



## Nancy Lou Gaffney

October 8, 1939 - December 23, 2022

Barneveld – Nancy Lou (Reeves) Gaffney, age 83, of Barneveld passed away on the morning of Friday, December 23, 2022, after a lengthy illness with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. She was strong, resilient, and never complained as the disease presented challenge after challenge over the course of the past decade.

Nancy was born on October 8, 1939, in Morris, Illinois, to Glenn Edwin Reeves and Goldie Elizabeth (Snodgrass) Reeves. Nancy attended Morris Community High School, graduating in the Class of 1957. Nancy attended Illinois State University at Normal, graduating in 1961. On June 23, 1963, exactly 59 ½ years to the day of her death, Nancy married Jerrold Gregg Gaffney of Milton, Iowa. They had three children, Sara (Julian) Yeomans, Scott (Val) Gaffney, Erin (Chris) Hofland. Nancy and Jerry were blessed with eight grandchildren whom she was very proud of, Paige Gaffney, Clara Hofland, Bree Gaffney, Ian Hofland, Kelly Gaffney, Norah Hofland, Ty Gaffney, and Zoe Yeomans.

Nancy is survived by her husband Jerry, her children, grandchildren, sisters Shirley Jorstad, Judy (Bill) Burns, Carol Jacobs, and sister-in-law, Norma Zeitler. Nancy also leaves behind many dear nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Goldie, her infant

brother, Robert Glenn Reeves, and brothers and sisters in law Russel Jorstad, Gilbert Jacobs, Norris and Thelma Gaffney, Jean and John Evans, and James Zeitler.

Nancy was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. After attending Illinois State University, Nancy taught school in Aurora, Illinois until her marriage to Jerry. They moved to Iowa for two months before settling in Kilgore, Nebraska where she was a ranch wife and substitute teacher. The change from a town near Chicago to western Nebraska was a big one, but she loved it and was exceptional in all her endeavors. In 1976, Jerry and Nancy moved their family to a farm they purchased in Barneveld, Wisconsin. She continued substitute teaching and worked at Lands' End as a Customer Service Representative and Training Department Assistant until her retirement. She was very active in the church every place that she lived. She was a pianist/organist for the church and enjoyed playing for school activities, weddings, and funerals. She enjoyed her involvement with the Birch Lake Homemakers and was also a 4-H leader for years where she shared her talents in sewing, baking, and cooking. She treasured the many hours spent reading stories and playing games with her grandchildren. She looked forward to traveling every opportunity she got, especially with her sisters and to visit her daughters.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at the BARNEVELD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 104 S. Jones St, Barneveld. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME, 400 E. Grace St., Dodgeville. Private Family Inurnment will be held at Bethel Cemetery at a later date.

Our family would like to thank Upland Hills Hospice Care and Christian Servants Home Care. It is hard to express our appreciation for the love and countless hours of care by the dedicated people who took care of Nancy (you

know who you are). Thank you is not enough.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

## Memorial Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Barneveld Congregational United Church of Christ  
104 South Jones Street  
Barneveld, WI 53507

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ So Sorry to hear this news. Your family is in our prayers, Kandace Keuler and Richard Josh



Kandace Keuler - January 04, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was a great lady. I remember the several times that she was our substitute teacher throughout the years. I was so shocked to hear the news of her passing.

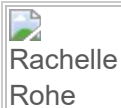


Joanne Parent - December 29, 2022 at 02:37 PM

RM

“ Scott, you, Val and all your family have my sympathy in your loss. I still miss my Mother and its been a long time since she passed. May you keep the special memories to help you all heal. Rosalie R. May

Rosalie R. May - December 27, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Nancy was incredibly kind and welcoming at church, and I cherish every single moment of playing piano with her. She was a mentor, friend, and one of the most talented musicians I've ever met. I will miss her!



Rachelle Rohe - December 27, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Lou Gaffney.*



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December 27, 2022 at 08:23 AM



“ *I had the amazing pleasure of caring for Mrs Nancy though Christian Servants. Nancy was truly a gem and always made me smile. Nancy was a kind and gentle soul but also honest. Fly high with the angels Mrs Nancy, caring for you was truly an honor and blessing.*

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**melissa** - December 26, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Our sincerest condolences on the loss of your wife, mother - grandmother. May God grant your family peace and comfort. Nick and Roxanne Hull & Family*

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**Nick and Roxanne Hull** - December 26, 2022 at 12:23 PM

DC

“ Nancy and her family have been our neighbor since we moved here about 25 years ago. My favorite memory of Nancy was at the high school music competitions where she accompanied both of my daughters in all their events. While she also accompanied many others, she always took the time to personally connect with the kids as if they were her own giving them encouragement to always do their best. She was loved by many!  
Dave Coyne and family

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**DAVE COYNE** - December 26, 2022 at 08:32 AM

RY

“ I was one of Nancy's caregivers for the last year of her life. Nancy never complained and she liked to joke around. We definitely enjoyed our days together. Nancy had a heart of gold and such a beautiful, contagious smile! She will forever hold a special place in my heart! Fly high my beautiful friend!

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**Rhonda Yeazle** - December 25, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Lou Gaffney.



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December 25, 2022 at 10:33 AM

VO

“ Nancy and I worked together in the training department at Lands' End. We trained a group in Stevens Point together and would rideshare up there on Sundays and back home on Fridays for three weeks. I really loved working with her and our many chats we had. I missed her when she retired and miss her now that she is gone.

Vicki Olson - December 24, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ I knew Nancy from a class we took together at ADRC 5 years ago. After the class ended a group of us met at Pizza Hut every month for lunch. What I remember most about her was that she was a very softspoken woman and that when she talked, I knew I didn't want to miss a word of what she had to say. She was a very smart, kind, and fun woman. Cheri Peterson

Cheri Peterson - December 24, 2022 at 03:57 PM

PW

“ Scott, Val and family, Our sincerest condolences on the loss of your Mom. Pat and Ken Worden

Pat and Ken Worden - December 24, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JB

Jerry and family so sorry to hear

John & Barbara BIRD - December 24, 2022 at 03:53 PM

JG

I enjoyed many years singing by her in the Mount Horeb Chorale. Sorry for your loss, I will miss her! Julie Garfoot

Julie Garfoot - December 24, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Gorgen Funeral Services** - December 24, 2022 at 12:07 PM