



Nancy Kay Schultheis-Krebs

June 8, 1945 - December 30, 2024

Schultheis-Krebs, Nancy Kay, December 30, 2024 age 79 of Ann Arbor.

Beloved wife of the late Glenn Krebs.

Also, survived by her beloved soul mate George Smith, and George's cherished family, including: children Lisa (Scott) Paxson, Amy (Neil) Harrison and George's grandchildren James, Jessica, and Josephine.

Nancy was born June 8, 1945 on the east side of Detroit to Catherine (nee O'Rourke) and Clairmont Schultheis. She grew up with younger brother Charles and the presence of grandmother Martha O'Rourke and uncle Oliver O'Rourke. She has characterized her parents as loving, kind, outgoing/playful, and hard working.

Nancy graduated from Bentley High School in Livonia in 1963, and went on to the University of Michigan where she completed a nursing degree, BSN. She later returned to complete a master's program in public health and social work. These multiple degrees opened doors to a variety of positions over the years. Nancy worked at Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Psychiatric Hospital, Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism, Chelsea Hospital; she also worked with a individualized home nursing care program, and 7 years at Harper Hospital EAP (Employee Assistance Program).

After divorcing first husband Hans Cozah (a good man, but not a good match), Nancy spent a number of years as a single woman. She started a singles group at her church Trinity Lutheran and through this, met her future husband Glenn F. Krebs in October 1981. The couple married in December of 1984, and spent 33 loving and devoted years together. Glenn developed Alzheimer's disease, starting around 2006, and died in October of 2018, having spent approximately the last two years of his life at Huron Woods, a memory care facility then part of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, after prior help from a day care program in Ann Arbor. This late chapter in the marriage was especially challenging. Nancy was forever grateful for Glenn's care at Huron Woods. She spent a number of hours each day with Glenn and cherished the impact of the competent and loving staff.

Coordinator William Scott coordinated admissions and more and became a blessing to many of the families facing the challenges of caring for their loved ones. This journey also introduced Nancy and Glenn to many wonderful and accomplished residents/patients and their loving families. Nancy and several other families formed what continued after the loss of loved ones to be a special support group; this includes George Smith, Iva Corbett, Bonnie Clyde, and David Chu.

A special connection developed over time with Ernest George Smith, whose wonderful wife Shirley was also at Huron Woods. This friendship grew into a loving connection, and Nancy described George as a soul mate. She was also grateful for his wonderful family and friends who welcomed her presence in his life – especially his daughters Lisa and Amy, and grandchildren James, Jessica, and Josephine.

Nancy is survived by her sister-in-law Anne Schultheis, Anne's sister Catherine McBride, Glenn's sister Barbara (Dean) Alpeter; by loving nephew Scott Schultheis, his partner Jenn Walter, and their children Samuel, Patience,

Isis, and Artemis.

Nancy is also survived by niece Brenda Alpeter; nephews Mark (Lisa) Alpeter and Matthew (Jewel) Alpeter; great-niece Sara Beth, great-nephew Ryan, and great-niece Ana.

Nancy's brother Charles, in her eyes a essential part of the family, died just 4 days before her husband Glenn after a valiant battle with cancer.

Nancy was also predeceased by her parents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Nancy was loved by many and made a difference in the lives of those she touched as a nurse, social worker and valued friend. She enjoyed dancing and gardening, always admiring and cherishing the flowers she was frequently given.

In a nutshell, I am so grateful and feel so blessed by three things and more: Loving and wonderful family, friends, and caregivers

A career that provided challenge and growth and allowed me to meet some great colleagues, clients, and patients.

The love of two wonderful men, my husband Glenn and soul mate Ernest George Smith of Plymouth, and the love and open arms of George's family.

The family would like to share that Nancy had the foresight and courage to craft most of this obituary herself. They are forever grateful for her words.

Visitation Friday, January 10th 11 AM until the 1 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170, the Robert J. Delonis Center, 312 W. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or Dawn Farms, 502 W. Huron St. Ann Arbor MI 48103.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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Funeral Service

JAN **10**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nancy Kay Schultheis-Krebs



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - January 06, 2025 at 02:32 PM

RS

“ My sincere condolences to Nancy's friends, family and especially George. I did not know her well, but whenever she was on a walk with George and saw me out, she would always stop to inquire and encourage my latest project and talk about our gardens. She was truly a delight, and I will miss her kind words and seeing her smiling face.

