



Nancy Margaret Waddell

September 2, 1947 - December 30, 2018

We would love for you to join us this Sunday, the 6th of January from 2:00 – 5:00pm at The Ashworth by the Sea, 295 Ocean Blvd, Hampton, NH. Please rsvp to Chris Waddell chrisjwaddell@aol.com.

Hampton - Nancy Margaret Waddell, born September 2, 1947 in Quincy, Mass died December 30, 2018 surrounded by her loving family following complications from a heart attack. She taught a ski lesson at Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports that morning even falling on purpose to make the young boy feel better about himself and probably starting the day with a chocolate chip cookie.

She graduated from Silver Lake High School in Pembroke, MA then moved to Merrimack College, where she met, married and started a family with Jim Waddell. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary March 15, 2018. They taught and dorm parented at Hampshire Country School, served as foster parents for Downeyside, camp counselors at Woodcraft Camps, taught skiing at Mt Tom and Berkshire East. She taught school in Granby, MA before becoming a social worker for West Mass Elder Care.

After retirement, she worked at the Children's Center on the Phillips Exeter campus telling the toddlers that she was "Fancy Nancy" and laughing when

they told her she wasn't fancy. She and Jim taught adaptive skiing at Waterville Valley, she chaired the Christmas Parade in Hampton for three years and even made an award winning apple pie. While she definitely left too soon for all who loved her, she went on her terms, attending all the games of her children and grandchildren, making chocolate chip cookies and going 100 mph in life until she stopped.

She is survived by her husband Jim, sons Chris and Matt, grandchildren, Mills, Hayes and Ella and daughters-in-law Jean and Jen.

A Celebration of her life will be held from 2-5 pm Sunday January 6th at the Ashworth by the Sea 295 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, NH. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports (<https://www.firstgiving.com/Npo/398807/Donation?designId=107324>) or to One Revolution (<https://one-revolution.org/support-us/donate>) her son's non-profit.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Ashworth by the Sea
295 Ocean Blvd.
Hampton Beach, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Margaret Waddell*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Your classmates in the Class of 65 at Silver Lake Regional High School will miss you until we meet again.*
-Linda Porazzo

Meg Steere - January 08, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *There are people in this world that I respect greatly because of their approach to life and positive attitude. Nancy was one of them. She always had that extra sparkle in her eye. My children were lucky to have her as a teacher for so many years and I wish we could have spent more time with her! I expected to see her until at least age 100 or more... She will be missed.*
-Elisabeth Matson

Meg Steere - January 07, 2019 at 07:02 AM



“ *I was deeply sadden when I heard about Nancy. What a sweet lady. I remember her as a child on the ski slopes as an involved parent who helped everyone. I am so happy that my family reconnected with her. We were always excited to see Nancy when we saw Chris. Nancy is one of the most positive people I know. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you*
Roni Sue, Brian, Matthew and Halia Bower

Meg Steere - January 07, 2019 at 07:02 AM

MS

“ Nancy gave us a beautiful example of a life well-lived. She was full of positive energy and always ready for the next adventure. I am sorry I couldn't be there today, but my thoughts are with everyone as you celebrate Nancy's life.

I wanted to share a poem I wrote many years ago when my grandpa left this world and headed out on, what I have always considered to be, the next big adventure. We will miss you Aunt Nancy!

The Adventure:

You are going to a different place, a place that no one knows.

You don't need to pack a toothbrush, you don't even need your clothes!

No, you won't need your body - nor will you need your mind

With all their aches and worries you can leave them far behind.

For in the place you're headed everything is bright and new -

But in some mysterious fashion it is dark and ancient too.

You'll find promises of future and memories of past

And you are part of all of it - you realize at last:

YOU ARE the breath inside the wind, a twinkle in the sky,

The murmur of a quiet brook, a newborn baby's cry,

The beauty of a flower, the radiance of the sun -

And you joyfully experience the universe as ONE.

