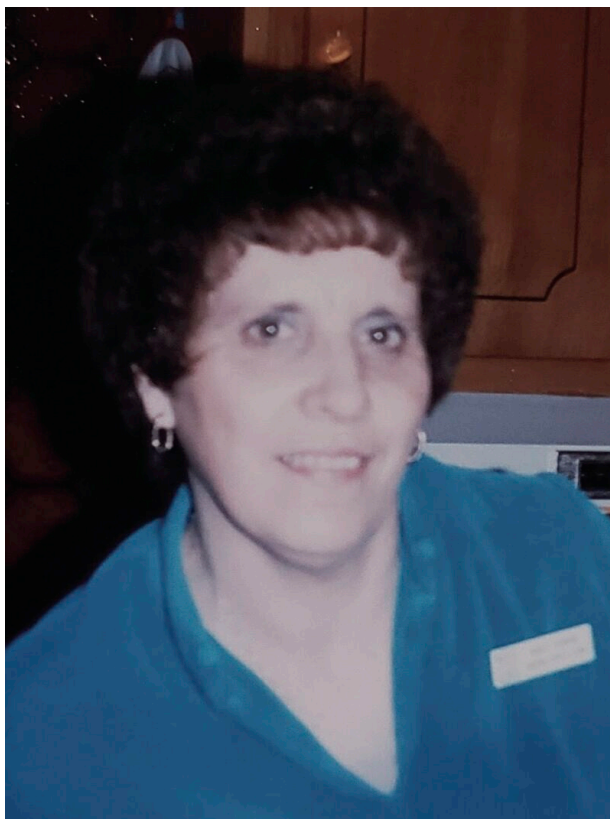


Nancy Lee Martin

June 24, 2021



Nancy Lee Martin, 83, passed away and went to meet the Lord, with family by her side, on May 29th, 2021 at the Hospice House in Bend, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Harold (“Happy”) and Verna Martin; her brother Larry (“Boonie”) Martin, and granddaughter Marlys Scott. She leaves behind her longtime partner David Haight; Six children, Marla Mattz of Bend, Oregon; Jim and daughter-in-law Deb Burril of John Day, Oregon; Jeff Downing of Canyon City, Oregon; Patti and son-in-law Mike Luttrell of Smith River, California; Julie and son-in-law Vic Solus of Gasquet, California; Judy and son-in-law Will George of Smith River, California. Grandchildren Trinity and wife Jamie, Nicole, Kayla, Destiny, Devin and wife Kayln, Jordan, Jacob, Andrea, Ashley, Martin and wife Crystal, Natasha, Alicia and husband Scott, and Paul; Great grandchildren Takoda, Jadah, Paris, Trinity, Estella, Bladen, Kydalin, Briar, Caleb, Hannah, Addison and Mason; Great, great, grandchildren Tavian and Maggie.

Nancy was born in Prairie City, Oregon and raised in Dayville, Oregon. She loved spending time with her dad on the ranch and riding horses beside him to gather cattle in the Fall. Time spent with her brother was precious and she loved him dearly. Volleyball was her favorite sport and a cherished memory of hers was

sliding down the huge hill in Dayville after it snowed. She became best friends with Edie Gooding and they continued their friendship her entire life. In 1954 Nancy married Dean Downing and they started a family in John Day, Oregon. In the early 60's they relocated to Smith River, California and eventually moved to Nomad Trailer Park. There she met Wilma Branton and her four children, becoming lifelong friends after raising their children. Being a mom was her greatest blessing and being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her the greatest joy. She worked as a cashier at Dunroven Market and later worked at Seaside Hospital in Housekeeping; a job she really enjoyed, as well as the friends she made there. She married Jack Ulrich in 1987 and loved life on the ranch with him, and the numerous family gatherings they shared. Later in her life she met David Haight and they moved to Prineville, Oregon, where they enjoyed sharing a life together, along with her beloved dog TC and Teddy. In 2018 they moved to Canyon City, Oregon, where she spent her remaining days. She loved the smell of the junipers at home, while at times missed the coast with the ocean and the Smith River.

Nancy loved listening to Country and Gospel music, with two of her favorite songs being "On Top of Old Smokey" and "The Wild Side of Life." She enjoyed dancing, fishing, playing all kinds of games, with Hopscotch and Redrover being her childhood favorites. She will be remembered for playing Yahtzee for hours on end with family and friends. She loved going to the movies too. Daily she spent time reading her Bible and loved going to church where she reveled in singing the Gospel. Nancy had a wonderful sense of humor and we will miss her laughter, hugs and love. Our family reunions will never be the same without our beloved mom, Granny and GG.

The family will have private services at the Canyon City Cemetery on July 10th at 2:00 pm. Memorials can be made to Partners In Care (Hospice House) 2075 NE Wyatt Court, Bend, Oregon 97701. In memory of Nancy Lee Martin. If so desired, flowers may be sent thru John Day Florist in John Day, Oregon.