Rebecca Smith - January 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

HK

I first met Nancy in 1956 when we were both new students in the sixth grade at Garfield elementary school in Livonia Michigan. Our teacher instructed us to stand in front of the rest of the class and introduce ourselves. I remember clearly that after introducing herself she said "Just call me Schultzie". That was her fun loving personality and I never forgot her . More recently at a class reunion for the graduating class of Bentley High School 1963 my wife and I sat at a table and recognized Nancy and her escort George Smith and invited them to join us at our table. This reopened our friendship, and started a friendship with George also.

They also visited our campground and we went to dinner at a local restaurant and enjoyed each others company over the weekend. We also stayed in touch over the years since then.

I will remember Nancy as a fun loving personality and fun person to be around. She will be missed.

Howard Kromis - January 23, 2025 at 07:47 PM

GG

“ *Condolences to Nancy's family and friends, and in particular George. We did not know her long but each time we met anat George's. She will be missed by all and especially by George. Greg and Jean Gliha*

Gregory Gliha - January 10, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Nancy's sudden passing when George called us.*

She was a very special friend and such a kind sweet and loving person. She was also smart,funny and very caring to so many. She loved her soulmate George and his family and they loved her. We will all miss her and our time with her when we visited MI.

May She rest in peace.

Cheryl and Bill and Polly and Rick

Cheryl Brasington - January 08, 2025 at 11:46 AM

IC

Nancy made a difference in the lives of all who knew her. She was truly a blessing. She will be missed

Iva Corbett - January 08, 2025 at 10:11 PM

PL

“ We would just like to share...It is not often that someone comes into your life and makes it a better place to be. We would like to thank George for sharing Nancy with us. Through their shared difficult times of being caregivers, they understood the meaning of having a better life and companionship. Nancy was a perfect addition, or accent to George and made him a better person. Nancy was always a positive, caring person who was as sharp as they come. She always learning, always a good listener, and a good soul. We enjoyed our evenings out in DTP, where they could dance to "good music." She will be missed and kept in our memories forever....With love...The Losey's



Pamela Losey - January 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM

SW

“ Nancy and George were frequent customers/walkers at the Plymouth Home Depot. I had frequent conversations with them, and could always count on Nancy's sweet demeanor and smile. She brought roses to me when I retired from there a couple of weeks ago. They lasted longer than any roses I ever had.. but the memory of her will last the rest of my life.

Susan Weldon - January 06, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Kay Schultheis-Krebs.*



January 06, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Nancy was such a beautiful soul. A life well served. God speed.*



Jeanine Steinaway - January 05, 2025 at 09:52 PM

PC

“ Nancy and I met when we were seven years old, and for the next 72 years actively honored our friendship. We graduated from Livonia’s Bentley High and for four years were roommates at U of M. Then followed years of double dates, a few weddings, countless phone chats, and cross-country visits.

During those years she always impressed me with her drive, caring and elegance. For Nancy in her personal life and in her career it was always about people: how to make each interaction matter, how to make lives better, and how to make us smile.

Just before Thanksgiving, less than two months ago, Nancy visited me on Cape Cod. We relived so many memories and once again agreed to be ever grateful for our enduring connection. Now that week seems like a poignant, fortuitous gift.

Along with family, career—and chocolate, another passion for her was music. Always with a ready tune, Nancy made the American Songbook her play list.

“Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered...am I.”

Thank you, George, for dancing with Nancy, bringing her joy, and giving her some of the happiest years of her life.

My dear Nancy, you are forever alive in my heart!

Pam Chadwick

Pamela Chadwick - January 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SK

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*Shannon Kettenbeil
a day ago*

Nancy was/is an amazing woman. I'm thankful to be able to call her my friend. She was not only my friend but she was family. She has always been there for me. Every doctor's appointment ended with lunch and a decadent coffee from Bigby. There was never time spent without lots of laughs and wonderful memories. I'm so thankful for the last day we spent together Christmas shopping. There was many times when we were out that people mistook her for being my mother. She used to tell me that it was a honor to have been mistaken for my mother and she would have been honored for me to have been her daughter. If she would have only known that the honor was mine. She would have been a wonderful mother. There are way to many memories to just say one. But the most important memory of Nancy wasn't a funny one but a serious one. After I had covid and I met a new oncologist she went to my appointment with me and asked the though questions. When Nancy loved she loved fiercely. She loved her George. HeMade her giggle, kept her in hers toes always laughing and doing what she loves, Nancy.

