

**Nancy Christian, 73**

**Nov. 28, 1940 - Nov. 23, 2014**

**AVOCA** — Nancy June (Hopewell) Christian of rural Avoca lost her battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE on Sunday evening November 23, 2014, with her entire family by her side.

Nancy was born to Jim and Eva (Todd) Hopewell in Kansas City, KS. She graduated from Wyandotte High School and attended Kansas City Kansas Junior College. As a cheerleader in college, Nancy met her future husband, Bill who was a member of the basketball team. Following college, Nancy won the title of Miss Kansas City, KS. Nancy then worked at Peat-Marwick Mitchell, CPA.



Nancy and Bill were married May 25, 1963 while Bill was home on leave from the Marines. After Bill's discharge in 1964, they made their home in Overland Park, KS. Bill's employment brought them to Omaha, NE for a short time. They then moved to the Minneapolis area. Later they transferred back to Omaha where they located to an acreage in rural Shelby County in 1976. To this union, four children were born: Kerrie (Jeremy) Dea of Shelby; Travis (Brooklyn) Christian of Avoca; Laurie (Darren) Osbahr of Leawood KS; and Clayton (Melissa) Christian of Avoca. Nancy spent much of her time working to drive awareness about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and raising money to support research for a cure. She was an avid Cornhusker fan, followed baseball, basketball, football, and ladies volleyball and basketball. Nancy was a faithful follower of her children's and grandchildren's sports and theatrical programs as well as motor sports competition with her son's Travis and Clayton. Nancy was a wonderful mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed!

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Jim and Eva Hopewell. She is survived by her husband Bill; children Kerrie, Travis, Laurie, and Clayton; her siblings James Hopewell (Kansas City, KS) and Richard Hopewell (Belton, MO); Grandchildren Taylor Baggett, Kori Price, Sienna and Will Christian, Jadie Dea, and Kenna Christian.

The family received friends and relatives on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home, 1304 No. Sawmill Dr., Avoca, IA 51521. Visitation and a Celebration of Life followed at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy: [www.parentprojectmd.org](http://www.parentprojectmd.org)



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