



Nancy Rae Scanland

November 11, 1940 - June 14, 2021

IN THE BEGINNING ...Nancy Rae Purvis Scanland was born to Tom and Viola Purvis on November 11, 1940, in Mattoon, Illinois, where she received her first ten years of education. Her family moved to Bradenton, Florida, where she graduated from Manatee County High School in 1958.

Nancy was selected Miss Florida in 1959 and represented her State in the 1960 Miss America Beauty Pageant.

She attended Florida State University and graduated from Katharine Gibbs School, NYC and was employed at NBC in Rockefeller Center, NYC.

The next stop was Orlando where she was employed by Florida Gas Company as an executive assistant to the President. When he was recruited by Transco Energy Company in Houston, Texas, she went with him and continued as his executive assistant. In Houston she met the man of her dreams and love of her life, Vaughn Scanland. They remained dedicated to each other for the rest of their lives.

She and Vaughn spent many years racing their sailboats. She discovered her artistic talent and became a watercolor artist, exhibiting her work nationwide and served on the Board of Directors of The Watercolor Art Society of Houston. She was an avid animal lover and over the course of her lifetime, she cared for and loved innumerable dogs. That was a large part of who Nancy was.

She was predeceased by her husband, Marshall Vaughn Scanland, her

parents, and her brother, John Charles Purvis. She is survived by two cousins, Stephen and James Sestina; Chuck and Cindy Scanland, Cindi and Burt Vimont, grandsons, Burton, Foster, and Logan Vimont, and Matthew and Eric Scanland; granddaughters, Hannah, Savanna, and Makayla Vimont; great grandsons, Judah, Ezra, Reuben, Cyrus, and Jack Vimont, and Bricen and Kayson Scanland; great granddaughters, Emily and Chloe Scanland and Sloane, Emilia, and Nora Vimont.

If you care to donate to a worthy cause in honor of Nancy, please consider SPCA of Montgomery County, 206 A South Loop 336 W., #332, Conroe, Texas, 77304 (Phone: 281-703-2541). Please help the animals to which she was so dedicated. To leave condolences for the family, you may visit www.shmfh.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Rae Scanland*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Les and I were so sorry to read about Nancy’s passing in the Sunday Houston Chronicle on June 20, 2021. Losing both Nancy and Vaughn in the span of a year’s time must be exceedingly difficult for your family. Both Nancy and Vaughn were such wonderfully accomplished individuals. We met the Scanlands through a shared interest in painting and art. Nancy was a creative painter who brought whimsy, color, and fun to her watercolor originals. She not only enjoyed painting and exhibiting, but she was a huge supporter of the Watercolor Arts Society- Houston. We enjoyed showing with Nancy at a number of art shows and especially the Rockport 4th of July Show. Vaughn was always supportive of Nancy’s endeavors. Through our friendship we were fortunate to spend many happy times with Nancy and Vaughn at their log cabin in the piney woods just outside of Woodville. Their cabin was aptly titled “The Bitter End.”*

The entire Scanland family is in our thoughts as we remember this couple that were so devoted to one another. Hopefully, the happy memories that you share will soothe the grief that you must feel with your loss.

Les and Dianne McDonald



Dianne McDonald - June 23, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ Nancy and I have been friends since the 1970's in Orlando. While we hadn't seen each other in years, our friendship never wavered and we kept in touch via phone and text. No matter how long it had been since we communicated, our next conversation was as if we had just spoken the day before. It is rare that you find that connectivity with someone and even rarer that it lasts 40+ years. I will miss hearing her voice and her laugh. Nancy was truly a special friend. May her memory be a blessing.

*Fran Martin
Orlando, Florida*

Fran Martin - June 22, 2021 at 02:55 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to family and friends of our Manatee County High School Class of 1958 Alumna

*Manatee High School Alumni Association
Bradenton, Florida*

Manatee High Alumni Association - June 22, 2021 at 06:19 AM