



## Nancy Hoffman

January 8, 1941 - October 10, 2024

Nancy K. Hoffman, 83, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, October 10, 2024.

Nancy was born January 8, 1941, in Topeka, to David and Julia Cunningham Kistler. She graduated from Topeka High School and Washburn University with a Bachelors Degree in History and Political Science. While still in school, she traveled around the world on The Queen Mary.

On April 27, 1963, Nancy married Don Hoffman and enjoyed more than 59 years together traveling extensively until he preceded her in death on January 6, 2023. Nancy had multiple long careers throughout her life, working at the Kansas Museum of History, as the activities director for Brewster Place, and also as a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital. She was very well travelled. Ski trips with the family, seeing the Pope in Washington D.C., and just about anywhere else a plane or train could take her. She also loved cooking and canning. She and Don were big fans of the Kansas Jayhawks and Washburn Ichabods, going to many home basketball and football games as well as travelling for final fours and bowl games. Nancy was a longtime member of Mater Dei Holy Name Church, Alpha Phi Sorority, and her much loved painting group.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Adam Hoffman (Wendy), and

Brooke Longstaff (Chad); grandchildren, Benjamin, Amanda, Amber, Cole, Morgan, Sheay, Keely, Jakiya, and Peyton; great-grandchildren, Reece, Everli, Elinor, Taya and Quincy; and many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don; her son by love, Troy Broxterman; and her sister, Kathryn Green.

Family will greet friends from 4:30 until 6 p.m. where a Celebration of Life will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, Kansas, 66614.

Nancy's Celebration of Life will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>

Nancy's family thanks the staff at Lexington Park and Ascend Hospice for the wonderful care they gave her.

For memorial contributions, please make all checks payable to Washburn University Foundation and indicate in the memo line Study Abroad.

Condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Celebration of Life

OCT **16**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Hoffman*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - October 15, 2024 at 03:50 PM

CW

“ *Dear friends, Adam & Brooke.*

*Thought I'm unable to join you and others tonight for the celebration please accept my heart felt sympathy for your kind Mothers passing. Nancy was one in a million & I will always miss her smile.*  
*Care Wallingford*

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**Carolyn Wallingford** - October 16, 2024 at 09:19 AM

“ Nancy's Family and Friends,

*Nancy was my oldest friend and is will miss her terribly. We met in the first grade when I moved to Topeka and became friends. I have many wonderful memories of Nancy through the years. Seventy-seven to be exact. We would walk to each others houses as children. It was actually some distance but those were different times. I remember many good times and some sad ones too. I remember when Nancy's mom died and she was so brave.*

*We stayed close through Randolph Grade School, Boswell Jr. High, and early Topeka High School. Then I went away to school and we sort of drifted apart. Nancy and Don stayed in Topeka and Jack (Taylor) and I moved to California. We reconnected again in Topeka when we came for a high school reunion and it was just like we had taken a break. That's often how the long friendships are. Many of my memories with Nancy include our mutual life long friend, Sandy Zeller Quick.*

*Some of my favorite memories of Nancy are:*

*The famous Elvis caper which everyone has heard about.*

*The trip that Nancy's dad, D.W., took us on to see the Indianapolis 500.*

*Watching close up to see Nancy and Don fall in love. I was in the back of Don's convertible for one of their first dates. I don't remember who I was with.*

*We took and break, and then we became close again and the memories continue.*

*All of the THS reunions.*

*The Alaska cruise*

*The Caribbean cruise*

*The Colorado trip*

*The trip to Phoenix for a KU game. Fun time with Connie Stockart Goldwater and Mike.*

*The trip to Monterey for the Classic Car race.  
Many visits back and forth between Topeka and California, often to see KU basketball games, often just to get together. They always took the train because Don loved trains and Nancy loved Don.  
Later trips to Bethesda, MD (suburb of Washington DC) where we have a second home.  
Nancy bringing Keeley (granddaughter) and Wendy (daughter-in-law) to stay with us when they came to see the Pope.  
The sad trip to visit Sandy Quick in the Phoenix area when she was dying of cancer. Lots of tears. Connie and Mike hosted us.  
The last visit to see Nancy in the spring. She was so well taken care of by Brooke and Adam.*

*This is too long and too much about me. We all know that Nancy fiercely loved her family and her life and friends in Topeka. This is about an old and dear friendship, the good and the sad times, and everything in between. I miss you already Nancy. God Speed.*

*Priscilla Rogers Taylor*

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**Priscilla Taylor** - October 14, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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“ *The Welsh Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Hoffman.*



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**The Welsh Family** - October 13, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Hoffman.



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October 13, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ Adam, Brooke and all your family...We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to all of you. It is hard to find the words to comfort you in such a loss. Our families did so much together growing up you are like brother & sister to us. We have so many wonderful memories of trips we took. All the fun we planned & had together span decades. I especially will miss her at the holiday baking cookies. She always had the best recipes!! I will miss her having a glass of wine with mom & I and all of our fun conversations. She will be so misses but forever loved!!!

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**The Brown Family** - October 13, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ Brooke, Chad and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Bobby Freeman** - October 13, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DW

“ Adam, Wendy, Brooke:  
*It takes a special person to corral a herd of delinquent Class of 1983 Hayden kids on a ski trip to Vail, and your mom was certainly that special kind of person.  
I will be forever grateful for her kindness and her understanding on that excursion, and on many other occasions to the Hoffman house on Buchanan street as well as at the cabin outside of Silver Lake. Nancy may be gone...the memories will last forever. Thank you so much, Nancy.*

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**David Welsh** - October 12, 2024 at 03:19 PM

CA

“ Adam and Wendy,  
*So very sorry for your loss. Sending sympathy and prayers and the hope that you find comfort in shared memories and the love of family and friends surrounding you now.  
Deepest sympathy,  
Cathy and Brad Wood*

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**Cathy** - October 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

MO

“ Brooke and Adam, *We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was the best neighbor when we lived on Buchanan. Our kids remember your family very fondly. I think you guys might be the reason they have always been Jayhawk fans. Our thoughts and prayers are with you over the coming days. Mike and Leah Oswald*

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**Mike and Leah Oswald** - October 12, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Hoffman.*



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October 12, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Midwest Coating planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Hoffman.*

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**Midwest Coating** - October 12, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Adam & Brooke, so sorry for your loss, I loved your mom & dad. Sending prayers & love.  
Pam Cain Beckom*

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**Pam Cain Beckom** - October 11, 2024 at 09:27 PM



*Brooke and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. May your wonderful memories comfort you and give you peace. Colleen Dickes*

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**Colleen Dickes** - October 19, 2024 at 04:04 PM