



Nancy Ann Pate

July 1, 1938 - January 26, 2025

Nancy Pate, formerly (née Le Craft,) passed away peacefully on January 26th, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, humor, and adventure.

Nancy was a longtime flight attendant with TWA, where she became a beloved figure among both colleagues and passengers. Known for her warm hospitality and signature fuzzy slippers, she had a unique ability to turn every flight into a cherished memory. Since her retirement, the skies have never quite been the same.

In 2002, Nancy moved to the Lake of the Ozarks with her late husband, TWA Captain Jim Pate. She quickly became known for her boundless energy and deep commitment to charitable endeavors. Whether ringing the Salvation Army bells at Christmas or feeding her many foster animals, Nancy was a force of nature who left a lasting impact on everyone she met.

She is survived by her sister, The Honorable Karen Henderson; her dear friend Bill Smith; and her stepchildren, James and Jennifer Pate. Nancy's presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the laughter of friends, the memories of her loved ones, and the shimmering waters of her beloved lake.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army of the

Humane Society of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, causes that were close to Nancy's heart.

As we say goodbye, we can be sure that Nancy is now reunited with loved ones in heaven, greeting them as only she could– with her famous, “Heya kid!”

May her beloved lake shine ever bright in her memory.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday June 7th, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., at West Lake Christian Church in Laurie, with a luncheon to follow. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, in St. Patrick Cemetery in Laurie.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:30 PM (CT)

West Lake Christian Church
936 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65037

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *My beautiful and loving Cousin Nancy. The world is a different place without you.*

So many hearts, minds and, souls you touched in your life and you always brought light, comfort, hope and, laughter to each one to met. Your humor, your smile, your laughter made you so special on this little ball we love on. I will miss your voice and its tenor as you were always recognizable when you spoke. You are with the Angels now and I'll bet it won't be too long before they're printing and handing out \$2 Bills for Heaven. You have a heart of gold and you shared it without question or judgement. Snd, you're sharing still in a Higher place. So look forward to seeing you again and know you and Tweed will have some great talks and times together. Say high to your mom and to Aunt Helen for me.

Love You Always and Will Miss You Always

Until We Meet Again,

George Machock

George Machock - June 07, 2025 at 10:12 PM

MC

“ I absolutely loved my cousin Nancy !!

She was a few years older than I and she was a role model to me. Her brother Rick and I were the same age and we were all close.

Nancy was very close to my three older brothers so good times were many when we did get together. She and her family lived in Oberlin, which was not far from our home in Elyria growing up. my dad Stan and mom Millie, had so much fun with Nancy's mom Anne and our wonderful aunt Helen.!

Nancy was a beautiful person inside and out. She was kind, caring, sweet and loved to have fun... Which we always did. She would often send a surprise gift in the mail... Like a huge tin of popcorn or some other fun and special gift to our family. My husband, John, our son Brian, my brother Chuck, and I drove to Kansas City for Nancy's mother Anne's 80th birthday. My parents were also there and we had just a marvelous time.

Several times, Nancy would drive in her little car, all the way from the Ozarks to our home in Brighton Michigan to be a part of our three day Polish and Clam Bake weekend, for our family reunion!! We all loved having her there, and she added so much to the fun in the Family! Her laugh was contagious and awesome.

She was a true blessing to me and to our family. Fun to think of her in heaven with all the family there and the fun times they are having together. God bless you, dear Nancy... Love you so much. Molly Machock George



Molly Machock George. first cousin - June 07, 2025 at 12:24 PM

KO

“ When I moved to Missouri from Southern California, you eased me through the culture shock, held my hand during my ups and downs (especially during my retinal detachment), and spent holidays with me when I lost my family. I will never forget you standing over me that horrible first Thanksgiving alone when you handed me a piece of ham and told me I wasn't leaving the room until I had something to eat. You were the best "big sister" I could ever have asked for. You will be in my heart forever. I will see you in heaven.

