



God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

By Melissa Shreve

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Nancy Marie Nelson

WHO WAS BORN

June 27, 1953

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

April 16, 2023

Omaha, Nebraska

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Mark Chapman

MUSICIAN

Bobbi Meyer-Hanson, Pianist & Vocalist

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Oliver Korth | Adrienne Korth | Matthew Van Sambeek

APPRECIATION

Nancy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for food and fellowship at the Milbank Community Center.

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Nancy Marie (Uhden) Nelson was born on June 27, 1953, to Clarence and Virginia (Heeren) Uhden. After graduating from Dell Rapids High School in 1971, she went on to attend Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing in Sioux Falls, SD, earning her diploma in nursing in 1974.

That same year, Nancy was united in marriage to her best friend and partner in life for the next 49 years, Leonard Nelson. She spent many years working in geriatric nursing, caring for people in the later stages of their lives. After her first major health challenge, Nancy decided to make a career change and applied those same caring skills to help students find success in their early lives, as a paraprofessional in the Milbank school system.

After her retirement in 2017, Nancy loved spending time in her most favorite places: either one of her many gardens, or watching one of her cherished grandchildren play or perform in various sports and activities.

There was nothing more important in Nancy's life than the people in it; she adored her family, and she cultivated many life-long friendships with those she studied and worked with in both of her career paths, and those she met through her activities with the garden club, at Friday coffee groups, or painting and art gatherings, and within the community at large.

She leaves behind her loving family: her husband, Leonard; three daughters: Holly Nelson (Bryon Wheaton) of Minneapolis, MN; Heidi Van Sambeek of Brookings, SD; and Noelle (Sheldon) Korth of Milbank, SD; three grandchildren: Oliver Korth, Adrienne Korth, and Matthew Van Sambeek; sister, Felicia Uhden (Richard Kay) of Albany, OR; brother, Mark (Linda) Uhden of Albany, OR; along with extended family, and dear friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Virginia Uhden of Corvallis and Albany, OR.

