



Nancy Kristine Geertz-Larson

August 2, 1951 - June 22, 2024

Nancy K. Geertz-Larson, age 72, of Bloomington, passed away June 22, 2024. She was born in Seattle, grew up in small towns in the Cascade Mountains, and graduated from North Park College in Chicago, where she continued to study piano while majoring in urban studies.

After working for several years at the Oregon School for the Blind, she moved to Minneapolis where she earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Minnesota. She retired after a long and impactful career as a senior social worker, supervisor, and trainer with Hennepin County's Human Services & Public Health Department in the Long-Term Services and Supports area. She was a longtime member of Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis, where she served on the Needlers, Adult Education Committee, Neighborhood Board, Deacons, and Trustees. She also taught church school for many years, began the Young Voices choir, and was a founding member of the Voyageurs fellowship group.

A colleague wrote, "Nancy had a warm, caring personality that drew people to her. Her passion for the work she did on behalf of people with disabilities and for those she worked alongside of was inspiring. She advocated strongly for residents and for her staff and was interested in each person's individual story. Nancy remained positive through challenging times, brought joy and humor to her work, and always kept the people who received Hennepin County services

as her North Star. She was known for her genuine smile, writing poetry, sharing food to cultivate community, and being a mentor to many in LTSS. A line from a poem Nancy wrote, 'Hard decisions do not demand hard hearts,' is an apt reflection of her leadership."

She was preceded by her parents, William and Phyllis Larson; brother-in-law, Richard Geertz; sister-in-law, Wendy Geertz. She is survived by her husband, John Geertz-Larson; sons, William and Peter Geertz-Larson; sisters Claire Larson and Joyce Larson; brother, Eric (Teresa) Larson; sisters-in-law, Kathryn Schopp and Mary Jungerman; nieces Erica (Samuel) Bailey, Lois Geertz (Rodrigo Cañedo), and Clara Geertz; nephews Joshua (Paula) Larson, Nicholas (Jennifer) Larson, and Michael Grider (Jennifer Bohlke); four cousins; nine great-nieces and -nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 11, beginning with a prelude about 25 minutes before 3 PM at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis (<https://www.plymouth.org/give>), Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (<https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation>), or Interact Center for the Visual & Performing Arts (<https://interactcenterarts.org/donate>).

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear John, Will, Peter, Claire, Joyce, Eric, Family, and Friends, It was our privilege to provide care for Nancy. Our hearts go out to you as we send our love.*

Your Friends at Little Hospice

Little Hospice - July 01, 2024 at 01:47 PM