-Amanda Broz

Meg Steere - January 07, 2019 at 07:01 AM

MS

“ Dear Waddell family,
It has been a sincere pleasure to reconnect with the Waddells these past few years, largely thanks to our common fondness for ski racing, Berkshire East and mutual friends. We will miss seeing Mrs. Waddell (Nancy) on the hill as we had dating back 40 years and most recently these past few at Berkshire East Ski races. She always brought an additional level of warmth and enthusiasm to our days! We send our condolences to the family. Nancy will be missed by us all.

Warm regards,
Carolyn, Bob, Nate and Will Hazen

Meg Steere - January 06, 2019 at 07:38 AM

MS

“ I'm very sorry to hear about Nancy. My condolences go out to the entire extended family.

-Ellen Hayes

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 07:00 PM

MS

“ Nancy will truly be missed...so so many lives she has touched! Nancy was so sweet and kind to all of my children. And what a pleasure it was to run into Nancy in the dining hall, to hear about her wonderful ski weekends, the adventures of her amazing sons. Such an accomplished, humble woman...Fancy Nancy we will miss you!!

-Rebecca Fisher

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM

MS

“ Will definitely miss this rare gem. I only knew her for about 4yrs but fell in love with her positive, kind, patient attitude towards life. She loved her family, friends, HFCC children and just her job/ life in general. Her beautiful smile would light up the room when she would walk in. She was loved and looked up to by many.
Miss you already
-Theresa Hall

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM

MS

“ Nancy, my heart is broken not to see your smiling face and vibrant energy, (even on your bad back days) in the adaptive office. We first met on the hill gate keeping at our boys races and it just kept going for so many years with the adaptive connection. I was SO SO excited when you finally settled in at our program at Waterville Valley. We are all the luckiest to have had that time, energy, and laughter in our lives. Your memory will carry on with Jim, Chris and Matt.
-Kathy Chandler

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:58 PM

MS

“ I let some time pass to try and process the fact that you are gone from this earth forever, far too soon for any of us who have grown so fond of you and all that you have embraced in life. You are the epitome of what is good. That model is the gift you leave behind, Nancy, and we all are eternally grateful to you for that. I know Jim and your family will carry on with your legacy.
-Joan Correll

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:58 PM

MS

“ Shocked & Saddened beyond words .. Very Blessed to share so many “chats” about our family & friends and occasionally our “bad back” war stories too .. Nancy, I don’t pretend to understand.. you shared a love for life and brought a personal “purpose “ & happiness to everyone and everything you engaged in . Losing you is Heartbreaking for Jim , your boys and family & friends. When I close my eyes and PRAY for you & Jim , If I can see you “CARTWHEELING “ across HEAVEN ,, then perhaps a peaceful smile will come knowing WE are ALL better from having known & loved you .
-Pamela Nyhan

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:57 PM

MS

“ Nancy had a profound impact on the lives of my children, Mabel and Gus. They spent their babyhood through kindergarten years at the Harris Center and spent countless hours under Nancy's loving and joyful care. Her smile and energy were infectious, as was her sense of discovery and adventure. My children so enjoyed their time with her, and I was so thankful to have her as one of their teachers over the years. We are deeply saddened by this sudden loss, and our hearts go out to the family. In my mind's eye, I will always see Nancy's amazing smile and remember the boundless energy she brought with her.
-Karen Ingraham

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:56 PM

MS

“ Start with a smile that lights up the room. Sprinkle in beauty, compassion, wit, wisdom and humor and if you're lucky you will get a "Fancy Nancy". The heavens have a new snow angel.
-Larry Gagnon

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:56 PM

MS

“ If your child or loved one ever had the opportunity to have a lesson with Nancy you were guaranteed that person came into the Adaptive Sports Office after their lesson with the biggest smile and would say what a wonderful lesson they had. Even if that person was nonverbal you could see it in their smile and in their eyes. There was no job too big for Nancy. Always there to help. In the Adaptive office, on the slopes and even in her personal life. Nancy was one person you could count on. But even though Nancy won't be physically present with us, Nancy will always be in our hearts and looking down on us from the heavens with that warming smile that only Nancy had.

We will miss you Nancy!

