



Nancy Ann Hathaway

November 1, 1939 - March 27, 2025

ADRIAN- Nancy Ann Hathaway, age 85, of Adrian, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at ProMedica Toledo Hospital.

Nancy was born on November 1, 1939, in Adrian, MI, the only daughter of Norris and Susan (Barker) Hathaway. After graduating from Adrian High School, Nancy went on to attend Adrian College where she earned her bachelor's in English and History. She received her master's in Education from Michigan State University.

Her thirst for knowledge and nurturing personality were wonderful qualities that contributed to Nancy's career in teaching. For 36 years Nancy dedicated her life as a teacher at Lincoln elementary within the Adrian Public School system. She made a lasting impression on the lives of many 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Nancy was a member of the AEA, MEA, NEA, the Michigan and International Reading Association, and held an honorary membership with Delta Gamma. The friendships she made during her lifetime became lifelong relationships and she even managed to stay in contact with some of her former students. Nancy has been a longtime member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Adrian where she served in the Sunday school and music program ministries. She enjoyed tending to her garden and showcased her artistic and creative sides through her many home remodeling projects. Nancy was an animal lover and was known for spoiling her Schnauzer pups.

Left to cherish her memory are friends, Lora (Marty) Wallich and their daughters, Marie Wallich and Kayla (Michael) Hagan, Barb Swift, Laura (Dan) Bristle and their daughter, Suzy (Wyatt) Lentschke, Dave (Ann) Guldin and Judy Ehinger. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, aunt & uncle, and several cousins.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian. Funeral services will be held at Noon in the funeral home with Rev. Larry Betz officiating. Burial will follow at Ridgeway Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Adrian First Church of the Nazarene or to the Lenawee Humane Society.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Cemetery Details

Ridgeway Cemetery

Ford Highway
Ridgeway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
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Burial

APR 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ridgeway Cemetery
Ford Highway
Ridgeway Township, MI

Meet directly at the cemetery after funeral services. There will be no funeral procession

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Nancy was such a delightful person. Always enjoyed her visits at the veterinarian clinic with her schnauzers. May she rest in peace. She will be missed.

julia spiegel - April 20, 2025 at 10:53 AM

SF

“ Miss Hathaway was what my kids called her. She was a great teacher. I loved her sense of humor. She was savvy with the students who got into mischief. She loved her dogs dearly. She also loved her adopted family and her students. Rest now in heaven sweet lady. ❤️

Sue Fuss - April 04, 2025 at 06:25 PM

SK

“ My very first memory of Nancy was about 36 years ago. We had just moved to Adrian and I discovered that Shakespeare's Hamlet was to be performed that night in Tecumseh. So I insisted Brian and I must go. The person who had a seat behind ours was none other than Nancy Hathaway -- someone we had just met at church. In a town where we knew nobody, we saw a friend at a play. She informed us she never missed a Shakespeare performance if she could help it. Ah! Another Shakespeare fan! Sally Krichbaum

Sally Krichbaum - March 31, 2025 at 01:42 PM

LW

“ We have been friends for 40 years, and a long time ago, we chose to be family. We spent many holidays together, and she was Aunt Nancy to my girls. She was the sweetest person I ever met! I will especially miss our evening chats with her and Marty swapping jokes on a three-way call with Barb. She will be dearly missed!

Lora Wallich - March 31, 2025 at 09:32 AM

DG

“ We will always treasure our memories of Nancy. We will miss visiting her and her beloved schnauzer Finn and especially our tradition of having Christmas Dinner together at Nancy's home. You are a treasure Nance. RIP



Love Ann&Dave Guldin

David and Ann Guldin - March 31, 2025 at 07:53 AM

CS

“ Rest in peace to a truly beautiful soul and wonderful educator - it was a privilege and blessing to learn so much from you and to be able to reconnect with you a few years ago. I am sure Mr B and you are having a joyful reunion now. Thank you for everything you gave to this world.

Caroline Schwartz - March 30, 2025 at 03:01 AM