



Nancy J. Widdowson

May 16, 1953 - August 6, 2019

Nancy Widdowson, 66
Gibbon resident

Nancy J. Widdowson, 66, of Gibbon passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 12, 2019 at Gibbon Baptist Church. Reverend Matt Wolf will officiate. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. Visitation and time to gather with Nancy's family will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the Gibbon Baptist Church.

Memorials are suggested to the Gibbon Baptist Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

She was born May 16, 1953 to Virgil and Betty (Shafer) Gibbons of Kenesaw, NE. Nancy attended Lowell Country School until 6th grade, then attended Gibbon High School where she graduated in 1971. On June 18, 1972, she married Bradley James Widdowson, her high school sweetheart, in Shelton NE.

Brad and Nancy have built their life in the Gibbon/Shelton area where they

have devoted their lives to family, church, and farming. Nancy never met a person that she didn't treat as one of her own. Friends and family far and wide use these words to describe her: generous, caring, tough, loving, joyful, fun, spirited, messy, intuitive, stubborn, firm, thoughtful, organizer, fearless, bold, creator, and faithful. People also consider her the matriarch of the family, driving force, party planner, painter, "the flipper," amazing cook, back rubber, giggler, card shark, game player, traveler, to know no stranger, loyal friend, enjoyed casinos, teacher, Christian, creator, warm smile, musician, confidant, servant leader, wild and crazy woman, good listener, reader, hard-worker, high expectations, good steward, baby rocker, inviting hostess, story teller, and the list could go on.

One of Nancy's absolute joys was serving her Lord at Gibbon Baptist Church. She glorified God through worship, discipline, and service. She played piano for over 40 years, served on every committee imaginable, and started and finished many different projects that have graced her family, the community, and church.

Nancy once described how unbelievable being a mother was and how much love she had for her children, but the love that she had for her nine beautiful grandchildren was purely from heaven. Nancy was able to spend precious time with each and every one of her grandchildren the last month of her life. We will all cherish those memories!

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Bradley Widdowson; and children, John and Laurie Widdowson, Eliza and Scott Ferzely, Virgie Widdowson, and Abby and Matt Elsbury. Nancy loved her precious grandchildren, Maverick and Maguire Widdowson, Delanie, Caden, and Sydney Ferzely, Lily, Hudson, and Beckett Elsbury. Nancy is also survived by her sister, Kathy Ganz of Kearney, and many in laws, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her beloved grandson, Mullen Widdowson; her parents; both set of grandparents, Homer and Bertha Shafer and John and Lucille Gibbons; and her in-laws Jim and Winnie Widdowson.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Marla Hartmann lit a candle in memory of Nancy J. Widdowson*



Marla Hartmann - June 27, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ *Nancy J. Widdowson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.*



August 12, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. I was fortunate to be a classmate of Nancy from the time the “country kids” came to Gibbon School. Nancy was always a happy and positive person, a joy to our class of ‘71. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the celebration of her life, but will always remember her beautiful smile. To Brad and family, may you find comfort knowing she was a women of faith. Judy (Oliver) Cartmill*



Judy (Oliver) Cartmill - August 12, 2019 at 12:10 AM

KS

“ I only knew Nancy a little bit when she worked at YRTC. She was always friendly and very caring toward everyone. I grew up with Brad as a neighbor for my first ten years and my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God’s grace give you strength to get through this time of sorrow. There will be reunion in your future.

Keith Scheidies - August 11, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ Lifting the Widdowson family in thoughts and prayers. So very sorry for your loss. Nancy was truly one of a kind. She was a great person. She always had a big smile, wave or hello. Wish I could be there for her memorial. I will be in spirit as I will be in Seattle. Thinking of you all, and in the days to come.
Charlotte Burr

Charlotte Ann - August 10, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.



August 10, 2019 at 03:00 PM

LM

“ Your matriarch Nancy lived her faith like we wear a shirt: always the first thing we see when we see her smile, the warm hand squeeze, the comforting embrace. She saw a need and unlike many of us, acted on the solution with exuberance. Lucille and Virgil did a good job grooming her for service and she played it like a champ! Here's to your Nancy, gone from sight but already in the mix of heaven with new job assignments to organize. She will be missed here but she's still at it in the next dimension. Sending you all good love and energy for the journey ahead. In Christ, Linda Mercer

Linda Mercer - August 10, 2019 at 10:59 AM

CN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed visiting with Nancy when I worked at the convenience store in Shelton (JR's). She was always such a bright ray of sunshine when she was entered the door.

May God grant you peace during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Newberry

Clint Howe and wife Erin O'Connor

Cassandra (Howe) Felix and wife Keila Felix

Carolyn Newberry - August 10, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.



August 09, 2019 at 09:34 PM

LC

“ My heart is breaking for you Brad , children, and grandchildren . Nancy was truly an amazing woman and I was so lucky to have known her since high school. I remember last summer running into her at the Egg and I as she was with friends, she made sure to sought me out since I hadn't seen her. It was a wonderful chat and I'm so thankful that we got to share that short but dear conversation. Her sparkling smile and laugh and gorgeous eyes are definitely shining in heaven. May God grant you peace and comfort. Linda Catlin-Johnson, Omaha, Nebraska

Linda Catlin-Johnson - August 09, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.



August 09, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.



August 09, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.*



August 09, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *Nancy and I worked at YRTC together. She was a wonderful friend and co-worker. She was funny, caring to staff, youth and their families that she met. She hosted my wedding shower after being a single parent for years. She loved life and loved people. She was an exceptional example of how Christ wants us to treat everyone. She will be missed terribly but she is probably all ready making plans in heaven for all her friends and family in heaven. Especially her dear grandson Mullen. She has touched many people with her kindness.*

Sincerely,

Mary Wright

Mary Wright - August 09, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.*



August 09, 2019 at 01:27 PM

TF

“ Tammev Frick lit a candle in memory of Nancy J. Widdowson



Tammev Frick - August 09, 2019 at 01:08 PM

SS

“ My sincere sympathy to Brad and all the family! Nancy was a beautiful lady. My heart breaks for all of you. My thoughts and prayers are on going for the days ahead 🙏🙏 Please take care and with Gods strength and guidance you will get through this difficult journey ❤️❤️

Hugs

Sharon Schwartz

sharon schwartz - August 09, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.



August 09, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.



August 08, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.*



August 08, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.*



August 08, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Widdowson.*



August 08, 2019 at 03:54 PM