

Nancy Jean Zander

January 13, 1960 ~ January 4, 2021

Nancy Jean Zander, 60, returned to her heavenly father on January 4th, 2021 after a courageous, 2 ½ year battle with multiple myeloma. Our beloved warrior was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 13th, 1960.

She graduated from Bingham High School in 1978 and went on to marry her high school sweetheart, Jeff Zander, in 1981. Together they had three daughters, Brandy, Amy, and Chantel. Nancy was a loving, nurturing person who could make friends with anyone. She had a passion for children which she was fortunate enough to turn into a 20+ year career. Her magic touch and knowledge of infants earned her the nickname “baby whisperer” as parents were always astonished by her ability to know exactly what her babies needed. Nancy had many church callings where she excelled, and she especially loved her time spent at the care center. She was very selfless, always put others’ needs before her own, and had a talent where she could make anyone feel special, even on the darkest of days. Family was of the utmost importance to her and she looked forward to family trips and making memories with her grandchildren. She also had a deep love for gardening and was quite the green thumb. In recent years, she really looked forward to girl’s nights at Hale Centre Theatre with two of her closest friends. Nancy was a special soul and she will be greatly missed by all that were fortunate enough to know her.

Nancy was preceded in death by her father Richard (Dick) Neilson and sister Carrie Neilson. She is survived by her mother, Marlene Robinson; husband, Jeff Zander; children, Brandy Zander, Amy Miller (Zack), and Chantel Goodell (Adam); five beautiful grandchildren, Isaac Steck, Jett Miller, Emma Miller, Bronson Miller, and Xander Goodell; and siblings, Susan Newbold (Gary), Steven Neilson, Julie Hessheimer (Randy), and Rick Neilson (Lisa).

A visitation/viewing will be held on Monday, January 11th, 2021 from 7-9 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens on 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, Utah. A funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at the Heritage 12th Ward Chapel, 7336 South 3200 West, West Jordan, Utah. Interment will take place at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery following services on Tuesday.

Please wear bright colors in honor of Nancy. Masks will be required at all events held in Nancy’s honor and memory.

You may view Nancy's funeral service recording by clicking the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5B5cb72kB_mLcmEKgaZyZJLCygAHIxpJ40ELdUafvoM6k1bIU7UKWw214bklefSx.op

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Red Cross to help out other warriors like Nancy.
https://www.redcrossblood.org/