



## Nancy A. Cusick

January 18, 1961 - July 29, 2019

Nance A. Cusick, 58, a lifelong New Haven and Hamden resident, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 29, 2019 at Masonic Health Care after a courageous struggle with MS. She is the daughter of John S and Julia E Cusick.

Nance is survived by her mother, Julia, of Hamden, brother, John Jr. (Wendy) of Bethany, and Stephen (Carol) of Florida. She leaves behind two adoring nieces Julia F and Maria L Cusick, as well as many loving family members and friends.

Born in 1961 in New Haven, CT, Nance had a childhood filled with Catholic education, family centered activities and hiking with her dogs. Her academic experiences included a BA in Education from Southern CT State University and a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Columbia University. She worked as an occupational therapist in the Traumatic Brain Injury Department at Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, ACES, and other therapy facilities.

Nance devoted herself to the aiding and assisting of others both in her professional therapy career and her relationships with family and friends. She wove a vigorous career path treating both young and old using conventional therapy and alternative modalities rooted in ancient wisdom traditions.

She was equally comfortable at a patient's bedside or therapy session as well as off the beaten path, hiking thru Nepal to the MT Everest Basecamp or trekking in the Amazon Rainforest.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, on Friday at 11 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at St Lawrence Cemetery, 280 Derby Avenue, West Haven.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Assoc. of America (800) 532-7667. Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

## Cemetery Details

### **St. Lawrence**

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

## Previous Events

### **Funeral service**

**AUG 2.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
2819 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Cusick Family,

*I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember all of you from Saint Peters where Stephen and I went to school together. Even as a child, Nancy was very kind. It sounds like she was an amazing person and positively influenced many people. I know you will find comfort in the memories you have with her. Please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Margaret O'Hagan-Lynch** - August 08, 2019 at 08:34 AM

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“ My Dear, Sweet, Cusick Family... Words cannot express the sadness I am feeling for your loss of Nancy. No matter what she faced each day she managed to laugh, smile, and, always kept a good spirit and attitude. She fought a long and hard fight and had amazing strength. Your wonderful family stood right by her side every step of the way with your ultimate love and caring, as well as her BFF, Pat. Wishing you all peace in your heart knowing she is not suffering any longer, and, she is with her Dad. I know there are not many words of comfort during this sad and difficult time in your lives but know she will truly be missed and never forgotten.

*My Deepest Sympathy and Love,*

*Carolyn Clarke*

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**Carolyn Clarke** - August 01, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Cusick.*



August 01, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy A. Cusick.*



August 01, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ *Nancy, while I haven't seen you in many years, i will take with me to my own grave the lesson you taught when our motley group of apple pickers hiked the northern stretch of Vermont's Long Trail. It was a cold and ultimately snowy November when I learned from you to stop and absorb the wisdom of the woods as you pass through. Thank you for your wisdom, Nancy. The angels with whom you now soar are lucky to have you in their midst. Meg Piercy*

**Meg Piercy** - July 31, 2019 at 02:09 PM



*Beautiful writing Meg about our beautiful friend.*

**eric kessler** - August 02, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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*Dear Cusicks. The loss of Nancy cuts to the core of who I am. She along with your whole family were and have been a central part of my life in the New Haven area. From serendipitously meeting Nancy and John at the remote back of Dwight Miller's Orchard, to hiking the Long Trail, to the many countless adventures and times together, I say goodbye to a big part of my heart with Nancy's passing. I know she is not suffering anymore, and along with the many other examples she set for me, I now know what battling disease while maintaining your dignity, your open heart, and your smile looks like. I will always think of you and miss you Nance. My deepest condolences to your family.*

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**eric kessler** - August 02, 2019 at 11:07 AM