



## Nancy Kay Hoium

July 26, 1936 - June 26, 2022

Nancy (Watrud) Hoium age 85 of Columbia Heights. Nancy was born July 26, 1936 to Morris and Harriet Watrud in Duluth, MN. She spent her first four years in Spooner, WI. The family moved to Worthington, MN where her parents owned Watrud's Ben Franklin Store and her younger sister and brother were born. Nancy graduated from Worthington High School and earned an A.A. degree from Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. She received her B.A. and M.A. in English Education from the University of Minnesota. In 1961 she married Vernon Hoium, former Minnesota State Senator, at St. John's by the Lake Episcopal Church in Worthington, MN during a snowstorm. The couple spent their honeymoon seeing musicals in New York City. They purchased property on Silver Lake and built their home in 1965. They have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Nancy taught English and Journalism and directed plays at West High School in Minneapolis and U High. She served on the faculty of the U of M College of Education supervising student teachers.

Nancy has continued her lifelong passion for education as a member of the P.E.O. sisterhood for more than 60 years. P.E.O. is an organization of 250,000 women in the U.S. and Canada that provides scholarships and loans to women. She has served as local and state president of the organization and on numerous scholarship committees. She is the first Cottey College graduate to serve as International P.E.O. President. As a Cottey student she served as the editor of the student newspaper and played Virginia Alice Cottey, the

founder of the college, in a school play. She later served on the Cottey College Board of Trustees.

Vern and Nancy love to travel and have visited all 7 continents. Favorite trips include seeing penguins in Antarctica and visiting relatives in Norway. They have taken numerous ski trips with their daughters Betsy and Deb. Vern and Nancy have skied in many parts of the world including the Caucasus Mountains of Europe and New Zealand. She is an active volunteer in the community, serving on the Columbia Heights Library Board for over 30 years, in numerous roles at First Lutheran Church, and for many of her children's activities.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister Karen Watrud Mackey. She is survived by her husband, daughters Betsy Hoium of Minneapolis and Deb Hoium Lindstrom (Chad) of Albuquerque, NM, grandchildren Claire and Eric Lindstrom, brother David Watrud (Cathy), and 8 nieces and nephews. Memorials preferred to Cottey College for the Nancy Watrud Hoium Scholarship, First Lutheran Church, or the Columbia Heights High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation.

Memorial Service Friday, July 8 at 2 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights. Visitation Thursday, July 7 from 4-7 p.m. at First Lutheran, as well as one hour before the service. Memorial service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/flcch>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights  
1555 40th Avenue NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

## Visitation

JUL 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of Nancy Kay Hoium



Washburn-McReavy - June 29, 2022 at 09:33 AM

LK

“ Deb, May you know your Chapter AK P.E.O. former Sisters in Dayton, Oh, are thinking of you with deep sympathy. Your wonderful family also . Your mother was definitely a Star. Leora Kline

leora kline - July 01, 2022 at 03:52 PM

KF

“ Loving thoughts and prayers are with your family. Respectfully, Alana, Elaine, Elizabeth, Cindy, & Kathy ~ New Mexico State Chapter, Executive Board

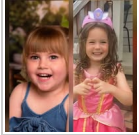
Kathy Fuller - July 01, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Kay Hoium.



July 01, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *What a special lady. She was the International Rep to the 1995 NC Convention. One reason she requested this job was to present the charter to Chapter BP in which her daughter Deb was a member. Very welcoming at all International conventions and a wise woman. She will be missed.*  
*Helen Heinlein, PSP/NC*

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**Helen Heinlein** - June 28, 2022 at 08:45 PM

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“ *How well I remember Nancy as she officiated at the 2003 P.E.O. Convention of International Chapter. She was grace, efficiency, and humor all rolled into one. British Columbia presented our invitation to the 2005 CIC in Vancouver. Nancy complimented us on our rendition of the RCMP musical ride, complete with 6 sisters in uniform riding "horses" built full body from broomsticks and escorted by 60 BC sisters waving Canadian and BC flags. It was a memorable occasion that lives on in many members' memories, as does Nancy. British Columbia sends its deepest sympathies to Vern and family and to her chapter and Minnesota sisters. Heather Hankin, President, BC Provincial Chapter*

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**Heather Hankin, President, BC Chapter** - June 28, 2022 at 05:14 PM