancy nurtured all she encountered. She took me in as Elaine’s best friend & nurtured me as if I were her own. In elementary, middle school & High school she supported me. At our 25th High School Reunion she welcomed me when I visited from Germany. I was always one of the family. She always had room for one more. She was the matriarch who loved her family beyond words & welcomed all who loved them too. I am blessed to have been loved by her & will always hold her dear to my heart. Sending love & hugs to her beautiful family. Her love will always remain with me. Cheryl

Cheryl Wise Sweeney - August 04, 2020 at 12:37 AM



“ Cheryl! So wonderful to hear from you. As Elaine's older sister I was not around much during those years but I so love hearing your warm memories of my Mom Thank You!
Laura

Laura Ver Beek - August 04, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Hi, Cheryl, yes, you WERE always one of the family! Thank you for your memories of our mother.

Jane - August 05, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Hi Cheryl! Sorry for this very delayed response (please see reply to Dean's post). Thank you so much for all of your kind words and memories. There sure was a time when "we" were always either at my house or your house and your parents were just as wonderful and welcoming to me.

I hope you and all of your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this crazy time of COVID 19. Much love -

Elaine

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:25 AM



“ Elaine, Kurt & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady! So many times I would come home to find our mothers chatting and solving the world problems!! I sent a message to my siblings and they too share in the sadness of the heart breaking news. Our prayers are with you.

~Kathleen Kralick Small

Kathleen Kralick Small - August 03, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ Thanks for the kind words, Kathleen. Your mom was such a good friend to my mom and helped her (us) through the tough times.

Kurt - August 03, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Thank You Kathleen. I felt the same about your Mom. So many memories of Devil's Lake and our mom's playing bridge, and,yes, solving the worlds problems!

Laura Ver Beek - August 04, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Yes, our moms solved the world's problems... but not enough people listened, because look at our world. The two of them together were such a hoot!!! Fun, funny, great, loving mothers.

Jane - August 05, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ Hi Kathleen! Sorry for this very delayed response. (please see reply to dean above). Thank you so much for you kind words and and memories. And ditto to everything my sibs said.

I hope you and all of your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this crazy time of COVID 19. Much love -

Elaine

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 02:33 AM



“ All of you, Nancy's Children, have been so loved by your Mom and our dear friend Nancy. She has spoken of you so lovingly so many times over the years we have known her through our book club days and also as neighbors so many years ago on East Front Street. It must give you a very warm feeling to reflect on the care and love that she has shared with you these many years. What a delight it has been to have been a friend through these years. Our trips to Pentwater were especially memorable as our book club members gathered for our annual Lake Michigan escape to discuss another of the many books we have shared through the years. We always enjoyed your Mom's pithy and caring comments. God speed to you all.
Love, Ann and Peter Paullin

Peter and Ann Paullin - August 01, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Dear Peter and Ann, I'm so humbled by your words. Yes, in time, it will give me a very warm feeling indeed to reflect on Mom's care and love... at the moment, however, it's mostly grief and sadness. Our relationship was untouchable. I know my siblings feel the same way. The silver lining in the timing of her death is that we'll all be ready to celebrate her life with utter joy next Spring!! Looking forward to seeing you then! Thank you for your beautiful sentiments. I hope all is well with you and the "kids", whom I remember with great fondness.
--Jane

jane Bloom - August 03, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Mom just loved the Pentwater trips! She loved you both dearly. Thank you for your friendship with her and for your memories
Laura

Laura Ver Beek - August 03, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ Nancy accepted me and loved me and I never questioned it. She was an amazing mom to 7 kids who I hold near and dear in my heart. I am most thankful that I was able to share many great times and always better wine! Nancy was beautiful inside and out and her laughter she shared with family is unforgettable. My favorite children's book Love you forever by Robert Munsch to all seven Hunt kids! "I'll love you forever. I'll like you for always. As long as I'm living, my baby you'll be. You are always Nancy's babies



debbie brokus - July 31, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Love these photos!! That was such a wonderful day. Thanks for posting, Debbie!

Kurt - July 31, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Thank you Debbie I love the pictures and your beautiful sentiment

Laura Ver Beek - July 31, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ LOVE THE PHOTOS!! Mom's 86th birthday painting party last year! What a trooper she was. And her painting was WAY better than mine. "Love You Forever" always made me cry when I read it. Now, it takes on new personal meaning.

jane - July 31, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ oops, I meant 85th birthday party.

jane bloom - August 03, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ Thank you so much Debbie for the kind words and memories. Mom did genuinely love you as part of the family. That book - I would read that to all of the children I watched and I would always get choked up and cry a little. They would look at me funny!