Shannon Kettenbeil - January 02, 2025 at 08:42 PM

LA

“ *Nancy was such a an encourager and loving person. Her laughter and thoughtfulness were wonderful and inspiring. Mark and I loved visiting her and hanging out with her and George. She was one of the best people I have every meet. It is her laughter and her smile that will ring in my memory for ever. Love you tons, Nancy and miss you.*

Lisa Alpeter - January 01, 2025 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ I have so many happy memories of shared moments that will always be treasured. From her wedding day to my favorite uncle, her attendance at my wedding, and the very special visits to her home with my wife and kids. The funniest memory was visiting her in the winter and going to get in my car to leave when I slipped on the ice and disappeared from view behind the car and Nancy wondered where I had gone. We had a great laugh as she helped me back to my feet.

Nancy was always joyful and so encouraging. I will miss her greatly.

Mark Alpeter

Mark Alpeter - December 31, 2024 at 04:34 PM

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Shannon Kettenbeil - January 01, 2025 at 12:06 PM

CC

Nancy and I have been friends for over 40 years. She was kind, but realistic. She enjoyed people, life and all the experiences that life offered. We have camped, talked, hiked, skied downhill, and played tennis together. All the time laughing and savoring the moment. She shared her zest for life with all who knew her. I am glad that she was able to be with her dear friend George and dance.

Carol Cramer

Carol A Cramer - January 01, 2025 at 03:35 PM

KM

Nancy was the social worker with Individualized Nursing Homecare who helped me care for my young mother as she was dying of cancer. Nancy was kind, understanding and so very helpful. I was young myself, and continued to be counseled by Nancy after my Mother died.

Kimberlee Mitchell - January 08, 2025 at 11:47 AM

TF

I met Nancy (and George) 8 years ago in Ann Arbor at Huron Woods. I can't begin to say what an incredible blessing it was that our paths crossed. What incredible people! Nancy was there to offer support, love and kindness at a difficult time and both she and George were such a gift to our family. I send heartfelt prayers of comfort, gratitude and love to you all as you remember her.

The Leslie Family - January 09, 2025 at 02:45 PM

MT

Nancy and I first met when we were living in Cousins Dormitory at the University of Michigan during the summer of 1964. It was the summer to take Anatomy and Physiology as well as a course in Growth and Development as part of the nursing program. One course requirement was to write a paper comparing the growth and development of two children of the same age. So, how were we to do this having no availability of children? We came up with the idea to teach preschoolers in Sunday School at the local Methodist Church and they agreed to let us. This began a lifetime of shared adventures. We were summer roommates in sublet apartments during college, as well as a couple of times after we graduated. We remained friends for over sixty years and many life events. Nancy was a blessing in my life, always there to support me with a card, a phone call, and an in-person visit, when we could arrange it. Serious talks on many topics, including politics, filled our conversations, as well as laughter. She had a great sense of humor that went along with her love of life. She had a nice sense of style as well as whimsy. I know how much I miss her and how many others in her life will also miss her. Peace, Love, Joy to each of you. She would want this for all of us.

Margie Thumm

Margie Thumm - January 10, 2025 at 12:55 PM

PC

Nancy and my first wife Pam were best friends from high school in Livonia, MI, and later on roommates at the University of Michigan in the mid 1960s. I also distinctly remember her father, Claire Schultheis, a character, who reputedly had worked in a speakeasy during prohibition and always had an ample supply of spirits in the recreation room downstairs in their home in Livonia. I met Nancy and Pam while cruising Daly Burgers drive-in in Livonia when they were home from college one weekend, got their number, and called hoping to take Nancy out on a date. Pam answered the phone, we talked, and I thought, well the blonde wasn't bad also, so asked Pam out. I spent many nights in Ann Arbor at the apartment they shared, and distinctly remember I enjoyed their cooking. Pam and I got married a couple years later, but it could have been different. Nancy did date a couple of my male friends from high school in the meantime. Nancy and Pam were friends for life. Very sorry to learn of her passing.

Paul Kenneth Chadwick - August 20, 2025 at 01:26 AM