



Nancy Ann Wilkins

September 23, 1930 - July 10, 2020

A Private Family Inurnment will be held in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Nancy Ann Spring Wilkins was born in Milford, Nebraska on September 23, 1930. She passed away in Sun City, Arizona on July 10th, 2020, at the age of 89 years.

She lived with her adoptive parents Clarence Russell Spring and Mary Leuty Robinson Spring in Utica Nebraska where she attended kindergarten and first grade. They later moved to Dunlap, Iowa for a year and a half where she attended second and third grade, followed by a stay in Council Bluffs, Iowa where she attended grades four through six.

In June 1942, the family moved to Bellevue, Nebraska where her father worked in the Martin bomber plant during World War II. Her father designed and built their final home in Bellevue. A new church, the St. James Methodist Church was constructed across the street. Nancy and her parents were the first three members to sign the registry. Nancy attended seventh through twelfth grades at Bellevue Public School and graduated as valedictorian. On Saturdays, she would take the bus to the Joslyn Art Museum for art lessons. From 1948 to 1952, Nancy attended the University of Omaha where she graduated. Several years later, she returned to school and received her master's degree.

In 1952, Nancy started her teaching career at Walnut Hill School in Omaha where she taught fifth and sixth grades. She came up with many interesting activities for her students. One of these was a mock election which was popular and received coverage in the newspaper. In 1956, she taught at Westside Public Schools, District 66.

On June 18, 1960, Nancy married William Walker Wilkins at the St. James Methodist Church in Bellevue, Nebraska. They set up housekeeping in Shickley Nebraska, and Nancy was employed at the Shickley State Bank. In 1963, son Thomas Spring Wilkins was born. Nancy taught art at Shickley Public School from 1968 until 1983 and was elected to the Shickley School Board where she served for one year.

In 1986, Nancy and her husband moved to Geneva, Nebraska, followed by a move to Sun City, Arizona in 2001. In July 2012, they moved to Royal Oaks life care in Sun City.

Nancy liked teaching, painting, creating stained glass windows, photography, reading books, bridge club, travelling, and many other activities.

Nancy was preceded in death by father, Clarence Russell Spring and mother, Mary Leuty Robinson Spring.

She was survived at the time of her passing by her husband William Walker Wilkins, son Thomas Spring Wilkins, daughter-in-law Wanying Z. Wilkins, Grandson William Z. Wilkins. and many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom and family,
Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your parents.
Cherish the many memories you have of them.
May the peace of Christ surround you always.
Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger - April 27, 2025 at 07:08 PM

JG

“ Jason george lit a candle in memory of Nancy Wilkins



Jason george - April 17, 2025 at 02:22 PM

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“ My wife Betty Miller Farmer always thought so much of Nancy. She took art classes from Nancy in school and also painting classes from her privatly. Art,paiting were a bonding they shared.

P.R.Farmer - April 10, 2025 at 08:25 PM

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“ Tom, so sorry to hear the loss of your parents. You have our sympathy. Many great memories of your mother. We taught together for many years. She was a great teacher and a good friend. I also remember when you and I did snow removal one snow day. We had fun. Good memories of you. Praying for you and your family. Don and Shirley Rytych.

Donald Rytych - April 08, 2025 at 11:26 AM

PM

“ *Pat Mathiese lit a candle in memory of Nancy Wilkins*



Pat Mathiese - April 08, 2025 at 07:10 AM