



Nancy Bailey

June 11, 1944 - January 18, 2012

Nancy Gay Swanson Bailey

Born June 11, 1944 in Lompoc California to Herbert C. Swanson and Dorothy A. Riche Swanson. She was raised in and around Lompoc. The family lived in town and in the country in the Jalama area. Nancy was the middle child with a younger brother Clark and an older sister, Coralee. Nancy loved to swim competitively as a youngster. The Swanson family boat was a favorite of Nancy's and she learned to water ski in the Pacific Ocean, which was an activity she pursued on Moses Lake for many years. Herb was a talented musician and music teacher, so the kids learned to play a variety of instruments.

The family moved to the Santa Ynez valley about the time Nancy started high school. Dorothy taught at Santa Ynez Valley High School and Herb continued at the JM Plant in Lompoc. Nancy and Coralee were a talented pair, with Nancy singing in the Choir, at weddings and other occasions, and Coralee playing the piano. Herb was a 4H leader, and the kids had a Sheep breeding project for many years.

Nancy was active in many extracurricular activities at school, including Band, track team, and cheerleading. Her Track team went to Gary Indiana in 1960 to compete at the AAU National finals in the Relay. Nancy was always an intense competitor.

Nancy met Bill at the Santa Barbara County Fair in 1959. They dated for two years until Bill went off to College. In 1966 Bill and Nancy resumed seeing

each other and were married Nov. 25, 1966 at the home of Arden Jensen, the local judge and a family friend. Bruce William was born in 1968 at the Solvang Hospital. Nancy worked at the Solvang Medical Clinic for the years that the family lived in the Los Alamos and Santa Ynez areas. Eventually Nancy was able to become a stay at home Mom for Bruce. Nancy has always been fiercely protective of her family and those she loved.

The family moved to King City in the Salinas Valley. Bill worked for Basic Vegetable Products, Inc. and Nancy went to work as a Police Dept.

Dispatcher. Many lasting friendships were developed during these years. In 1975 the family moved to Moses Lake as Bill was transferred to American Potato Company Moses Lake Plant. While Bill was interviewing for the Moses Lake job, Nancy-who was then working for a Title Company in Salinas- was taking her California State Real Estate test- which she passed.

1975 brought Nancy and her family to Moses Lake. We had purchased a small lake home on Crestview Drive, a real treat for the family. Nancy loved to swim and she and Bruce spent many happy hours in Moses Lake. With her Real Estate earnings she bought the family a swimming pool so we could all enjoy the water and sunshine. Nancy and Bruce were best friends.

During these first years in Moses Lake, Nancy received her Associates Degree from Big Bend CC. Her next challenge was a Real Estate License. She then went to work under the tutelage of D. Kent Jones. Nancy was driven to succeed. She excelled at sales, and she became the office Sales Manager. In the office she taught agents skills for improving sales and taught in the vocational program at BBCC, including Real Estate prelicensing. Nancy was active with the Moses Lake Othello Board of Realtors for many years, serving as an officer including the Presidency. She received many awards for sales as well as service to the Board of Realtors and the Community. Nancy felt that it was important to "Dress for Success". She loved the color RED.

In 1984 Nancy decided to form her own Sales Company, Basin Real Estate Company. She operated the successful sales business for about 20 years. She finally decided that she didn't enjoy the time demands of sales any longer

and took over operating the Property Management business, keeping Bill as the bookkeeper.

Nancy and Bill purchased land in Montana in both the Lincoln area (Unabomber), and the Augusta area. She loved to visit especially the home in Augusta. The view of The Rocky Mountain Front was a favorite of hers.

Nancy and Bruce purchased and refinished many antique pieces over the years. Many of them are in the family home. Her home was her Palace and a refuge as well. Nancy directed the doubling in size of the Crestview home. She was an avid collector of spoons , plates and antique glassware. Bruce was her accomplice in these collections. Decorating the family home was her passion. The ranch home shows her touch as well.

Nancy enjoyed our horses. She loved matching horses with people.

