



Nancy (Wells) Graybiel

March 14, 1935 - May 23, 2010

ADRIAN – Nancy C. (Wells) Graybiel, 75, of Adrian, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, May 23, 2010 at her home.

Nancy was born March 14, 1935, in Adrian, the only child of Louis and Cleo (Quigley) Milligan. She graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1953. Nancy attended Adrian College and completed her Bachelor's Degree in Business at Siena Heights.

Nancy worked for the former First Federal Savings and Loan of Lenawee for many years. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, and the Women's Circle. Nancy was also a member of the Somerset Center United Methodist Church. She was a member of PEO, and enjoyed volunteering at Day Break. She loved traveling and was a member of Nomads. She was also a member of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Surviving Nancy are her three sons: Michael Wells of New York City; Marc "Sam" Wells of Onsted; and Steven (Michelle) Wells of Toledo; step-children: Lynn (Roberta) Graybiel; Chris (Mark) Hickman; and Ron (Pat) Graybiel; and several step-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Allan

Graybiel in 2005, and former husband and father of her children, F. Dean Wells.

Funeral services for Nancy will be held on Friday, May 28 at 10 a.m., at Wagley Funeral Home. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Thursday, May 27, 2010 from 4 to 8 p.m. You may send condolences to Nancy's family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com. Contributions in memory of Nancy may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society, PEO for their scholarship or Daybreak Adult Day Services. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Nancy (Wells) Graybiel

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“ I'm Nancy's eldest son. On behalf of my brothers and myself, I'd just like to thank everyone for their kind messages and remembrances of our Mom. And with your indulgence, I'd just like to share, once more, some words I spoke at her service. Again, thank you...

"She was the Homecoming Queen. She was the only child of a doting father who became an even more doting grandfather to my brothers and myself. Everything I am, everything I hope to be, I owe to my mother. I owe to her. Like my father, she is gone too soon. Like my father she leaves a treasured store of memories and a void that can never, will never be filled. My father died a bit too young and I was a bit too far away to ever really know him as a man. My mother took it upon herself to defy, to transcend geography. She came to see me in San Francisco and DC. We ate pizza and burritos in hotel rooms. Not at the same time. She came to New York every fall and often in the summer, too. What we'd do was - I would rent a car and drive home at Thanksgiving and she would ride back with me on the Saturday after and stay for a week in New York. It seemed a little daunting the first time, a ten-hour car trip, but it was revelatory and became ritual. We learned about each other in new ways. And our understanding, our bond deepened. And she loved New York. She loved the Upper West Side. She'd loved sourdough bagels from H&H, and the Goldilocks omelette at Sarabeth's and sitting in Central Park between the Delacorte Theatre and the

Great Lawn. She loved The Met. She loved The American Wing and the Christmas Tree in the Gothic Hall. She loved New York in a way that made me remember why I did, in a way that made me renew my vows. She was evangelically optimistic. She was generous with her labor and her love and she held up her family and her friends. She treasured them and let them know. I loved her sense of humor. She was so funny. I loved her wanderlust, her sense of adventure, her willingness to embrace things that were new. She was the first person in our family to get a computer, a cellphone, to text message. Before most of my friends had begun, she shocked me one day by texting me. OMG! She loved texting. We would talk every Sunday - we had a phone date - but she would text me back & forth all the time. I miss that already. I find myself reaching for the keypad to tell her something and then remember. And then, to be honest, I text her anyway. Because somehow I believe that she intercepts the message now floating through the ether faster than it could travel to her old phone. I was so encouraged, so proud that she resumed travels with The Nomads. I loved how she would call with news of what she thought a particularly exotic or even dangerous destination, detailing her concerns and then call me back - or more likely text - in half an hour with a triumphant "I'm going!". Her love of life was infectious. And I believe she enriched almost every life she touched,

*with her joy,
her faith, her good humor, her steadfastness, her soulfulness, her
heart, even
her tears. Everything I am, everything I hope to be I owe to her. I
owe to my
mother. I owe to you, Mom."##imported-begin##Michael Louis
Wells##imported-end##*

