



Nancy Barbara Larson

August 11, 1948 - August 16, 2025

Nancy Barbara Swartslander Larson (77) came into the world on August 11th, 1948 to two wonderful people Clarence (Spike) and Helen Swartslander. She left this world on August 16th, 2025 surrounded by loved ones.

Nancy was born and raised in Des Moines Iowa. She was a proud eastsider; that is where she totally felt at home. She graduated from Tech High School in 1966. Nancy was unique and fiesty and a handful all at the same time. She was always with her children going to the beach, park, barbeque and the drive-in movies. Whereever we were, we were always together. Most of the time there were more than just her kids. Our friends and their friends would be with us too. She was everyone's Mom.

She was onery, loving, affectionate and quite the jokester. She loved to paint ceramics, bake novelty cakes and her famous peanut butter cookies, scratch lottery tickets while watching Turner Classic movies and Little House on the Prairie. She loved to play in the dirt and plant flowers. She always wanted family to be together and she always looked forward to family gatherings. Words can't express how much she will be missed.

She is survived by her fabulous brother Donnie and her awesome kids: Nicholle, Jon, Shana (Paul), and Tanya (Mike). Seven grandchildren: Kelsea, Brianne, Dylan, Danny, Justice, Jayden and Olivia. Great grandchildren:

Hayleigh, Caydence, Leddy, and one month old Bodhi, a few cousins, a whole lot of friends and her furbaby Chip. She is proceeded in death by her parents son in law Doug and her furbaby Stewie.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, September 19, 2025 from 5pm - 9pm. It will be held at the community room at Stone Crest Apartments, 3330 E 25th St Des Moines, Iowa 50317. Park at the Church West of Stone Crest and the community room is in the back of the building. There will be signs.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

SEP **19.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Stone Crest Apartments
3330 E. 25th Street
Des Moines, IA 50317

Tribute Wall



“ Nancy has been part of our family ever since our kids were little, we lived in the same neighborhood and our kids were together all the time, Jon and my son Howie were like brothers and still are today! Nancy was one of a kind both loving and ornery at the same time, it didn't matter where we were if we ran into her she would always have to tell us a joke. She loved her family very much and I'm sure she will be missed very much both by family and friends! RIP Nancy!

Carolyn Ross - August 20, 2025 at 03:11 PM

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She certainly was mom to a lot of extra people! I wish we had had a chance to see her once again, I will always have such fond memories of Nancy, back in the day when our kids were littles before we moved to Nebraska. Sending peace and love to you Nikki, your siblings, children and grandbabies. I hope your memories bring you comfort.

Glenda Wood - September 18, 2025 at 08:40 PM