



Nancy Stych

June 22, 1930 - June 23, 2020

Nancy Ada Stych, nee Williams, age 89, of Traverse City, Michigan, died June 23 at her home with her husband, Bud, at her bedside.

She succumbed to kidney cancer, which was first diagnosed three years ago.

Nancy was married to Bud for 61 years. They raised two sons, were longtime business owners in Traverse City, and lived on the Old Mission Peninsula for more than 50 years.

Nancy was born on July 22, 1930 in Chicago to William and Ada Williams.

She graduated from Wells High School in Chicago in 1948 and two years later graduated with a certificate in Dress Design from the Chicago Academy of Arts in Chicago.

Nancy had dreamed of becoming a dress designer, and she designed and made many of her own clothes, including her wedding dress, as well as formal prom dresses and bridesmaid dresses for friends and relatives.

Her talent was obvious on the few occasions that she showed family members drawings of dress designs that she had made.

From 1950 to 1959, she worked in the customer accounts department at Harris Trust and Savings Bank. She also took part in the bank's variety show and sang in its Christmas chorus.

During this time, she attended the youth group at First Methodist Church in Chicago, and she was a member of the group's Camera Club. It was there that she met Bud Stych, who was visiting the Camera Club with a work friend.

Nancy and Bud were engaged in November 1957 and married on Aug. 16, 1958, in a 7 p.m. candlelight wedding at Chicago's First Congregational Church, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

They began raising a family in the early 1960's, and Nancy helped Bud start a business, Stych Engineering, during that time. They eventually felt the pull to leave Chicago for a quieter lifestyle in northern Michigan.

"We had vacationed in Traverse City for several years and felt it was a wonderful place to live and raise our boys," Nancy wrote.

They moved there in 1965, first renting a house on Neahtawanta Road and eventually building, with the help of Bud's father, a bayside house on Bluff Road.

They owned and operated equipment rental stores in Traverse City for 21 years, first as

United Rent-All and later as Rentals Unlimited. Nancy was the bookkeeper for the company. They sold their business and retired in 1986.

In her retirement, Nancy spent considerable time researching her family's genealogy, occasionally traveling to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Her family is grateful that her extensive research has given them a glimpse into their family tree.

Nancy and Bud also traveled frequently, including to Hawaii, Alaska and Europe.

Nancy was always willing to join Bud on his latest hobby, which included years of sailing a trimaran and even more years of traveling through North American mountains and forests in their personal two-seat railcar. They were members of the North American Railcar Operators Association.

Nancy was an excellent cook, and she was especially well known for making homemade pizza every Saturday and for Bohemian dishes like pork, dumplings and sauerkraut. Her grandchildren especially loved that she made a wide variety of delicious Christmas cookies every December.

She loved birds and she enjoyed craft projects. She always remembered birthdays, anniversaries and holidays, sending gifts, cards and flower arrangements for every occasion.

She always wanted to show appreciation for the people she loved, but was so modest that she was surprised when people showed that they also loved her.

Mrs. Stych was the beloved wife of Edward J. "Bud" Stych Jr. of Traverse City; and dearest mother of Edward J. (Anne) Stych III of Concord, N.C., and William C. (Peggy) Stych of Traverse City.

She was the fond grandmother of Maureen (Sam Shipman) Stych of Portland, Maine; Joseph (Erin) Stych of St. Anthony, Minn.; Jeffrey Stych of Traverse City; Ellen (Brandon) Williams of Charlotte, N.C.; and John Stych of Boone, N.C.

She also was the dear sister of the late David (Lorraine) Williams of Virginia, the late Elvera (Al) Baldwin of Chicago, and the late Louise (Gene) Anderson of Lombard, Ill.

We - her husband, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren - will miss her greatly. We are now separated, but only for a time.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Old Mission Gazette or The Salvation Army.

The family would like to thank Nancy's caregivers for their loving care: Dan, Rebecca, Anastasia, Melissa, Jezreel, and Tracy.

A graveside service will take place July 9, 2020 at 1pm at the Bohemian Cemetery on the Old Mission Peninsula.

Events

JUL **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Bohemian Cemetery

Old Mission Peninsula, MI, US

Comments



“ Dr. Bill and Peggy : I am sadden to learn of your dear Mother's death on June 23, 2020 ... I-day after her birthdate at age 89 ... after many wonderful years with the Stych families on her beloved Old Mission Peninsula. After her long and courageous battle with the dreaded "C", we all know that she is now finally in a "better place" in Heaven with our merciful Lord and Savior ... what more can we pray for !!!

With our deepest sympathies,
John and Carolyn Oros

John Oros - July 02 at 04:00 AM