



Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and force of nature, Nancy Fadynich, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15 in her home in Pines Lake, Wayne, NJ, after her second battle with cancer. She spent her final days according to her own wishes, at home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Nancy was born in 1935 to parents George Scott and Marguerite (Sharpe) Scott. She had just turned 88 years old on October 29, 2023, matching her late, beloved, and well-tolerated husband, Alex Fadynich, who passed away in January earlier the same year.

She was a born-and-raised proud New Jerseyan who graduated from Hasbrouck Heights High School. It was here that, on a whim, she had invited a boy from Lyndhurst whom she would later marry, Alex Fadynich, to her Senior Prom.

Nancy and Alex built their home together in Pines Lake in 1959, setting down roots in the community that they loved dearly and that would become the home of their children and grandchildren.

Nancy passionately and actively dedicated herself to her family, her friends, and her community. She was a founder and first Treasurer of the Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum non-profit organization which maintains and preserves the botanical garden gifted to our community by her late friend, Dorothy Knippenberg. FOLA achieved non-profit status as a direct result of Nancy's efforts and determination. She did not just do the paperwork, though, but took every chance to roll up her sleeves and get her hands dirty working in the gardens.

She volunteered as a "Pink Lady" at local hospitals, helping staff to care for patients and spending time with the unwell to bring them comfort and company in their stay.

She was honored with a Lifetime Membership by her friends in the Pines Lake Garden Club with whom she beautified our community since 1976, serving on the Committee for Woodland Gardens at Pines Lake School for 39 years and maintaining the gardens there long after her children and grandchildren had graduated.

Nancy loved the beauty and peace of the outdoors, whether it was in the gardens she skillfully cultivated, in the untamed wilds of the Adirondacks, on the sands of Long Beach Island, or in the waters of West Beach in Pines Lake, where she instilled that same sublime appreciation within her family.

Nancy showed her deep, abiding love for her family in actions big and small, from making sure her grandsons, one an only child and the other an only boy, spent nearly every weekend together despite living an hour apart to stopping to pick weeds out of her daughter's and granddaughters' gardens on her way into their homes.

She made her community and the lives of those around her better and more beautiful.

She is survived by her sister, Peggy Passaglia; her son, Scott Alex Fadynich, and wife, Linda (Chorney) Fadynich of Tucson, AZ; her daughter, Sandra (Fadynich) Vonder Fecht, and husband, Kurt Vonder Fecht of Wayne, NJ; and four grandchildren, Chelsea, Devin, and Aleksandra Novakoski of Wayne and Hunter Fadynich residing in Arizona.

Nothing makes more sense than for the world to be in bloom to celebrate her life. A celebration of life will be held at Laurelwood Arboretum in the Spring, May 5th 2024, in the afternoon from 2 to 5pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum, PO Box 2433, Wayne, NJ 07470.