Nancy enjoyed sharing the fruits of her success with those in need. She has always supported the Food Bank, the Animal Shelter, the Fair, 4H/FFA livestock Auction, Veterans, youth programs and sports, young people and especially education. She was a great fund raiser for many causes from the Farmer's Market, Museum, Rotary Chamber Auction, ML Rotary Auction, Operation Walk, Grant County Horse Association, Crab Creek Riders of BCHW, Board of Realtors, and other groups that she participated in. Nancy expected a high level of performance from herself in everything she did. She expected the same commitment from those around her.

Nancy loved all holidays and would decorate the house and office to match the season. Christmas was her favorite as she would hear from friends, relatives and acquaintances. She loved to give and would plan gifts for friends sometimes two years in advance. Our home would be filled with Christmas music the day after thanksgiving, overridden by the radio with a game on. The Mariners, Seahawks and Sonics were her favorites, although when they weren't playing so well or players made bonehead mistakes, she could be quite critical. You generally knew where you stood with Nancy.

Nancy had a seizure Nov. 22, 2010, a minor stroke on Jan. 7, 2011 and

realized that she could no longer work. Her health seemed OK, but something else was wrong. Nancy was diagnosed on Dec. 1, 2011 with a malignant brain tumor. She immediately began weekly Chemotherapy and daily Radiation treatments. The medical staffs at the Wenatchee Valley Clinic and Hospital did everything possible to help her live. She was at home, cared for by Bruce and Bill, going to Wenatchee daily for treatment, until her last day, January 18, 2012. She died after one night at the hospital with Bill at her side. Our friends Jerry and Ronda Kayser brought her back to Moses Lake and she was cremated. We miss her. She is in a better place now. I am sure that she is straightening out some situations that don't meet her standards. She wanted the Ranch cleaned up and the "Boneyard" to disappear. She has been proud of her family, homes and life over the 45 years that she and Bill were together. Nancy and Bill had for many years planned that whoever survived would have a grand party for our friends, relatives and acquaintances to celebrate the life of the passed partner. She is looking down on this gathering Saturday, June 23, 2012. Bruce and Bill Bailey invite Nancy's friends and acquaintances to our home at 13308 Rd. 10 NE. for a Bar-B-Q and Celebration, from 1:00-5:00. Arrangements were in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Bailey Ranch
13308 Road 10 N.E.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Patti and Gene Youngblood##imported-end##*

January 31, 2012 at 07:19 AM



“ *Dear Bill and Bruce,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. It is tough to loose someone you love. You have all been such great friends over the years and I have fond memories of knowing all of you. Know that I am willing to do anything I can do to help you. Take care!! Alice Parker##imported-begin##Alice Parker##imported-end##*

January 27, 2012 at 11:43 PM



“ *Bruce~ warm hugs & quiet prayers for you and your dad, in what is most certainly a very hard time. You have many people in our community who care deeply for your family. Find some comfort there. Love to you, my friend##imported-begin##becky shay##imported-end##*

January 24, 2012 at 06:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Bill and Bruce. It was an honor to get to know her during the times I was her aide! She was a very special woman and will be truly missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Shelby Carter##imported-end##*

January 24, 2012 at 12:10 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Nancy was a caring friend who will be missed by everyone.

Tom & bev##imported-begin##Tom Thomas & Bev Shuford##imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 08:32 PM



“ To Bill and Bruce,

We are really sorry to hear about Nancy. Nancy will always be with you; her spirit and good will be part of you no matter where you go. We wanted to let you know that we are here for you at any time you need us, just to listen, or to talk. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and Bruce.##imported-begin##Lee Dowers & Dick Hemore##imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 11:29 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies Bill. Nancy & you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Karen & Ken Kernan##imported-end##

January 22, 2012 at 03:10 PM



“ We were saddened to learn of Nancy's passing.##imported-begin##Tom Bennett##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 11:44 PM



“ Bill and Bruce, Our heartfelt sympathies to you both at this time. May memories of happier times give you strength. Thinking of you both.##imported-begin##Ed & Paula Stout##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 10:42 PM