-Dean Haymes

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:55 PM

MS

“ I'm beyond saddened and devastated to lose one of the most amazing people, mentors and most of all an incredible friend. Nancy was everything to everyone that knew her. While we taught together for many, many years, Nancy was more than a co-worker and friend. Nancy was like family to me. We often laughed that she ran circles around all of us and all of the kids at school! She was one of the most genuine people in the world. When she spoke to you, she listened and you knew she cared. Nancy didn't just show me she cared about me, she showed me time and time again how much she cared about my family, my mom in particular. We bonded over a love of desserts. In our dream world, Nancy and I would start every day with an éclair from St. Anthony's bakery for breakfast. In fact, Anthony the owner knew us each by name and we were the "éclair girls". Every time Nancy saw me she greeted me the same way, "hey cutie" she would say. She knew I loved Snowy Owl and she loved sending me Snowy Owl videos. She sent me one just the other day. Nancy had recently said she wanted some of my photography cards for Christmas. When I delivered them to her Christmas Eve, I didn't know that would be our last hug. She was so thrilled to receive them and I will never forget that smile. She changed the lives of every single person she knew, always helping everyone. I will miss everything about her. I feel lucky and honored to have had such a special friend that makes saying goodbye so hard. The world needs more Nancy Waddells, she made it a better place. I will love you always Fancy Nancy. You were the absolute best of the best. My healing thoughts and prayers are being sent to her entire family, her friends and all the many, many lives that she touched

-Kerry Bradshaw

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:55 PM

MS

“ Nancy, I already miss your warm and friendly smile. I enjoyed our conversations and our laughter... and will miss having them in my life. May your wonderful memory and loving heart bring comfort to your family. You will be missed. Amy Hansen

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:54 PM

MS

“ In 1975 Beth Ounsworth moved to my street, Rural Lane, Philadelphia. She soon became my good friend as we shared the births of children, the day to day and also holiday times together. I soon met Beth's extended family including the Waddel's. Hard to believe these years have past as it seems like yesterday we enjoyed those good times together.
May the Love and Light of good times carry you all, especially Jim, Matt and Chris.
Rest in Peace Nancy.
-Kaye Baluarte

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:53 PM

MS

“ Hearts are broken today far and wide. To a wonderful person so warm, kind and a genuine soul. To Jim, Chris, Matt and family my thoughts and prayers are with you. This is the hardest walk on this earth, to navigate life with out Nancy. May you find strength with each other, and tell her stories repeat her name, she is forever in our heart. I am so sorry. Lesley Andrews-Leach

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:53 PM

MS

“ I met Nancy through Experience Hampton, working with a fine group of people who volunteer time to the Christmas Parade. Nancy chaired our meetings efficiently, professionally, and stuck to the agenda and time limitations without being pushy. She was an ideal facilitator as she encouraged contributions and validated all inputs, making us feel like the tiniest idea we would offer was important. She greeted us individually at the beginning of the meeting and thanked us personally at the culmination. And in a way that anyone who knows Nancy would appreciate, she made sure there were always refreshments, frequently her own home-baked goodies. The last time I saw Nancy was at the Christmas Parade and she was marching with Experience Hampton coming down the little hill from the intersection of High and Lafayette. She wore a beanie-type ski cap and her blonde curls were flowing as she jubilantly waved and acknowledged familiar faces in the crowd. I thought she looked like a high schooler and couldn't wait for our next meeting to tell her. I didn't get that chance. But I'm thankful that our lives intersected and I will have that vision of her practically skipping down the hill to remember her by. She was a lovely woman and I learned from her.
-Linda Desjardins

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:52 PM

MS

“ Warmth, vitality, grace, humility, and wisdom radiated from you, Nancy. Each time we crossed paths, I left our brief chats - which were often as simple as a quick hello and a smile - feeling as though I had been touched by an (ageless!) angel. Your abundantly clear devotion to family, kindness, and ability to authentically connect with such ease made even your acquaintances feel special and inspired. Sending love and support to your family through whom you'll continue to shine.
-Meghan Granger

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:51 PM

MS

“ Nancy , so many hearts are breaking today!...a very precious part of our everyday lives has been snatched away from us with your sudden departure. We all took so much joy in knowing you, working with you, and especially watching the magic of the Jim and Nancy team. Your life was full of love and energy and kindness and beauty —so you leave us that, and we’re all better for it. We will miss you!!
-Sherry Rand

