

# Nancy Roberts

October 26, 1935—October 29, 2017

Nancy R. Roberts, 82, of Clinton passed away, Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center, Clinton.

Nancy Ruth Opheim was born October 26, 1935 in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Bernard H. and Edith M. (Bienlien) Opheim. She was a 1953 graduate of Clinton High School. She married Richard Roberts from Des Moines, Iowa on November 7, 1959 in Clinton.

Nancy was a homemaker but also worked for McGladrey, Hansen, Dunn and Co. during tax season. She was a member of Prince of Peace

Parish and of Pax Christi. She served on the committee which formulated the design of Prince of Peace Church and was a team leader at Teens Encounter Christ. She joined Christian Family Movement in the 1960's and became a group leader. She was very active in the Cursillo movement in the mid 1960's. She and her husband, Dick, cofounded the Freedom Singers youth group with Lee and Barb Bianchi and Father Steve Eble. She was involved with Marriage Encounter in the mid 1970's and served on the Diocese of Davenport Marriage Encounter board. Nancy and Dick served as president couple of the Davenport board from the mid to late 1980's. She was a member of the Democratic Party, serving as a delegate to many county conventions and the district and state convention in 2008.

Nancy was a Brownie assistant leader, a Girl Scout leader, and a Cub Scout den mother. She dearly loved her children, their spouses and grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time traveling with her husband. They traveled to many places abroad and to all but one of the fifty states. Nancy had an emotional experience while walking on the land that had been in the family of her Norwegian ancestors since before 1450.

She loved dancing with her husband and was a very talented water-skier; spending many hours on the Mississippi River.

Nancy is survived by her husband Richard of Clinton; four children: Michelle (Wesley) Letcher of Fulton, Karen (Mike) Metheny of Lexington, Kentucky, Patrick (Sue) Roberts of West Des Moines, and Susan Roberts of New York City, New York; seven grandchildren: Nathan Letcher, JulieAnne and Zachary Metheny, Joanna, Christian Ryan and Isabel Roberts; and one sister-in-law: Barb Opheim of Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister.

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Nancy and Dick Roberts have been Sojourners with the Sisters of St. Francis since 2014, making their covenant on July 25.



Sister Teresa Kunkel with Sojourner Nancy Roberts on July 25, 2014.



Sojourner Dick Roberts with Sister Joan Theiss on July 25, 2014.