



Nancy L. Eichelberger

January 22, 1943 - January 26, 2025

Nancy Lee (Nichols) Eichelberger was born to Thad Edward Nichols and Loraine Inez (Edzards) Nichols on January 22, 1943 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. She passed away on January 26, 2025 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 82 years, and 4 days.

Nancy was the oldest daughter of Thad and Loraine. She had a sister, Bonnie Dee, who was a year younger. Nancy had two half-sisters, daughters of Thad: Roberta Jean Nichols (Bobbie Jean) and Delores Ann Nichols (Dodie). Nancy grew up on their family farm in Crete, Nebraska. They owned a Grade A Dairy Farm, so rarely were they able to leave the farm. She had many pets on their farm including many dogs all named Spot, who never lived very long because they were always run over by the dairy truck when it arrived. She also had cats, chickens, her horse named Danny, rabbits, and ducks. One of her beloved ducks ended up being Thanksgiving dinner at her aunt's house, so she refused to eat duck from then on.

When their farmstead was destroyed by a tornado, Thad took a job as a White-New Idea territory manager, and they moved to Prairie Village, Kansas. This is where she accepted Christ as her savior at the Bible Baptist Church. After living in Kansas for many years, the family decided to move back to Lincoln.

Nancy graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School in 1961 and attended Nebraska Wesleyan until an illness prevented her from attending. During this time Nancy worked as a King's Drive-In speaker girl. After college, she worked doing medical transcripts for a doctor, was a model for Golds Galleria, and worked for the Air Force Credit Union. Her final job was working with her parents in a farm equipment business they purchased in 1966 in Geneva, Nebraska and named it Nick's Farm Store. She remained there until her retirement.

She was married to Larry Lee Eichelberger of Lincoln, Nebraska on September 1, 1962 at Sheridan Blvd Baptist Church in Lincoln. To this union, two children were born, Shelly Lynn (Eichelberger) Kennel and Scott Allen Eichelberger. They lived in Lincoln for a few

short years before joining her parents in Geneva to work at Nick's Farm Store.

Nancy became a member of the Geneva United Methodist Church and received her 50-year pin in 2024. She taught Sunday School and remained in the same women's circle until her passing. She was also a member of the Welcome Wagon of Geneva, which welcomed new people to the community. Nancy and a group of women she had met, all got together and decided to learn how to play bridge. They started this group in 1968 and still played until the COVID years in 2020. Even though some of them have moved or passed away, the remaining group still gets together for lunches and coffee every other week. She was also a member of a stamping/scrapbooking group since the late 1990s, and this group also continues to meet for birthdays and holidays.

Nancy and Larry enjoyed traveling to numerous places including Hawaii, The Bahamas, Mexico, Canada and most of the 50 states. She loved traveling with family and friends for long weekends. Her favorite activities were spending time with family, traveling, playing bridge, stamping/scrapbooking, reading mystery novels, doing circle word books, boating/beach time, and last, but definitely not least, shopping, especially for shoes! Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her everything. Shelly and Scott used to tease her saying she loved the grands more. Since she never would deny or confirm, it was concluded that she did!! She loved spending time finding the perfect gift. After the gift was found, the job wasn't finished until it was beautifully wrapped and embellished. The mission was that everyone had the same amount of presents and the money was equally spent.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thad E. and Loraine I. Nichols; sister, Bonnie Dee; half-sisters, Dodie and Roberta; father and mother-in-law, Todd and Harriet (Painter) Eichelberger; sister-in-law, Rita (Eichelberger) Evans; and brother-in-law, Walter Lee Evans.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Eichelberger; daughter, Shelly Kennel and husband, Conley Kennel of Geneva; son, Scott Eichelberger and wife, Jenny (Saltzman) Eichelberger of Geneva; grandchildren Jamey and wife, Vicki (Edith & Isaac) Kennel of Gretna; Justin and wife, Hillary (Eva and Joel) Kennel of Gretna; Rebecca and husband, Logan (Madelyn) Orpin of Sarasota, Florida; Nick Eichelberger and fiancée, Rachel Adame of Kansas City, Kansas; and Elizabeth and husband, Eddy Zabala of Sarasota, Florida; nieces Kathy (Evans) and Jerry Marple of Glendale, Arizona; Kay (Evans) Peters of Fremont, Nebraska; great nieces and nephews, family, and great friends.