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ Nancy had such an amazing way of connecting with kids, even those who didn't know her that well. The kids and I loved how, even when substuting for only a day, she would bring in some artifact of her travels and adventures and capture our attention with great and amazing stories. I was lucky enough to work closely with her, if only for a year, before she retired (and what a great bowling retirement party it was!), and even more lucky that I could still work with her as she subbed at the center. I will miss our talks, how well she listened, and her words of wisdom. She had so much to share. And I loved listening to her. She was so genuine to talk to. She always asked about my children and was quick to relate stories of her grandchildren who are about the same age. She loved her children and grandchildren fiercely and always had a twinkle in her eye and smile on her face when she talked about them. My condolences to all of you. I miss her. She forever has a place in my heart.
-Linda Felch

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ Nancy, you were one of the most generous people I have ever met. Your whole life was about doing things for others. We were all blessed to have known you. Prayers to the Waddell family.
-Faith Berardi

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ The unconditional love I feel for this amazing woman is undying. Her guidance, laughter, and cart-wheels will always be a close memory. I feel truly blessed that I became so close with Nancy over the last 10 years. She will always hold a truly special place in my heart. I love you Nancy. My Love and prayers are being sent to the Waddell Family.
-Diane Wojtkowski

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:49 PM

MS

“ Rest in Peace, Nancy! I know you touched the lives of so many people. They will all miss you! I will certainly miss you, my cousin and my FRIEND.
-Carol Zaske

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:48 PM

MS

“ You will be greatly missed. You were a great wife, mother, daughter in law (Rita's favorite) and sister in law. Always a support when it was needed. May you watch over everyone now that you have your wings.
-Beth White

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:48 PM

MS

“ Nancy, you meant the world to us. We will miss you tremendously, every day, with all of our hearts. - Meg and Sam Steere

Meg Steere - January 03, 2019 at 06:48 PM

TL

“ Jim, Matt & Jennifer, we are so very sorry for your loss. Nancy was always so cheerful and smiling. We will miss sitting with her on the sidelines of the games. Our hearts go out to you all. With Love, Tara & Brian Leno

Tara Leno - January 03, 2019 at 11:33 AM

NA

“ Jim our prayers for you and family are with you at this time. Nancy was one of the most upbeat giving people i've met Her warm friendly smile will be missed by so many. Words can't express her wonderful life - so thankful she entered our lives

Nancy - January 02, 2019 at 02:35 PM

DM

“ Jim and family. My thoughts and prayers for comfort and healing are with you as you begin this new chapter. Peace and courage through the struggle.

David Monroe - BHS

David Monroe - January 02, 2019 at 08:25 AM

LC

“ Nancy I will always remember your beautiful and positive spirit -- your love of chocolate desserts, skiing, sailing, traveling and most of all spending time with your wonderful family. I will miss our Sunday night chats where we shared news on our children and grandkids. Most of all I will miss you sweet lady and offer my sincere condolences to your family.

Linda Crespi - January 01, 2019 at 06:30 PM

SL

“ Thank you Nancy for the generous love and support you gave to me and my babies (LeeLou and Russell). Your encouragement, gentle mentoring, and light was a gift.

Shane LaPointe - January 01, 2019 at 01:05 PM

JW

“ I can picture Nancy at the Ocean Crest pool playing and giving swimming guidance to her grandchildren. She was so energetic and fun loving. We will miss her. Joan and Kurt Whalen

Joan Whalen - December 31, 2018 at 07:57 PM

JH

We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Nancy's passing. She was a kind, thoughtful, positive and joyful person. We have great memories of all of you during our ski racing days together at Mt. Tom and Berkshire East. She will be missed. We send our sympathy and love.

Jean and Bob Hazen, So Hadley, MA

Jean Hazen - January 02, 2019 at 04:50 PM

JK

As a ski instructor, Nancy's impact on her students was nothing short of magical. I witnessed their joyous transformations first hand. She will be missed by so many people whose lives she has touched.

Jim Koch

Jim Koch - January 08, 2019 at 10:41 PM