



Nancy E. Briggs

May 2, 1942 - February 24, 2022

North Hampton – Nancy E. Briggs, 79, of North Hampton, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully Thursday, February 24, 2022 at her home. She was the wife of Joseph G. Guilmette for 37 years and the owner of C'est Cheese in North Hampton. She was born May 2, 1942 in Weymouth, MA the daughter of the late Arthur and Dorothy (Vaillancourt) White.

Nancy was raised in Weymouth and graduated from Weymouth High School with the Class of 1960 and from American River College in Sacramento, CA. Nancy and Joe moved to North Hampton in 1996 coming from Long Island, NY and as a personal chef for many years she catered parties and planned social culinary events featuring hors d'oeuvres, cheese and specialty foods.

It was a trip to the picturesque region of Brittany, France in 2001 that sparked Nancy's desire to start a cheese shop in NH. She envisioned the shop to have the European charm and gourmet flare that made the quaint shops of France so enchanting.

In January 2003, that dream of creating that European charm and owning a quaint shop became a reality at the first location in North Hampton. Her vision translated into a gorgeous shop that captured the feel of Europe and introduced cheeses and gourmet food from all around the world to our beautiful Seacoast of New Hampshire. The concept of C'est Cheese being a

tasting store and a place everyone can feel comfortable was received so well by the community. The move to 61 Lafayette Rd in 2011 enhanced the ability for the shop to be more accessible to the public.

Before moving to Long Island, Nancy resided in Hingham, MA where she was an accomplished hair stylist and salon owner and continued in that venue on Long Island owning and operating several salons employing a large staff of stylists. She was also a talented painting artist.

She leaves her husband Joseph and was predeceased in 2003 by her son Richard Briggs.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of traditional remembrances donations may be made to Boys Town (<https://www.boystown.org/Pages/how-you-help.aspx>), 14100 Crawford Street, Boys Town, NE 68010, or St. Joseph School for Indians (<https://www.stjo.org/>), PO Box 326, Chamberlain, SD 57326.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy E. Briggs*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I feel terrible not knowing of her passing until yesterday. I think I was just at C'est cheese in March and asked Joe how she was.*

I didn't know her beyond shopping in C'est Cheese. We've chatted about her wedding and my wedding when I picked up cheese to share with my small group. I still owed her photos of my mountain top wedding.

I basically had a monthly relationship with her picking up her favorite Gouda cheese which happened to be my husband and I's favorite too. And of course she provided the best grated pepperoncini romano and parm cheese... we refer to it as "crack cheese," respectfully.

Thank you for being a wonderful small business owner in North Hampton. Thank you for providing me with cheese pre pandemic and through the pandemic.

Melissa Kosterman - May 05, 2022 at 09:54 AM

CC

“ I met Nancy when she lived in Hingham, MA, over 40 years ago. She became my very good friend as well as hair stylist. She stood up for me when I married my husband, Michael and Michael and I stood for Nancy and Joe at their marriage. We all had many good times together in Hingham, Long Island and New Hampshire. Nancy was one of the most talented people I have ever known and she was successful at whatever she attempted. I am fortunate to have been her friend and I will miss her. My sincere and heartfelt condolences and sympathy go out to Joe.

Carmen Cardoza - March 07, 2022 at 08:38 AM

JG

“ I feel so fortunate to have shared a lifetime of precious moments with you. So creative, caring, considerate, you made our world much happier. Now you are an angel beyond the stars shining in the glory of God. I miss you more than I could ever imagine. You are a fond memory that will last forever in our hearts.

Love You-Joe

Joe Guilmette - March 06, 2022 at 08:19 AM

KB

Joe, I am Karen, sister of Lena and Benjamin Brandwijk. Our deepest condolences. I know the love she gave to my sister and brother (both in heaven). I am sure they received her with all the love she deserves in the presence of God. I have the privilege to meet her and I am having her in my prays.

Karen Brandwijk - May 19, 2022 at 09:12 PM

PA

“ Nancy and I were friends for 75 years, living next door to each other. Nancy has always been elegant and classy, down-to-earth, hardworking, kind, and generous. We used to borrow each other's clothes when young, and even then Nancy had a flair for styling hair beautifully. So many happy memories, but now no one to laugh and share them with,

Pat Lanyi

par - March 02, 2022 at 06:06 PM

PL

I met Nancy working with her at a hair salon in Exeter NH. She was young at heart knowledgeable, kind hearted, liked everyone & so talented. I have known her & Joe many years. Brought family to her cheese store. Nancy was a pure joy! Always a smile & a laugh was Nancy. I will greatly miss her! My heart goes out to you Joe.

Patti Lacivita

patti lacivita - March 12, 2022 at 08:28 PM

MS

“ I am heartbroken. I just saw Nancy at Christmas, when I was in New Hampshire. She was having problems with her legs at that time, but was doing better just a few weeks ago. We were very close friends. Some of my most loved times was working at Cest cheese. We had great times together We had plans for me to come back this summer, so we could work together again!
I will miss you, dearest Nancy. Thank you for your friendship. ❤️.

Mary Spring - February 28, 2022 at 01:23 AM

JC

“ A gifted, talented, artist. A caring cousin and very loved.
She will be missed. Jeanne Carney

Jeanne Carney - February 26, 2022 at 04:09 PM

CF

“ *Celine Frechette lit a candle in memory of
Nancy E. Briggs*



Celine Frechette - February 26, 2022 at 02:36 PM