



Nancy J. Jamiolkowski

November 1, 1953 - August 2, 2020

Nancy J. Jamiolkowski (nee Doig) was the third child born into a proud Chicago South Side Irish family in November 1953. She relocated to Montana with her husband, Dan, in 2000 where they settled into a beautiful new mountain home midway between Butte and Whitehall in the Toll Mountain/Upper Rader Creek area.

Although never being blessed with a child of her own, Nancy made it her mission in life to dedicate herself to the enrichment and the bettering of the lives of children with special needs. In that pursuit, she attended and was graduated with a degree in elementary education with certification in Special Education from the University of Montana (Western).

Nancy went on to substitute teach in Ramsay, Whitehall and Butte schools. She was hired as a full-time special education teacher by the Butte School District where she touched many young lives in the community. Nancy also volunteered her time and expertise and loving, caring concern with the Butte Special Riders Program, the organization which provides equestrian therapy for special needs children, blending her love of children with her affinity for horses.

After Nancy's stint in the Butte schools, her career blossomed as a pediatric case manager at the Community Health Center where she was able to attend to the needs of many children and their families. Nancy dealt with a variety of very difficult cases, some involving child abuse. She sometimes referred to the experience as "Butte SVU". She found her time there as both challenging, yet

rewarding. Nancy retired in 2014 to pursue a vigorous life of gardening, traveling and connecting with her large extended family and even larger web of old and new friends.

Nancy passed from the world on August 2nd. She was with family at the end and peacefully slipped up to heaven on one beautiful Montana summer day. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Robert T. G. Doig and her mother, Myra Doig (nee Meehan). Myra's uncle was an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Butte from 1919 to 1932. He is laid to rest in Butte's St. Patrick's Cemetery in the "clergy circle".

Nancy is survived by her husband of 23 years, Dan (Whitehall, MT), her sister, Suzanne Clam (Joe) Rock Springs, WI, brother, Robert Doig (Marilyn) Colorado Springs, CO, sister, Marianne Byrnes (Roger) Orland Park, IL, sister, Karen Formosa, Overland Park, KS, sister, Patty Gleason (Marty) Chicago, IL, sister, Peggy Hyland (Mark) Mason, OH, brother, Billy Doig, Los Angeles, CA, sister, Laurie Doig (Birgir Nilsen) Stamford, CT, brother, George (Dr. Janna Jones) Flagstaff, AZ, mother-in-law, Marie Jamiolkowski Scottsdale, AZ, brother-in-law, Raymond Jamiolkowski Naperville, IL, sister-in-law, Diane Schlake (Tad) Naperville, IL, sister-in-law, Kathy Jamiolkowski (Marty Wolf) Scottsdale, AZ, brother-in-law, Dr. John Jacobson Butte, MT and way too many nieces and nephews to mention. She was loved by each and every member of her extended family.

Celebrations of Nancy's incredible life will be held in Butte and in Chicagoland after this Covid storm subsides.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy's wish for any donations should go to the Butte Special Riders at 1179 Beacon Road, Butte, MT 59701. Special lifetime thanks to the St. James Cancer Care Center crew, special friend, Lynn Dolan, RN, Dr. John Jacobson, John Hossfeld and Augie "the doggie".

Nancy was "Southside Tough".

Tribute Wall

NM

“ We shared a lot - a lot - of ski club memories in the '70's. And Dan was a friend, too. I was so happy they met each other. So sad to have lost Nancy. I just looked up her name.

Nancy Goold Magurno - December 18, 2021 at 09:27 PM

BK

“ It sounds like Nancy carried on the Bob & Myra Doig tradition of being extremely kind, caring, and loving. God bless her for all the good she did in the world. Sending prayers and love to the family. Bev and Sean Keane & family

Beverly Keane - August 08, 2020 at 09:13 AM

KJ

“ Nancy your light always shined so bright. Your warm and loving spirit touched so many people. We will miss you so very much...but you will forever be in our hearts. ❤️

Kathy & Marty

Kathy Jamiolkowski - August 07, 2020 at 03:14 AM

CA

“ Sending my sympathies to Dan and Nancy's family. I worked with both Nancy and Dan. So glad they found each other. Goodbye my fellow South Side Irish girl, a great friend.

Cathy Aubin - August 06, 2020 at 09:49 PM

MM

“ My sincere condolences to Nancy's family, and to all her many friends. I was also from the southside of Chicago, so we quickly bonded over that, once we met in Lakeshore Ski Club. Nancy and I were close buddies for many years, sharing many laughs and adventures. Once she headed off to Montana, and I was in Virginia, we lost contact. I am so very grateful we connected again over the past couple of years.

I will always cherish my friendship with Nancy; she was one of the most fun-loving, genuine people I have ever known.

I will miss you, Hon!

Mary Ann (Max) McGee

Mary Ann McGee - August 06, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MP

“ Sending my sympathies to Dan J. and all of Nancy's family and friends. I remember the days when Nancy, Dan, and I worked together back in the 1990's. Thinking of you both.

Mike Paloma - August 06, 2020 at 03:08 PM

CC

“ Nancypants I will miss our talks soooo much. I am so glad we reconnected a few years ago because you have been a source of much joy and laughter in my life❤️ My cat Sammy is also missing you 😊 Love ya tons. Carole

Carole Cozzie - August 06, 2020 at 12:33 PM

KR

“ *Though I have not seen Nancy since our grammar school days and then early high school days I always remember how friendly she was to all her classmates. Makes me happy to know she cared so much for her special needs angels while she was here on earth. What a wonderful legacy. Rest In Peace sweet Nancy*
Kathryn Cullen Rainbird
Chicago Southside friend

Kathryn Cullen 'KC' Rainbird - August 05, 2020 at 08:19 PM