



Nancy A. Franciose

September 10, 1951 - August 28, 2019

Nancy Franciose passed away peacefully at home during the early hours of 28 August. Her death was caused by metastatic breast cancer complications. Born Nancy Anne Saavedra to parents Armand and Nora (née Felipe) in New York City on September 10th, 1951, Nancy has been a resident of Santa Barbara, CA for the last 10 years. She was a precocious child and graduated high school at 16. After growing up in 4 of the 5 NYC boroughs plus completing her formal education at Nassau Community College and CUNY Queens, Nancy worked in the city for a few years. Later, she resided in Killington, Vermont, Marblehead, MA, California (San Diego & Monterey), Oak Harbor, WA, and Northern Virginia. Trained in the theater, she worked in entertainment management for talent agents and MCA records; then later for several airlines in various sales capacities, as well as a travel agency. An enthusiastic world traveler, Nancy also avidly enjoyed dancing, skiing, reading, photography, cooking, and gardening. In her varied life adventures, wonderful and pragmatic Nancy was known as a reliably problem solver and a generous entertainer. Ever the chic dresser, she especially liked scarves. Most of all, she was a determined force of nature, whether celebrating holidays in style, acting & directing in community theater, or remodeling homes. Finally, always, and foremost, this beautiful woman zealously loved her family and friends. Her husband, Randy Franciose, her beloved son, Zachary Franciose, of Brooklyn, NY, and two stepchildren, Nicholas and Natalie Franciose of Denver, CO, survive her. She will be laid to rest near her parents in Santa Barbara Cemetery and a private family memorial service will be held later this year.

Comments



“ I met Nancy through the Whidbey Playhouse. We were cast together in a crazy, wonderfully funny show called Lend Me a Tenor. We had such a blast performing this door slamming farce every night. I will never forget the performance I accidentally walked offstage with a pill bottle that was supposed to stay on. Nancy coolly said, "Give it to me" as she entered. With an amazing slight of hand she put it where it was supposed to be, and no one was the wiser. She was a master at her part of Maria. I have seen this show several times since, and no one playing that part comes even close to her delightful performance. I am devastated this bright light has left us way too soon. My thoughts and love to out to Randy and Zach.



Susie Thompson - December 20, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ Thank you Susie—that was fast & funny farce with a Boffo cast!

Randy Franciose - December 25, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ To the Franciose family - I was so saddened to hear this news about my liberal friend Nancy. I remember her as warm and bubbly, a very sharp dresser with a great sense of style. She will be missed by all who knew her. My condolences to the family.
Regards
Daphne Georges

Daphne Georges - August 31, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Just wanted to say, we only met her once, and she was just amazing, she and Randy welcomed us as strangers into their wonderful home and treated us like lifelong friends.
We've never forgotten that incredible night and how fun and warm it was, and treasure the memory. She will be missed.

Lee and Maura Muhl

lee e muhl - August 30, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Nancy was a dear friend for many years, dating back to the time when our sons were in elementary school together. Her warmth and enthusiasm were a joy to behold.

Ken and Julie Keller - August 30, 2019 at 09:23 AM



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Ken and Julie Keller - August 30, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ Nancy was a neighbor here in Burke, VA. The first time we met I was working outside in the yard and she stopped her car on her way out of the neighborhood to introduce herself. From that point on we were friends. She was the neighbor that always organized the neighborhood cookouts and she was the neighbor that made sure the grounds folk took proper care of her corner.

I never saw Nancy without a smile on her face and it was always a big smile. She entrusted some of her plants to me when she and Randy moved back to CA.

I remember so clearly how she told me they were leaving No. VA. First of all she was so excited and she said, “Randy pulled me out of CA kicking and screaming (x number of years ago) but he has accepted a new job and we are moving back. She couldn't have been happier. Then we talked about all of the logistics she was going to have to deal with, with her mom and son in college, etc. It is all so vivid I feel like it was yesterday, not 10 years ago.

Nancy was a loving person and will be greatly missed. Randy and family, please accept our deepest condolences on your loss. It is a loss to everyone who knew Nancy. Dick and Maureen Appelbaum

maureen - August 29, 2019 at 01:17 PM