Kathy Outlaw - June 07, 2025 at 11:45 AM

CB

“ Nancy was on of a kind. There will never be anyone like her. She was so kind and fun. When we went to see her in Kansas City when we were kids she had us put crazy hats on, get in her convertible and look for The Candle Factory which we never found. She would bring us TWA silverware and wings when we were small. She will be missed by so many. I know she is with Jesus

Connie Bailey - June 05, 2025 at 12:39 PM

HN

“ Oh my sweet cousin we have been in each others life for over 80+ years. We played in Cascade Park as little girls, we always wore each others outfits, we double dated through our teens, we rode the train from Texas to Ohio many years. We had to flip a coin who would get the top bunk! We climbed apple trees together and always ate to many. I will always remember my tall, beautiful cousin coming up my sidewalk in Richardson pulling your huge suitcase on a layover and it was always full of goodies for your passengers on your next flight. We loved our families so very much and always felt so very loved by all our aunts and uncles, and so many cousins. You had a very deep faith and will always remember how you spoke at dad’s funeral, mom’s funeral and John’s funeral. Not everyone can do that but you did and with such love for Aunt Tweed and Uncle Frank. You had such dedication to Salvation Army and your bell ringing and will always think of you when I see someone ringing the bell at the entrance to a store. Oh, sweetie, how could we ever forget that PT Cruiser with the eye lashes and all the leopard. And your collection of hats, and your love for your cats. Remember how you and Jim would come to Richardson and how he loved floating around in our pool and you loved the hammock. Just wonderful memories. And how much Bill and I loved coming to your all’s place on the lake and Jim taking us out in the boat, eating on your deck and my Bill catching over 50 fish from your dock. And later on we had special times with your Bill. We had so many places to explore together and the four of us had such fun. Especially the time the three of you were in Bill’s jeep and were in the parade and your Bill dressed As General McArthur. What a wonderful time we had. I could go on and on with our shared memories but this I know for sure. You are with our grandparents, your daddy, your mom and your brother. And all our aunts, uncles and cousins and heaven is so much more fun. You were so very special to so many of us and know that someday we will have more joyful moments together. My love always precious cousin, Helen Tweed

helen newell - June 05, 2025 at 09:33 AM

SS

“ Nancy was one of the first people I met when I moved to the Lake. Her refreshing smile and humor were delightful. She made me laugh every time I saw her. God bless her in Heaven. She will be missed. Susan Schneider

Susan Schneider - June 04, 2025 at 04:32 PM

SB

“ Nancy was one to quickly fall in love with! She definitely never met a stranger and just to say her name makes me smile. She was kind, sweet and very genuine and I'm proud to say we were friends for many years. RIP my dear friend, until we meet again!

Sheri Blackwell - June 01, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BA

“ Only Nancy could commemorate ANYTHING by what she wore! Loved the socks, shoes, hats and jackets. Miss your essence. Bobbie

Bobbie Aubuchon - May 28, 2025 at 07:34 PM

SF

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stanley field - May 28, 2025 at 03:56 PM

JP

“ 3 files added to the album family



Jennifer Pate - May 15, 2025 at 05:59 PM

NJ

“ Nancy was one of a kind special! To know her was to love her! She never met a stranger! PT with eyelashes will be a vision we will not forget. Bill and Nancy were God's gift to one another and we will continue to watch after him for you Nancy! Guess our next lunch/dinner will be postponed till I get to heaven. Sympathy to sister, Karen and best friend Bill. Norma and Rick

Norma Johnson - February 19, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JH

“ From all her Salvation Army bell ringers, we are looking forward to you ringing that bell at the Pearly Gates when we get there

Jerry Head - February 05, 2025 at 12:00 PM

KL

“ Nancy is one of God's special children, spreading love and warmth to everyone. She'll be greatly missed!!



Katherine Lacroix - January 31, 2025 at 02:13 PM

TA

“ *Tammy lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ann Pate*



Tammy - January 30, 2025 at 08:50 AM