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Nancy Roth Obituary

Nancy L. Roth, Episcopal priest, author, spiritual director, dancer, musician, and avid gardener, who found her calling by combining all of these passions, died from complications of a stroke May 9, 2020 at her home in Oberlin, OH surrounded with love by her family. Nancy, daughter of Robert and Gertrude Moore was born March 30, 1936 in New York City, grew up in Scarsdale, NY and remained there after college, marrying Robert Roth, organist and choirmaster at St. James the Less Church in 1959. They raised two sons and relocated to Oberlin, OH in 1991. Nancy was on the staff of Trinity Church, Wall Street, taught meditation at Manhattan Plaza in New York City, and was a program coordinator at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. For many years she was on the staff at Christ Church, Oberlin, and the CREDO project. She served as Chaplain to the Spouses, House of Bishops, and was an affiliate scholar at Oberlin College. She also served as an interim priest in the parish of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Elyria, OH. An author of 13 books, Nancy focused on spirituality, meditation, music, the earth, and of course children. Among her publications were *Grounded In Love* (2008), a spiritual call to environmental action, *Organic Prayer* (1993), *A New Christian Yoga* (1989), and *We Sing Of God: A Hymnal For Children* (1989), co-authored with her husband, Robert. With Robert she frequently led travel groups to England to explore spirituality and music. Her diverse training included piano studies at Juilliard, a B.A. from Oberlin College, and a M.Div. Cum Laude from General Theological Seminary. She was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree, Honoris Causa, from the Seminary in 2010. Nancy never stopped dancing, whether in ballet class, liturgical dance, teaching creative movement for children, or dancing in her heart, watching the playful wildlife inhabiting her beautiful backyard. She was loved by flora and fauna unconditionally. From her early days as a piano teacher and accompanist, harpsichordist, triangle-striker, and



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member of the choir, to the music in her eyes when discussing her family and friends, her heart never stopped singing. And we hope her garden never stops growing. Nancy is survived by her husband Robert; sons Christopher, a writer and editor, and Michael, a violinist; grandchildren, Gabriel and Anna; daughter-in-law Sarah; and brothers Robert and Philip Moore. In lieu of flowers, the Roth family asks that memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Nancy L. Roth, please visit our floral store.

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Deborah Vogel posted:

I was saddened to hear of Nancy's passing... and immediately felt a warm glow in my heart because even from afar Nancy always has a way of lifting the spirits of everyone around her. I will cherish our time spent today when she took my class at OC. She was so classy, gracious, (and graceful) She had posture and look of a dancer... the heart of an angel... and compassion for all living things... she will be missed.

May 16 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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