



Nancy Barlow Nolte

March 11, 1959 - May 22, 2022

Nancy Marie Barlow Nolte, of Tulsa, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the age of 63

Nancy was born Wednesday, March 11, 1959 in Topeka, Kansas to T. Ed and Marjorie (Dempsey) Barlow. The youngest of four, Nancy liked to joke that although she was last, she was the best.

Nancy's life was shaped by her years growing up in Kansas, Oklahoma and England, and by the spiritual DNA she inherited from generations of preachers and teachers on both sides of the family tree.

In Nancy's world others always came first. She was the animated heart of the family, the bringer-together, the creative mastermind of gatherings and celebrations. Nancy was always on the verge of laughter, making magic out of thin air.

In her late teens Nancy moved with her parents to England. One of her favourite places there was the Lake District, where the author Beatrix Potter wrote many of her children's books and championed nature conservation in the early 20th century. This made a profound impression on Nancy.

Nancy was passionate about wildlife and nature conservation. She had a gift for rescuing animals, in particular those coming from dire circumstances. An avid gardener, Nancy also enjoyed fishing and camping, and took a keen interest in wild bird rescue and rehabilitation centers.

The creative gleam in Nancy's eye was present from birth. She loved to draw, and used her art to convey her feelings to those she loved. She never missed

an opportunity to turn an idea into an occasion, whether it be a church fund-raising event, a large-scale family gathering, or a small get-together with friends. Halloween at Nancy's house was legendary, with trick-or-treaters sometimes numbering in the hundreds. On these and others occasions she would dress head-to-toe in elaborate costumes, bringing laughter to those around her.

As a teenager Nancy backpacked around Europe with her cousin and close confidante Carole Dempsey Long. Although she was nervous about flying, Nancy and her brother Tom would spend time at local airports listening to transmissions between pilots and the control tower. An OU Sooner at heart, Nancy faithfully attended games and shouted "BOOMER SOONER" with feeling.

Nancy began her career in England as department supervisor for a British insurance company. Returning to Tulsa in the early 1980s, Nancy worked as head office supervisor for the Veterinary Medical Center, then as national project associate for Hewlett-Packard, where she developed, implemented and managed programs for 180 field offices. Most recently, Nancy worked in e-commerce for FC Ziegler Company.

Those left to cherish her memory are:

Sister Cynthia Gooch and Husband Tony of Windsor, England

Brothers David Barlow and Wife Marsha of Independence, Missouri

Tom Barlow and Wife Sheryl of Carthage, Missouri

Many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Nancy is predeceased by:

Parents T. Ed and Marjorie Barlow

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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