

Nancy Kay Molander  
January 4, 1937 – August 17, 2009

Nancy Kay Harding was born January 4, 1937 to parents Albert Theodore Harding and Mildred Evelyn Tucker in Lincoln Nebraska. Albert, or “Foxy Grampa” as the grand-kids called him because of his reddish hair, was a left handed dentist, with a practice established in Auburn Nebraska when Nancy was very young. The kids remember Nancy saying that when she was a kid, her job in the dentist office was to keep the perspiration off her dad's brow as he worked on the patient. Nancy didn't remember much about her mother, but has cherished pictures of her that remain at her house today.

Nancy's mother passed away in May of 1939 when Nancy was just 2 years old. Nancy's father met Deahna McBride in Auburn a year after Mildred's death. Albert and Deahna were married on December 7, 1941, the same day Pearl Harbor was attacked. Nancy's step-mother Deahna, affectionately known to the grand-kids as “Grammie”, lived until she was almost 103 years old, passing in July of 2008.

Nancy married Edward Allen, also of Auburn Nebraska, on August 12, 1953 in Nebraska City Nebraska. Ed and Nancy first met in high school. After they were married, they moved first to Peru Nebraska where Ed finished college and then moved to Omaha in late 1956 when Ed got a job at the newly built Western Electric plant on 120<sup>th</sup> and L street. To that marriage came children Jerald Edward Allen, Dennis Eugene Allen and Douglas Harding Allen. Nancy and Ed divorced in about 1965.

Nancy married Richard Earl Molander on July 7, 1966. Prior to the marriage, Nancy's kids knew something was “up” because all day in the house they heard the song “Pretty Woman” playing over and over on the record player. That song was given to Nancy by Richard as they dated. Richard, or “Dick” as he was known, spent time just before and then again, just after their marriage in Viet Nam as a Staff Sergeant with the US Army Green Beret.

In May of 1969 Michelle Audra was born from the marriage of Nancy and Richard. The other kids in the family didn't know what to think. Keep in mind, “Chelle”, as she was known, was the 8<sup>th</sup> child in the house; Linda, David, Michael and Brett from Richard's previous marriage and Jerry, Denny and Doug from Nancy's previous marriage.

She was a music fanatic. All 8 kids should remember the daily grind at home, which included a mandatory session at the piano each day. The Allen kids remember Nancy and Ed hauling a piano from Ft Lauderdale Florida to Omaha just for that purpose. Later in life, the piano got old and worn out, but the house wasn't without a musical instrument long. Nancy bought an organ. Her so called quiet time was spent playing that organ. Nancy was also sang with the Omaha Symphonic Chorus for many years.

As the kids in the family grew, they took their turn at independence and moved out of the house, some joining the military and some pursuing other careers. In March of 1978, Richard died after a long battle with cancer. This left Nancy to start the remaining years of her life without a partner. Just recently, when Nancy was asked how she would feel about moving into an assisted living type arrangement, she replied “I've lived alone far too long. I don't know if I could stand someone else around – or they could stand me either”.

Nancy, never one to be without something to do, entered the US Naval Reserve in September of 1979. Nancy had active duty assignments in Europe and Asia on various occasions. Nancy retired from the Naval Reserve on August 1, 1997 with 18 years service.

Nancy was an employee with the Omaha chapter of the American Red Cross for “years and years”, which is about as close as the kids can remember. In the last years of her life, Nancy was very active in alternative medicines and the latest discoveries in the medical world. Although she couldn't attend mass in recent years, Nancy was a member of the St. Stanislaus Church for as long as anyone can remember.

Above biography written the day after her death by son Dennis Allen.