A Funeral Service for Nancy was held on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. at the

United Methodist Church in Geneva. Kim Dunker & Pastor Matt Troyer-Miller presided over the Memorial Service. Melissa Houchin accompanied the congregation in the singing of "How Great Thou Art" & "Softly & Tenderly." The recorded selection "In My Life" was played as the recessional song.

Pallbearers included Jamey Kennel, Justin Kennel, Nicholas Eichelberger, Nolan O'Brien, Morgan Peters, Shane Johnson, and Ryan Marple.

A Graveside Service was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Fillmore County Hospital Foundation or the Geneva United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 2:30 PM (CT)

Geneva United Methodist Church
942 H St
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3034

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Gerry Merck lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger*



Gerry Merck - February 10, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 31, 2025 at 04:53 PM

EM

“ *Ed and Shawnie Manthei purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy L. Eichelberger.*



Ed and Shawnie Manthei - January 30, 2025 at 02:38 PM

CB

“ *My sympathy to the families. Prayers that your memories bring you comfort.*



Carol Best - January 29, 2025 at 11:22 PM

NF

“ Niki Westling Burke and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Nancy L. Eichelberger.



Niki Westling Burke and family - January 29, 2025 at 09:49 PM

NF

“ Niki Westling Burke and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy L. Eichelberger.

Niki Westling Burke and family - January 29, 2025 at 09:49 PM

JF

“ Jon & Angie White and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nancy L. Eichelberger.



Jon & Angie White and family - January 29, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JF

“ Jon & Angie White and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy L. Eichelberger.

Jon & Angie White and family - January 29, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MM

“ Lots of fun memories with Nancy stampin cards. Rest in peace. Sympathy to your family

Marlene Moritz - January 29, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MM

“ Marlene Moritz lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger



Marlene Moritz - January 29, 2025 at 12:53 PM

RB

“ Shelley, and Scott and families: on behalf of the Lincoln Southeast Class of 1961 know that we are diminished individually and and collectively by Nancy's death. We offer our sincere sympathy for your loss.
Lincoln Southeast Class of 1961
Reunion Group
Robert Basoco

ROBERT A BASOCO - January 28, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RB

“ Shelley and Scott, we are saddened to learn of your loss. Jane (LSE 1960) liked, respected and admired Nancy as a contemporary at Lincoln Southeast and as Nancy and Larry led successful and interesting lives. Our paths did not cross often but she was insightful and fun to be around.
Sincere condolences to you and your family.
Jane Eichelberger Basoco and Robert Basoco

ROBERT A BASOCO - January 28, 2025 at 10:12 PM

PK

“ Patty Steider Kline lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger



Patty Steider Kline - January 28, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SR

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sandi



Sandi Renken - January 28, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JA

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Nancy's husband Larry, daughter Shelley and husband Conley.
Jon, Katie and Molly Asbjornson
Generations Family Dental Staff

Jon C Asbjornson - January 28, 2025 at 09:11 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Bolejack lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger*



Sandy Bolejack - January 28, 2025 at 07:53 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Bolejack lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger*



Sandy Bolejack - January 27, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy L. Eichelberger.*



January 27, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy L. Eichelberger.*

January 27, 2025 at 01:46 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Ann sadd lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger*



Barbara Ann sadd - January 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM

LH

“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger*



Linda Heinisch - January 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM

RS

“ *Nancy was a very dear and special person. We always enjoyed her at church. She will be greatly missed by many.*



Randy & Rhonda Schlick - January 27, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you all are in our thoughts & prayers.*



Mike & Lynne Houser - January 27, 2025 at 09:59 AM

DR

“ *Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger*



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - January 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LP

“ *Shelly & Scott and families, your mom was such an amazing lady. I always enjoyed our time together. Prayers continue for your family.*



LaDonna Pendleton - January 27, 2025 at 09:03 AM

LE

“ Larry, Scott, Shelly,
Sorry to hear of your loss. She is now at peace. Cherish the memories. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.
God Bless!
Larry and Barbara

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger - January 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM

JG

“ Jason george lit a candle in memory of Nancy Eichelberger



Jason george - January 27, 2025 at 03:50 AM

LD

“ Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Nancy
Eichelberger



Lisa Dondlinger - January 26, 2025 at 09:46 PM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Nancy
Eichelberger



Kent & Rose Theobald - January 26, 2025 at 09:27 PM

DB

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. Mothers are very special. May God give you
a special measure of His grace during this difficult time.

Debbie Bullock - January 26, 2025 at 08:05 PM