



## Nancy J. Brousseau

June 27, 1931 - January 28, 2015

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Nancy J. Brousseau, of Philmont, NY beloved wife of Albert, died on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Born, June 27, 1931 in Worcester, Massachusetts, she attended Southbridge High School. She went on to attend the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953. She then earned her Master's degree in Education in 1971 from the College of St. Rose. She was the daughter of the late Francis and Gertrude Deignan. She married Albert P. Brousseau in 1953.

Nancy was a lifelong educator and community leader. She was the first lay person to teach in a parochial school in Southbridge, Massachusetts and also taught elementary school in Nashua, New Hampshire. She moved to Philmont with her family in 1964 and worked as a teacher and reading specialist at the Taconic Hills Ockawamick School. She was one of the first team teachers in the state and also earned the national distinction of Teacher of the Year in 1968. During the course of her career she was asked to serve as the acting principal and was also the coach of the Varsity girls' basketball team. She positively impacted the lives of many students from elementary through high school for over 27 years.

Throughout her life, Nancy served on many boards and committees to improve and support her community. She was the chair of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals and was a key contributor to the Village's Comprehensive Plan. She is the former President of the Philmont Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary and was President of the Board at the Philmont Hearth. She was an active member of the educational foundation Delta Kappa Gamma, the Philmont Rod and Gun Club and the National Rifle Association.

In addition to her many civic duties, Nancy enjoyed raising sheep and Angora goats on her family farm since 1970. She showed her prized animals at both the Columbia and Dutchess County Fairs for many years bringing home numerous trophies and ribbons. She was also a member of various sheep and wool associations.

Survivors include her husband, Albert, and four sons: Kevin Brousseau (Linda) of Saranac Lake, NY, Robert Brousseau (Joanne) of Philmont, Jay Brousseau (Leah Taylor) of Ghent, and Kerry Brousseau (Cynda) of Philmont and her much adored grandchildren: Brendan, Corey, KC, Ashley, Chris, Dustin, Ryan, Kyle, Collin, Megan and three great-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her only sibling, Francis Deignan.

There are no calling hours and services are private at the request of the family. Arrangements are with the Sacco-McDonald-Valenti Funeral Home. A memorial service to celebrate Nancy's life will be held in the spring, at a date to be determined, for her many beloved family members and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to any of the following organizations: The Columbia-Greene Humane Society, Philmont Public Library and Philmont Fire Company Ladies's Auxiliary.



# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Sure will miss you mrs.brousseau you were like another grandmother to me. Please watch over your great granddaughter Addison



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**Charlene Hidley** - January 15, 2017 at 02:04 AM

AA

“ Dear Albert and family:

*I tried many years ago to contact Nancy to keep in touch. I had a beautiful experience during September 1970 - January 1971 when I lived with your family while I attended Ockawamich High School. Nancy was like a mother to me. I still keep pictures of all of you.*

*I remember our trip to Howe Cavern, New York (the tween towers were under construction) and Boston (the pilgrim rock).*

*I am very sad to read about Nancy's death. Receive all of you my condolences.*

*Alvaro Arosemena  
Guayaquil - Ecuador  
alvaroarosemena@hotmail.com*

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**Alvaro Arosemena** - April 12, 2015 at 08:38 AM

DS

“ I was walking my dog this morning and a wonderful memory popped into my head, Nancy. Nancy didn't care for coming into the dental office, though she was promptly there and early . When I call upon Nancy, she would humor me by saying , " You may be ready for me but I 'm not sure if I 'm ready for you, she had a way with her complimentary words and would tell me I had a sweet way in handling those devilish tools. I always enjoyed her stories and how she spoke so highly of her family. Nancy was always very grateful for her hygiene care and was meticulous of taking care of her beautiful smile. I truly miss Nancy, I have this lovely saying hung upon my back door and I read it every morning, " Many people enter our lives just for a little while: Others pause and plant flowers in our hearts that continue to bloom forever." I have to honestly say that Nancy was one of those special people. I wonder if it 's in the name, my mother in law's name is Nancy too, bet they're having a grand time together in heaven. I'm feeling blessed to have them in my heart and treasured memories to have had them in my life. I know they both know how much I loved them as they expressed to me.  
Dawn :)

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**Dawn Slater** - March 21, 2015 at 11:04 AM

PV

“ AI - We are sorry for your loss. Our sympathy to you and your family  
Paul & Anita Koch  
Rocky Mount, VA

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**Paul and Anita Koch, Rocky Mount, VA** - February 03, 2015 at 10:56 AM

PA

“ *Paul & Anita lit a candle in memory of Nancy J. Brousseau*



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**Paul & Anita** - February 03, 2015 at 10:52 AM

AS

“ *Dear Brousseau Family  
Mrs B was always warm and welcoming...you  
were genuinely blessed with this lady. My  
prayers for each of you.  
Amy Seymour*



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**Amy Seymour** - February 03, 2015 at 06:40 AM