



Nancy Ann Osman

July 3, 2025

Nancy Ann Osman, age 87, died in New York City on July 3, 2025 from complications of lung cancer. She was born on February 4, 1938 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Miriam (née Malsbary) and Hubert Frederickson. After attending Edina-Morningside High School, she began her undergraduate education at DePauw University in 1956. At the age of 20 she married Dewaine Osman and transferred to the University of Washington in Seattle, graduating in 1960. Nancy and Dewaine had two children, Cynthia (“Cindy”) and David. After raising her children, volunteering, and co-directing a Montessori School, Nancy obtained a Masters in Social Work at the University of Utah in 1974. She worked as a social worker in a burn unit, a radiation therapy department, and one of the first employee assistance agencies, Human Affairs, Inc. She and Dewaine divorced in 2003. After her retirement, Nancy continued to offer kind support, provocative insights, trademark humor, boisterous laughter, and generosity of all kinds to friends and family alike. She loved reading, Wiccan ceremonies, Halloween, coffee, scotch, cigarettes, crystals, photography, travel, the ocean, and sometimes breaking the rules. Nancy loved getting to know people around her on an authentic level whether they were family, friends, doormen, home health aides, cab drivers, or AA buddies. These relationships frequently led to rich conversations – often into the early morning hours – about psychodynamics, philosophy, politics, spirituality, and the joys and challenges of life. Nancy is survived by her sister, Sarah Pratt, children Cindy (m. Daniel Herron) and David (m. Erica Osman)

and her 4 grandchildren, Zachary Herron, Alexander Herron, Sean Osman, and Erin Osman. A private gathering to remember her life will be held in New York City at a date yet to be determined. Donations can be made in her memory to Planned Parenthood, Alcoholics Anonymous, or National Public Radio.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always hold Nancy in my heart. I loved her dearly and the distance between NYC & Philadelphia was difficult for me to see her. I however so much enjoyed he posts & will miss her laugh & amazing stories & her sense of humor. Rest peacefully on the other side and look forward to seeing you when I male my final

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“ Roberta Louise Hacker lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ann Osman



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