

Nancy Schmidt

Gillespie | Monday, April 17 2023

Nancy Faye Schmidt, 81, of Gillespie, IL, died at Barnes Jewish Hospital on Monday, April 17, 2023. She was born April 11, 1942 in Alton, IL to Edwin Langendorf and Wilma (Henke) Langendorf of Midway. She grew up in Midway with her parents and sister, JoAnn (Langendorf) Matevey. She went to Yorkville Elementary School and graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1960. She met her husband, Weye Harold Schmidt, of Gillespie, IL at a dance in Bunker Hill in March 1959, and they were later married on December 22, 1961. She moved with Weye to Gillespie where they built their home and raised their two children, Weye Dean Schmidt of Gillespie, IL and Lori Jean (Schmidt) Hamilton of Edwardsville, IL. Nancy was a dedicated wife, mother, homemaker, and farmer, helping Weye tend the Schmidt family farm for 44 years until his retirement in 2005. She was a woman of steadfast faith and an active member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gillespie, where she also worked as the church secretary from 1977 to 2004. She effortlessly balanced each of these roles with being “G” and “GG” to her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved to spoil with home-cooked meals, her famous cookies, and endless love and attention. She never missed the chance to cheer on her grandchildren in their endeavors, whether in the grandstands or next to her radio listening to WSMI coverage at home. She also loved gardening and prided herself on having beautiful flowers and perfectly maintained landscaping year-round. She enjoyed going on evening bike rides, watching Cardinals baseball games, and traveling with her husband. Together, they made countless memories on vacations. Nancy was a friend to all she met and always willing to lend a listening and empathic ear. She was a trusted advisor to her children and grandchildren and was selfless in her efforts to care and provide for her family. She enriched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her beloved husband, Weye, her



sister JoAnn (Jim) Matevey, her son Weye D. (Nancy) Schmidt, her daughter Lori J. Hamilton, her grandchildren Adam W. (Mackenzie) Schmidt, Erika M. Schmidt, Amanda L. Schmidt, Emily G. Schmidt, Jessica M. Hamilton, and Mitchell J. Hamilton, her great-grandchildren Weston W., Addalyn J., and Hattie F. Schmidt, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gillespie with a funeral service immediately to follow. She will be buried in Gillespie City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Partnership for Educational Excellence.