Elaine - August 09, 2020 at 03:22 AM



“ When Nancy and I first met at FCCS in 1979, we shared many family names (my maiden name is Hunt) and a lifelong friendship of over 40 years began. We shared many fun activities outside of work like antiquing, historic home tours, movies, books and long conversations on all topics. Our shared book club was always a favorite. We also shared many experiences at work , some of them very fulfilling and some tragic. Nancy was the most caring, empathetic and compassionate social worker I've ever known. Her whole life was about love; love for her children, extended family and, luckily for me, her friends and community. Nancy provided my husband and me a second home where we always felt welcomed. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Sara & Jerry Forthun

Sara & Jerry Forthun - July 31, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Thank You for your heartfelt post Sara. I had to cry again and It was a very lovely bunch of tears

Laura

Laura Ver Beek - July 31, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Sara, thank you for reminding me that not only did my mom have a wonderful, fulfilling life, no life was more meaningful-- what else makes a life meaningful but infinite love? That's what she was about, day in, day out. Her time with you and Jerry was sacrosanct. If I called when you were expected to arrive soon, she'd say with such excitement, "I can't talk now -- Sara and Jerry are coming!" She absolutely loved sharing her home with you. And in more recent years, you helped her so much by being there. I look forward to seeing you in the Spring, when we can celebrate her life together.

Love, Jane Bloom

jane - July 31, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ As my Mother-in-Law, I can say that Nancy Hunt was the perfect opposite of everything that television and the movies had tried to tell me to expect from a Mother-in-Law.

Jeff Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Oh Jeff! She loved you sooooo much

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM



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Kurt Hunt - July 30, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ What great photos Kurt

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Ann and I extend heartfelt condolences on Nancy's passing. She was a very dedicated Civitan of Lenawee member as well as other service organizations. She was a friend of Call Someone Concerned/Crusid Walkin Center also. She dedicated her life to service and will be sorely missed.

David & Ann Guldin - July 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Thank You for your very kind words!

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words, David and Ann.

jane - July 30, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Nancy was bright, loving and always learning. She shared so much of herself with me and I am so grateful. One Christmas, when her children were coming here, I got to help her with her tree(I'm tall). We shared really good cheese from Boulevard Market , and a touch of Kahlua. What a gift she was.

gay - July 29, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Hunt children, your mother was amazing. I knew her from the time I started working at Family Counseling some 33 yrs ago. We became friends as well as co-workers, and my Supervisor. We shared our book club as couples and your mom, all of these years. We last met for book discussion at “her place”...in February. Tom and I have always admired your mother’s strength and abilities and her strong bond with all of you. She set a very high mark for her ability to give to others with compassion and wisdom. We shared laughter and tears over these years that have passed so quickly. My heart aches for her now. May your laughter over shared memories outweigh your tears as you have gathered together in these final days. Thoughts of all of you at this sad time. Pat & Tom Housekeeper

Tom and Pat Housekeeper - July 29, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ Thank You for your wonderful words. You were both such special and dear friends to my Mom!

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Gay Thank You very much for your sweet words!

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Dear Tom and Pat, Thank you so much for your kind words, and for your long friendship with our mother. She told us about book club at her "place", before Covid struck, and she was so looking forward to hosting more meetings there. She even was saving some goodies I'd sent her to share with book club the next time you all met. Alas, it was not to be.

--Jane

jane - July 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - July 29, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ Nancy was always a sweet and loving person and will be greatly missed. God bless all who loved her.

Nancy Nichols - July 28, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Thank You for your kind words Nancy

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I know she was welcomed in heaven by many Hunts. We shared many family get-together functions and she will be missed by all of us. Please know all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Pat Hunt and family (Bill Hunt's Family).

Patricia Hunt - July 28, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Thank You Patricia and all cousins for the kind thoughts and prayers

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:52 PM



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Jeffrey VerBeek - July 27, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ Laura and family, Your mother was a truly beautiful woman. My husband and I had the true pleasure of spending time with her in Atlanta for a mutual friends wedding. I know she was a beautiful mother and I hope you can celebrate your memories and know that your friends will be lifting you up.

Fondly, Nancy and Wes

Nancy and Wes Dermeyer - July 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank You so much Nancy and Wes for your beautiful sentiment

Laura Ver Beek - July 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ This is such a sweet photo of Mom. Always smiling, always giving.

jane - August 04, 2020 at 08:49 PM



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Jeffrey VerBeek - July 27, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ What a lovely photo! Thank you, Jeff --

Jane Bloom - July 28, 2020 at 07:50 PM



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Jeffrey VerBeek - July 27, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Mom's 85th birthday!

jane - August 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM



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Jeffrey Ver Beek - July 27, 2020 at 09:23 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - July 27, 2020 at 04:08 PM