



Nancy Kerwin

July 31, 1932 - February 27, 2021

Nancy Anne (Cook) Kerwin passed away February 27, 2021 at Oakview Nursing Home in Conrad, Iowa, where she had resided for three years.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be provided by Jane Heithoff, with David Bartling providing special music. Lectors for the service will be Kathryn Bartling and Dr. Robert Strother. Casket Bearers will be Dr. Robert Strother, Dr. Ralph Strother, David Bartling, and Larry “Doc” Sporrer. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Arrangements are under the guidance of Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left at www.sharpfuneral.com.

A live-stream of the service will be available at the following link beginning at 10:10 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/SoNa1hCx1Zo>

Nancy was born on July 31, 1932, in Davenport, Iowa at the height of the Depression to Howard L. and Agnes A (Glanz) Cook. Jobs were difficult so it meant many moves. Nancy attended parochial schools in Muscatine, Dubuque, Mason City, Davenport, Sac City, and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Storm Lake. Freshman year was spent at Clarke College in

Dubuque before transferring to Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where she graduated with her degree. It was there that she met and married James F. Kerwin in 1954. Nancy worked at Catholic Charities in Omaha before the couple moved to Carroll in 1955 as Jim began his long career at Commercial Savings Bank.

Nancy was very much for anything that had to do with her home. She was a skilled seamstress, needle worker, painter, gardener, and decorator. She loved going to antique shops and auctions to find furniture to refinish and make her own with her impeccable style. In addition, Nancy used these talents to help beautify her parish church during the various liturgical seasons. She spent several years as the Carroll Public Library Children's Librarian as she was an avid reader, as well. Travel was also an interest of Nancy's, especially her trips to Ireland, England, Scotland, and Italy.

The Kerwin's lived at 601 East First Street for over 60 years in the home that she dearly loved. There, Nancy and Jim raised their two daughters. Nancy felt her family was short on people, but long on love where she always surrounded her family with total love. She relished her roles as mother and especially nana to her two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, baby sister Sally, parents-in-law, husband, and her elder daughter, Michele A., a respected teacher at Kuemper High School.

Survivors are her daughter Patrice K. Strother (Dr. Ralph); granddaughter Kathryn Bartling (David); grandson Dr. Robert K. Strother (Dr. Courtney); great grandchildren Cora M. Bartling, Jon F. Bartling, and Fynn T. Bartling; her sisters-in-law Sr. Maris Kerwin – FSPA, Kathleen (Lee) Ogle; and a longtime family friend, Larry L. Sporrer.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed knowing Nancy for a number of years including working with her at the library, I even got to putz in her garden with her. We spent our best time counting the circulation at the end of the day, and had so many laughs. She was just lovely and so talented. She shared her history and that of her Mother. I never got to tell Nancy, that much later in life I found I had a little Irish in my family as well! The Kerwin's were an amazing family and such an asset to the community. She was such a lady.

Sue E Way - March 16, 2021 at 02:05 PM

TM

“ To the Kerwin family,
Sending my condolences to all of you. Knowing your family for so many years through the connection to our bank, CSB, makes for many fond memories. Nancy was truly a thoughtful and sweet lady who always had a smile and something kind to say.
When I drive by the little "cottage" house she loved and proudly cared for, I always think of your family.
It will forever be a reminder of the wonderful people that lived there.
Tam Moehn Milligan

Tam Milligan - March 05, 2021 at 08:32 AM

BW

“ We have good memories of Nancy outside and tending her flowers. She was a great neighbor. May she rest in peace. Bob and Linda Wessling

Bob and Linda Wessling - March 03, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Pat and family,
You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear mother,
Nancy Kerwin. I loved visiting with your mother when Jim and I
would walk at the cemetery. Your mother had such a kind & loving
heart. I will not be able to make it to the funeral tomorrow, but I will
be thinking and praying for your family.
With deepest sympathy,
Denise Higgins

Denise Higgins - March 01, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ Mrs. Kerwin was a lovely person. I will always remember her kind
eyes and warm smile. Sending my sympathy to Pat, Ralph, Kathryn,
Robert and families. You all brought her so much joy! Her loving
spirit lives on in you! Peace!

Lori Lange - March 01, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ Kristi Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in
memory of Nancy Kerwin



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - March 01, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ Nancy was a lovely lady who was always interested in others and in
sharing her beautiful home and love of history. She will be missed.
You are in my prayers.

Vicki Gach

V Gach - March 01, 2021 at 11:09 AM

DZ

“ Dear Pat & families,
I enjoyed meeting and visiting with your mother and grandmother while she was at Oakview Assisted Living in Conrad. Super sweet lady! She & my dad had many visits about Ireland & their travels. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this very sad time. Peace be with you.
In sympathy,
Danice Zern

Danice Zern - March 01, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Kerwin.



March 01, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Nancy Kerwin.



February 28, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MK

“ Although we were not sisters by birth we were great sisters by marriage! Nancy taught me a lot as sipped cups of coffee and esp. enjoyed sitting on their outdoor patio. As I was often traveling, Nancy always welcomed me to stay at their home at 601 E. 1st St. And i got to know my brother and their two wonderful daughters even better. You are in my prayers. Maris Kerwin FSPA

Maris Kerwin - February 28, 2021 at 08:56 PM