



Nancy S. Rubino

September 29, 1950 - January 11, 2019

GREENFIELD – Nancy S. (Stevenson) Rubino, age 68, of Greenfield, passed away on Friday, January 11, 2019 at Hancock Regional Hospital. She was born in Shell Rock, Iowa on September 29, 1950 to Robert and Dorothy Stevenson. Nancy graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock High School and the University of Northern Iowa. In 1985, she obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Madison. Nancy married the love of her life and best friend, Michael J. Rubino on August 23, 1980 in Iowa City, Iowa.

She practiced law for many years, specializing in mostly commercial litigation. She was a former partner with Miller Johnson Snell & Cumiskey in Kalamazoo, MI from 1988-1997.

Nancy's and Michael's lives have been all about animals. She was involved with various humane societies for many years. She founded Partners for Animal Welfare Society, Inc. (P.A.W.S. Hancock) and was the executive director for many years. Nancy's love for animals began at an early age and continued throughout her adulthood. She nurtured, rescued, and rehabilitated a variety of wildlife, including their own menagerie.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Michael Rubino of Greenfield; sister, Donna Jean Kelm of Clarksville, Iowa; brother-in-law, Wayne Stoppelmoor of Moline, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial gathering will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to P.A.W.S., 1547 N. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140, or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

JAN **Memorial Gathering** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary-Greenfield

1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

Comments



“ I worked with Nancy to adopt my kitten Ulysses, one year ago at PAWS. I greatly admired her mission with this project and the devoted love and care she gave to the animals. I visited her there on September 30th, to bring a donation. She was worried that I might catch her cold. I will continue to donate in her honor, in the future. I, too am greatly saddened to hear of her loss.

Martha Faust - January 20 at 01:19 PM



“ Thank you for everything you taught me. Good-bye my friend until we meet again.



Renee Schmidt - January 17 at 10:20 AM



“ Kashmira Shah lit a candle in memory of Nancy S. Rubino



Kashmira Shah - January 16 at 02:57 PM



“ Sheila Hamm lit a candle in memory of Nancy S. Rubino



Sheila Hamm - January 16 at 02:31 PM



“ I offer my sympathies to Mike, his family, Nancy's family, and all of her devoted friends upon Nancy's passing. At moments like this, feelings and contributory words never seem near sufficient. This is especially true when particularly sterling citizens like Nancy pass from us.

Nancy S. Rubino, Esq. (P42058) was a person who devoted her entire adult life to the service of others. Although a person of great capacities, she never sought acclamation for herself. Upon reflection, the value of her life deeds is certainly self-evident. Like Mother Teresa, she was humble, kind, and devoted to the assistance of people and animals less fortunate. She was a Christian spirit.

I first had the pleasure of knowing Nancy as attorneys and colleagues together in Kalamazoo, Michigan, when both of us were in private practice. She had a fine reputation in the Kalamazoo County Bar Association. She was known as a specialist in Michigan Education Law. Often, I referred cases to her and sought her advice.

Blessed with a keen intellect and a devotion to clients, she approached her involvement with PAWS in the same manner as she practiced law.

I eventually came to know Nancy better as, with husband Mike, they became active in the Kalamazoo Civil War Round Table, an organization of persons interested in Civil War history. Mike and I have become real pals throughout the years and take “Civil War” vacations together several times annually. Nancy was most supportive. And she was proud of her family members who served in the Union Army from her native Iowa.

Throughout his life, husband Mike has also worked for those who are in need of help. A scientific researcher for the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, and then with Lilly in Indianapolis, Dr. Michael Rubino has worked on medicines to cure people everywhere. It was happenstance, yet curious, that both Nancy and Michael were devoted to animals, as Mike researched animal medicines for Lilly, while Nancy founded PAWS. And it should be said that Mike was a superior husband, friend, and devotee to Nancy . . . as Nancy was likewise devoted to him.

Nancy was respected and loved by all who knew her, including the thousands of helpless cats and dogs she gave life to. And she certainly enriched our lives as well!
Nancy, thank you.

James S. Brady II
Attorney at Law
Kalamazoo, Michigan



“ Michael: So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I don't know if you remember me or not. Deb (Krieger) Koppers of Miller Johnson. What a wonderful person the world has lost. I have so many fond memories of Nancy. My deepest sympathy to you and many thoughts and prayers coming your way.

