



Nancy Jane Abbott

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Nancy Jane Abbott, age 78, of Leesburg, VA, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2020, at her home in Leesburg, VA with her husband at her side. Born in Dallas on Thursday, April 16, 1942, Nancy was the daughter of Doris (Harman) Kessler and the late Harry Campbell, Jr. She attended Texas Christian University and was a graduate of the University of New Orleans.

Always open for adventure Nancy welcomed opportunities to sample life across America --New Orleans-Los Angeles- Washington, and the wider world, including extended overseas assignments with her husband, first in the Army in Germany and later in diplomatic postings in Tokyo, Brasilia, and London. Nancy never met a stranger; she made friends readily and established an international circle of cosmopolitan friends that enriched her life and the lives of all around her.

Wherever she landed Nancy was active in community work, always sought out for the leadership spark she provided for any project. An avid duplicate bridge player, Nancy was well-known on the Northern Virginia bridge club circuit. A life master, she taught bridge for forty years and for many years was an officer of the American Bridge Teachers Association.

Nancy is survived by her husband: John Michael Abbott, her mother Doris Kessler, sister Sally (husband Tom) Morse, brother Colin (wife Inga) Campbell, six nieces and three nephews. A Memorial Service will be held at a more tranquil time when friends are able to gather. A private interment will be held for family only. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Diabetes Association Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel




Events


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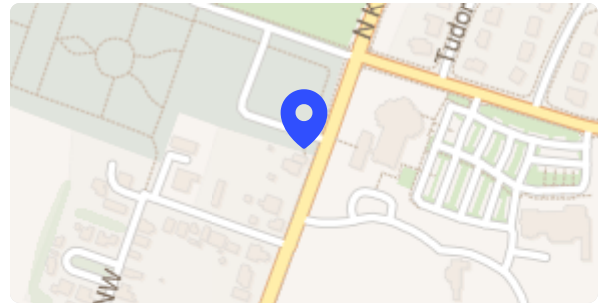
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Graveside


 **Monday**, October 12, 2020

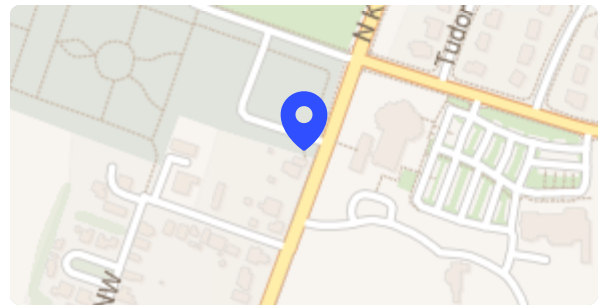
 1:00 PM ET

 **Leesburg Union Cemetery**
323 North King Street, Leesburg VA



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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RU

Ruth posted:

Such a loving tribute to your wife, life's partner, and companion, Nancy. Nancy had lots of facets, and like a beautiful gem, let off a multitude of fact, stories, and life's little foibles. You could say she had a strong personality, "this is me, take it or leave it". I took it and what a great and adventurous trip it was. Well worth the price of the ticket. Nancy and I were sisters of the heart. We were lucky in our friendship because California was John and Nancy's home base. Having gone to school and having family situated there. I'd go back to DC to get trained, and link-up with Miss Nancy>>>usually involving shopping and eating, and a lot of yapity yak. And then we reverse and Nancy would come to Los Angeles>>>So Nancy and I are in Los Angeles and decide to visit her mom in Las Vegas. Off we go in my new car. My Co-pilot taught me how to use cruise control and we arrived in Vegas. Much fun was had by us 3 giggly women. My last visit with Nancy was at my grand-daughter's Bat-Mitzvah luncheon. John her soul-mate and behind the scenes chessmaster, and the soft voice of reason, 'you go to the children's party (with the screaming 12 year old's), and I'll go to the Getty Museum". My dear sweet John, thank you for the nourishing support that allowed Nancy and I to sustain our friendship over these many years. My family and myself remember Miss Nancy. Nancy Abbott (of blessed memory), amen. Love always. Ruth Reiner

November 3 at 9:39 AM

MG

Marcel Goldman posted:

I was lucky enough to have known Nancy (and John) since I was a little girl and I'm pushing 50 now. I got to watch in awe as the Abbotts and my parents became fast friends overseas and then watched through the 40 plus years that ensued, how Nancy ALWAYS doted on my mother (and us kids, and our kids) and made a point of connecting with her (with all of us) no matter where.... In fact, Nancy was a MASTER of connection in a world so much in need of it. She focused on the individual, ALL of them (!) and gave of herself tirelessly and effortlessly, it would seem. She maintained a boundless energy and grace and personified what a kind and loving human and what a GREAT FRIEND is. Love and miss you already Nancy. My family and I will honor Nancy by never meeting any strangers ourselves, going forward and we thank you John and Nancy's family for sharing her with us and the world...with our deepest sympathies and all our love, Marcel [Barreyro] & Etan Goldman Bina, Maayan, Yishai and Ora Goldman

November 2 at 11:17 AM

KM

Kay Markell posted:

Always smiling and so helpful to everyone. She will be missed by the bridge family I will miss you Nancy Kay Markell

October 9 at 12:07 PM



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Barbara Butow posted:

Nancy was my first regular Bridge partner and a great friend to both me and my mother. She taught Bridge to Dave and me. She is greatly missed by all of us. Barbara and David Butow and Lorraine Kobler.

October 9 at 8:20 AM



Joy Brown posted:

A good friend and a wonderful person. She will be missed. Joy Brown

October 9 at 6:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nancy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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