June 09, 2010 at 08:27 PM



“ *As a former next door neighbor living in Arizona, we will miss you
greatly. We will always remember your yearly visits with us. Our
sincere sympathy to your sons and family.##imported-
begin##Margaret & Dean Heiser##imported-end##*

May 30, 2010 at 03:36 PM



“ *Here is a woman who had a tolerance for a group of teenage
scofflaws called "King Cobra And The Pythons". If you can put up
with those 4 fallen angels, then you truly are a saint . God bless. I
hope you are all doing well.##imported-begin##Charles
Braun##imported-end##*

May 28, 2010 at 11:22 PM



“ *I will always remember Nancy's smile and cheerful outlook on life. I
know she lit up many years of my dad's life.*

*Sincere condolence##imported-begin##Lynn Graybiel##imported-
end##*

May 28, 2010 at 08:26 AM



“ Nancy was a lovely neighbor and friend. I will miss her so much.##imported-begin##Sonya A. Galliani##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ Nancy will be missed, especially by the Daybreak and former Gerontology Network staff. She was a giving, caring person. She will be missed by many people in the Lenawee community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

Myra, former director of Gerontology Network/Daybreak##imported-begin##Myra Goddard##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 12:44 PM



“ My sincere sympathy. Nancy was a classmate from 3rd grade at Lincoln School, until graduation with the class of 1953.##imported-begin##Lois Nearhood Curtis##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ If only we could visit just one more time. I miss you so much already.
Since the days at Adrian College and beyond one of my dearest friends and confidants.
My heart breaks for Michael, Sam and Steven.
I don't know of anyone who lived life to the fullest and helped everyone else, more than Nancy.##imported-begin##Jeane Johnson##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to all of Nancy's family.*

No words can express my loss of a true and wonderful friend.

Gary###imported-begin##Gary Garrison###imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 09:43 AM



“ *Hi Sam,*

Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I have many good memories of Nancy from our childhood in Adrian and from later years at the Lake. I hope other than your Mom's passing all is well with you and Mike & Steven as well.###imported-begin##Craig Corey###imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 07:05 AM



“ *Nancy was taken from us way to soon. She lived life to the fullest. She is the most dearest person I know. She was a true friend and I will miss her very, very much. There will be know other person like her. She was more than a volunteer at Daybreak, she was family. I will keep her family in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless all of you, Julia Morse, Daybreak###imported-begin##Julia Morse###imported-end##*

May 25, 2010 at 10:46 PM



“ Nancy was the classiest, down-to-earth person I have ever known. I admired her immensely and always looked forward to the days when she volunteered at Daybreak. She was one of the few people that could illicit a belly laugh from me and we shared many fun moments that I will never forget. What an inspiration. My sincerest sympathy to her family.

Kathy Kane, Daybreak##imported-begin##Kathleen Kane##imported-end##

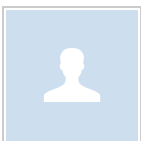
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“ Hey Squirt,
You will always be loved and not forgotten. I would love to have had the opportunity to sit down and reminisce as we had planned on your last trip to Arizona. Maybe another time in another place. You will always be in my heart and memory.

Quig##imported-begin##Bill Quigley##imported-end##

May 25, 2010 at 09:03 PM



“ To the family of Nancy we send our deepest condolences from the staff and clients at Daybreak.

Nancy was so much more than a volunteer at Daybreak ...she was a part of our family .

She will be forever missed among all of us who held that special place in our hearts for her. Our deepest sympathy to the family and those who have been blessed to be a part of her life.

To Nancy ...we love you and miss you.##imported-begin##Tammy Jewell -Daybreak Adult Day Service ##imported-end##

May 25, 2010 at 06:58 PM



“ Nancy will forever be missed! She was such an unbelievably awesome person whom I loved and cherished so much! I miss you so much already Nancy! To her family, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. I know how unexpected this was and how difficult this must all be. Her entire family is in my heart and prayers.

Jaime Camburn

Daybreak Adult Day Services##imported-begin##Jaime Camburn##imported-end##

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