Deb Koppers - January 15 at 01:26 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Nancy S. Rubino



kennedyjanes - January 15 at 11:01 AM



“ the best boss i love her i'm gonna miss till i'm dead she is best boss i ever had i'll miss terribly nancy kennedy janes love you lots i will ever forget you and you be my favorite for ever and you like third gramma to me



kennedyjanes - January 15 at 11:01 AM



“ What words r there to describe Nancy Robino? Amazing, awesome, wonderful, dedicated, smart, loving, funny, loved, phenomenal. I could go on n on. I m just so blessed she was my friend n mentor. Michael, our hearts r breaking for you n your family. The world is a better place bcuz Nancy was here, words cannot Express how much she ll b missed. God speed my dear dear friend.

Debbie O'Dell - January 15 at 09:19 AM



“ Pamela W lit a candle in memory of Nancy S. Rubino



Pamela W - January 15 at 06:23 AM



“ I have known Nancy all my life. My parents and her parents were fast friends back in the day. Nancy's mom and my dad had a great and rewarding life together after their partners left us. Nancy was a small but mighty woman who was a caring lawyer and a wonderful champion for animals. Although we have not seen each other recently memories are for a lifetime. Thoughts and prayers are with Michael and his family.

Susan Reynolds Meyer

Susan Meyer - January 14 at 11:33 PM



“ We have lost a wonderful person who will be missed so much by so many. Sympathy to her family.

Jill Nunamaker - January 14 at 07:17 AM



“ Dear Mike: We send our sincere sympathy to you and all of your family on the loss of Nancy. She was truly a special person with an amazing heart. May the love of family and friends, along with great memories, bring you peace in the days ahead.

Love,
Chris and Lyman

Chris Thompson - January 13 at 10:43 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Memories Album



Michele Parker-Mohr - January 13 at 08:22 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about Nancy's passing. I met her thru PAWS. She was a wonderful lady. My deepest condolences.
Paige and Joe Fleckenstein

Paige Fleckenstein - January 13 at 07:18 PM



“ Our hearts are sadden to hear of the loss of this wonderful person and animal advocate. We met Nancy through P.A.W.S. where she found a loving home for a little stray who came to our home and our two cats would not accept. Thank you Nancy for saving so many animals.

Rita and Richard Smith - January 13 at 01:02 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Nancy. She was a wonderful person who had such a big heart for animals, children and the community. Our thoughts and prayers w the family.

Stacy Brown - January 13 at 11:13 AM



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Vicki Crocco - January 13 at 08:33 AM



“ I have known Nancy since PAWS was founded. She has been a tireless advocate for animals and will be greatly missed. Praying for the her family and the PAWS family.

Julia Street - January 13 at 08:28 AM



“ There are no words to express the sadness I feel. Nancy and I met through PAWS, and come to find out, she had gone through school in Shell Rock, IA with my late husband, Larry. Several times after we first met he would remark that "she sure looks like a girl I went to school with". One of her nephews was visiting and through small talk, the light bulb went on that she, in fact, was the same girl. We went to kill shelters together with a SUV full of pet carriers, leashes, and a desire to find adoptable animals that needed forever homes. Larry used to say "how many are you bringing back?" We would say 2, and he would shake his head knowing that every carrier, and sometimes my lap, would be full. Nancy was a joy to work with. She became the best friend and sister I never had, and I cannot tell you how much I have missed her since moving back to Iowa. I pray that PAWS will continue to fulfill her hopes and dreams. She was a very special person and the world was a better place with her in it. God bless and I'll see you on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge some day.

Maggie Hess - January 12 at 05:11 PM



“ So very sad to hear of the passing of such a great animal advocate and friend. Nancy and I met years ago thru animals and GHAM where we sometimes had our differences but all in all were fighting for the same cause, making better lives and laws to protect the animals and the people who love them. I pray PAWS is able to continue Nancy's efforts in educating and advocating for all animals. Many prayers for family, friends and the animals. You will be greatly missed by All.

Stella Koch - January 12 at 12:14 PM



“ Susan Proper lit a candle in memory of Nancy S. Rubino



Susan Proper - January 11 at 05:41 PM



“ Karen Teach sent a virtual gift in memory of Nancy S. Rubino



Karen Teach - January 11 at 05:28 PM