



## Nancy G. Westerfield

December 24, 1925 - December 5, 2015

Nancy G. Westerfield, 89, of Kearney, died Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Cambridge Court in Kearney.

Inurnment services will be at 10:00 am Saturday, December 12th in the Memorial Garden of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Fr. Jerry Ness will officiate. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family.

Nancy was born on December 24, 1925 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Charles and Lillian (Appleton) Herman.

She was united in marriage to Hargis Westerfield on August 31, 1950 in Cincinnati. The couple moved to Kearney in 1965 where she worked as a writer. Mr. Westerfield preceded her in death on March 17, 1998.

Nancy was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

# Tribute Wall



BS

“ *Just thought of Hargis and Nancy tonight, so was pleased to find this! i met them while an Exchange Student to England. i was put up in the Lake District for a few days, and met them at the hotel i was staying at. Had a delightful week with them; they were som remarkably kind, genuine and knowledgeable. Great to see all these wonderful comments; so wish i could have thanked them in their later years for the great kindness to me in theLake District!!*

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**ben stone** - October 20, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ *Nancy G. Westerfield*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM

DM

“ I will always remember fondly Nancy's very kind encouragements to me when I was a not-so-young-or-scholarly student (Junior year at KSC (i.e. 1967-68): being from Boston, Massachusetts, and having already studied American Lit under Nancy's husband, Dr. Hargis Westerfield, I always enjoyed the infrequent moments out-and-about in Kearney, particularly near the KSC campus, when I would happen to meet Nancy and Hargis ("Dr. and Mrs. Westerfield") to me at that time, of course - !), i.e. a` pied (walking), on the corner of 9th Avenue and Hwy 30, since the Westerfields typically and routinely enjoyed walking about the neighborhoods adjoining campus, particularly near their modest but classy apartment on 25th Street. They were always solicitous of my progress through my studies, and I always enjoyed those brief conversations: I still have my notes from Dr. Westerfield, "The Elements of Fiction", and do recall Nancy's very esoteric poems that many times found their way into publications of New England, i.e. Down East and Yankee - ! I will always recall Hargis and Nancy Westerfield as one of the most uniquely gifted and well-suited professorial couples that the Lord ever put together on Planet Earth - !

Very sincerely, nostalgically,  
David H. MacIntyre, Graduate, Spring, 1969, Bachelor's, English Ed., KSC (Now UNK, noted)

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David MacIntyre - August 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM

DM

“ I just learned of my aunt Nancy's death while working on my family tree. Nancy was an amazing woman! She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lillian Gillespie; her husband, Hargis Westerfield; and her sister (my mother), Muriel Xavier Gillespie Greber Walters. I'll always remember Nancy as a wonderful poet and a strong, caring woman. Rest with the angels, Nancy - you will be missed.

*Debbie Greber Mahen*

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**Deborah S. Mahen** - February 11, 2016 at 08:52 PM

JS

*Debbie, please contact me through email at [bbowgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:bbowgirl@hotmail.com) or on Facebook where I'm listed as Julie Shaw (Julie Shafer Shaw) in Lincoln, NE. I am Nancy's goddaughter and was very close to her. I would like to be in touch with you. Nancy was very dear to me, as was Hargis, and she was like a second mother to me. I am handling her personal effects and would like to give you some of her things.*

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**Julie Shaw** - February 13, 2016 at 09:13 AM

DK

“ *Thoughts and prayers from the Aseracare Hospice team. We feel honoured to have cared for Nancy whom will be greatly missed.*

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**Danessa Kenney** - December 11, 2015 at 05:06 PM