



Nancy J. Nettesheim

April 20, 1950 - February 20, 2026

Nancy Jean Nettesheim (née Schreiber), born April 20, 1950, in Cambria, Wisconsin, passed away surrounded by love after a long and courageous journey with cancer.

Nancy lived a life rooted in care—for her family, her students, her community, and the world around her. She had a quiet strength and a deep sense of purpose, showing up year after year for the people and places that mattered most to her.

Nancy met Richard Nettesheim at UW–Stevens Point, where they met and fell in love after meeting at a Department of Natural Resources class in the summer of 1971. They were married in Randolph, Wisconsin, on October 5, 1974 and built a life together grounded in shared values, family, and community.

She began her career as an English teacher in 1972, first teaching at Wisconsin Dells for four years. In 1976, she found her professional home at Orfordville Parkview Middle/High School, where she remained until her retirement in 2010. Over the decades, she taught eighth and ninth grade English before moving into AP English, shaping generations of students with her steady presence, high standards, and enduring belief in their potential. She carried her students with her long after they left her classroom, always

holding a special place in her heart for them.

Nancy built her life in Brodhead, Wisconsin, where she became an integral part of the community. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, known for her time in the church softball league—pink flamingos and all—as well as on the volleyball team. She served on the library board, participated in multiple book clubs, and gave her time generously as a forensics coach. For decades, she could also be found helping at track meets and keeping book at middle school basketball games—always present, always contributing.

She loved to golf, whether in leagues or casually with friends, and especially enjoyed any chance to outplay her husband. She found deep joy in tending to her flowers—her roses, lilies, wildflowers, and peonies—and took quiet pride in making the world around her more beautiful.

Nancy had a deep reverence for history and family. She dedicated herself to tracing genealogy and preserving the stories of those who came before, ensuring that her family's history would not be lost. She cherished her extended family and looked forward to reunions, where those connections came to life.

She also found joy in life's quieter pleasures: classical music, reading, feeding her birds, and time spent in nature. After retiring, she continued substitute teaching but also embraced travel, taking river cruises throughout Europe where she delighted in meeting new people, seeing the world, and got to celebrate their 50th anniversary on a trip from Paris to Normandy, France

At home, Nancy created a sense of occasion and tradition that her family will carry forward. She was a gifted baker, known especially for her apple crisp—later affectionately renamed “apple Neal”—and her Door County cherry pies and cobblers. Holidays were never ordinary; she set the table with family

china and silver, making each gathering feel intentional, meaningful, and rooted in tradition.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Iral and Barbara Schreiber, Richard and Eleanora Nettesheim (in-laws), and sisters-in-law, Kathleen Nettesheim-Engle (Fred), and Jane Hoegle (Gene).

She is survived by her husband, Richard Nettesheim; her daughter Bryn and granddaughter Illa; her son Neal, his wife Shelby, and their daughter Odette; and her brother Rich, his wife Carol, and her nieces Katie and Caroline and nephew Blake.

Nancy and her family express deep gratitude for the many friends and loved ones who supported her throughout her illness, including Ann and Dennis Schwartz, the Florys, Chuck and Mary Kay Deary, and the SSM healthcare and hospice teams.

Visitation will be held on February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church in Brodhead, Wisconsin. A luncheon will follow the service.

Nancy's life was one of quiet impact—felt deeply by those who knew her, taught by her, worked alongside her, and loved her. She will be missed in ways both large and small, and remembered in the traditions she created, the beauty she cultivated, and the lives she shaped.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church of Brodhead
501 First Center Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520

Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TE

“ 1 file added to the album Nancy



TERESA M EARLEYWINE - February 24 at 07:22 AM

TE

Nov 2003...the football Moms gathered to paint signs lining the highway to Camp Randall as Brodhead went to state. As parents of players, we may have been having more fun than the players. Nancy & Joann in this pic.

TERESA M EARLEYWINE - February 24 at 07:23 AM

DW

“ Don & Brenda Wahl lit a candle in memory of Nancy J. Nettlesheim



Don & Brenda Wahl - February 23 at 05:26 PM

DW

Sincere condolences---may loving memories help you all thru your sadness

Don & Brenda Wahl - February 23 at 05:31 PM

DS

“ Dave S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy J. Nettesheim.

Dave S. - February 23 at 02:03 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Nettesheim.



February 23 at 02:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy J. Nettesheim.



February 22 at 04:13 PM

AN

“ I had the pleasure getting to know Nancy while serving as director at Brodhead Memorial Public Library. She was always passionate about libraries, literature, and reading and was a valued member of the Library Board. She will be missed.

Angela Noel - February 22 at 04:06 PM

DA

“ Nancy and I were on the Library Board of Directors at the same time. It was always a pleasure working with her. My condolences to all her family.

Diane Anderson - February 22 at 10:08 AM

MD

“ I knew Nancy as my English teacher and as a friend, she was a beautiful and kind g hearted woman. Deepest sympathies to the family.

Molly Davisson - February 22 at 08:05 AM

BA

“ One of sharpest minds and beautiful people I had the pleasure to work with. She will be missed. ❤️ ☐ to Rick and family.

Bob Alexander - February 21 at 07:45 PM

MP

“ The first time I ever met Nancy was at a cross country meet at the park used by Beloit Turner in those days. She was carrying a pink clad tiny baby Bryn. Lovely and knowledgeable, Nancy's greatest assets were her kindness and her concern for others. I am honored to say that Nancy became a loyal and trusted friend over our many years of shared activities. As difficult as this loss is to bear (Kori and Kim both cried when told), I am personally thankful that her suffering is over. Sending my love to her family and holding them near in my thoughts.

Marcia S Petersen - February 21 at 01:21 PM

JK

Nancy was a wonderful friend/teacher. She loved her students and always had a smile for everyone.

Judy Keler - February 21 at 03:21 PM

LH

As a fellow educator at Parkview, she was so creative and with other staff members we enjoyed taking the Daily quiz almost every morning.

Larry Hoeft - February 21 at 09:33 PM

KN

So very saddened to learn of Nancy's passing. Please know you're in our thoughts. Dan & Kari

Kari Newcomer - February 22 at 05:22 PM