“ DEAR BILL AND BRUCE,
I AM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I SEND LOVE TO BOTH OF YOU AT THIS TIME OF SUCH SADNESS.
SINCERELY,
KATHY##imported-begin##KATHY SWANSON##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 06:34 PM



“ Remembering Nancy: lively, energetic, an action person, her sense of humor and her sense of style in whatever she did or wore. She's a person one has to remember. Peace and love to you, Bruce and Bill.##imported-begin##Nancy & Dennis Parr##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 04:09 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of your loss and the loss to Moses Lake community. Nancy has been very generous helping many agents with her great RE knowlege. It has been a pleasure working with her. Truly a loss to all, Bea##imported-begin##Bea Stump##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 03:22 PM



“ Bill and Bruce, please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your favorite girl. She will be missed by many. Nancy lived the *The Ten Commandments Of Human Relations*.
Buzz and Kathie###imported-begin###Buzz And Kathie King###imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 08:44 AM



“ Hi Bill: so sorry to hear of Nancys passing. She was an awesome lady. Thinking of you. dave###imported-begin###David Hopkins###imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 08:03 PM



“ Bill and Bruce, So sorry to hear about Nancy. She will be missed by all of us, she was a very special lady.###imported-begin###Audrey###imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 06:36 PM



“ Dear Bill & Bruce,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

~Alex & Deb###imported-begin###Alex & Debbie Doran Martinez###imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 06:04 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss and appreciate all of your support and friendship when I was president of Rotary.##imported-begin##John and Debbie Redford##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 04:41 PM



“ Dear Bill and Bruce So sorry to hear about Nancy. I really enjoyed her friendship and her wit. She always went the extra mile for me. As you know we shared a birthday June 11 and we always bantered about between us on what our husbands needed to do for us mainly presents. I will miss that also. May all your memories comfort you in this difficult time. God Bless Linda and Hugh##imported-begin##Hugh and Linda Raymond##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 01:21 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. May Nancy rest in peace.##imported-begin##Sandi & Doug Berg##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 01:21 PM



“ I want to express my sympathies to the family, Bill and Bruce. Nancy spiced up life in anything she did. I will miss her presence at the club meetings. When you hold this memorial later in the year, I can help. God Bless!
w##imported-begin##Wanda Holloway##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 01:14 PM



“ Nancy lived a good life and fought till the very end. She had a lot of courage. She will be at peace and comfort now.
Are deepest regards to Bill and son.##imported-begin##Cecil and Angela Newkirk##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 12:52 PM



“ Dear Bill & Bruce; we are so sorry for your loss. Nancy was a good wife and Mother, and a friend to so many people. Nancy's first love was her family, horses, then her job. I truly believed she loved working (most of us can't wait to retire). She was so dedicated as a real estate sales person, and was respected by her competitors. May the love of those who care deeply, surround you in your grief, carry you through your sorrow, and help you find peace!!
Love Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-end##

January 19, 2012 at 11:43 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Bill and Bruce. Nancy was truly a respected and committed member of our community, her contributions to the real estate industry will never go unnoticed. Nancy will be missed by all that new her.
Todd and Patty Voth##imported-begin##Todd Voth##imported-end##

January 19, 2012 at 09:54 PM



“ Bill and Bruce, it was very sad to here of Nancy's passing. Prayers for both of you.##imported-begin##Bob Trask Jr.##imported-end##

January 19, 2012 at 07:41 PM



“ Bill and Bruce...I'm sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was a truly fine person who will be missed by many. TB##imported-begin##Tyler Brown##imported-end##

January 19, 2012 at 06:42 PM



“ Bill & Bruce my heart goes out to the both of you. I was so saddened to hear of Nancy's passing. I do not have words to ever describe how I feel. My prayer are with the two of you.##imported-begin##Peggy E. Propst##imported-end##

January 19, 2012 at 02:33 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing she was always a favorite customer, happy and friendly please hold tight to all the memories you have, they will get you thru.##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##

January 18, 2012 at 06:13 PM