



## NANCY REISIG

July 17, 1951 - March 16, 2017

SERVICES: 12 NOON SUNDAY at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE

Nancy Henniger Reisig of Spofford, NH, 65, died of metastatic breast cancer on Thursday, March 16, 2017. She was born and raised in Northern Michigan; the daughter of the late Joseph and Marie Hennigar.

Nancy attended Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor's and Master's Degree, as well as a Master's Degree in Japanese Studies from Yale University and an M.B.A. from Wayne State University. A lifelong student, Nancy was working on her Ph.D in Leadership and Change from Antioch University at the time of her death.

She served as the first female trade representative for the state of Michigan in Tokyo. She also worked for Mazda, Ford, and Raytheon in human resources. Nancy was an avid international traveler, and lived, in addition to Japan in both India and China over the course of her career.

She is survived by her husband, Martin;  
stepchildren, Harry and Sara;  
several cousins;  
a sister-in-law, Roberta;  
and her cats, Junior and JJ.

### OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Robert Gamer  
Cantor Sam Greenbaum

### INTERMENT:

Adat Shalom Memorial Park

### SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva  
on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
at CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM  
14601 Lincoln St,  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
Phone: (248) 547-7970

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

Will be held each night at Congregation Beth Shalom

CONTRIBUTIONS:

The family requests that no flowers be sent.

If you would like to further honor the memory of

NANCY REISIG

you may do so by making a contribution to

METAvivor,

1783 Forest Dr., #184

Annapolis, MD 21401

or

the Omega Institute of Holistic Studies,

150 Lake Dr.

Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

# Cemetery Details

## Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery

28500 W. 6 Mile Road  
Livonia, MI

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

## Shiva

MAR **19** to **21** (ET)

Congregation Beth Shalom  
14601 Lincoln  
Oak Park, MI 48237

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of NANCY REISIG



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - March 19, 2017 at 10:41 AM



Thank you for being able to view the service from home in South Africa. It means a lot to me.

Sue Heymans - March 19, 2017 at 11:27 AM

KT

“ Jim and I knew Nancy in Tokyo. When we moved to Detroit in 1986, she generously took care of our cat till we got settled. Our paths diverged, and we lost touch for decades -- until about a year ago when she found me on Facebook. I am very grateful that she did. Her last blog post, *The River Appears*, was magnificent. I think of it, and of Nancy, often. My condolences to Marty and the rest of her family.

Kathryn Tietz Treece

Kathryn Tietz Treece - March 25, 2017 at 07:32 PM

AN

“ I only knew Nancy from a distance but she continued to amaze me with her spirit and zest for life. May she rest in eternal peace and may strength and fond memories carry those near and dear to her ahead.

Anoop - March 23, 2017 at 04:45 AM



“ I had an opportunity to work with Nancy , she is a great Leader and humble person. Before leaving Ford she gave me a book "The Other 90%" I just read a few pages during that period and very recently I picked up that book to read again...I was very sad to hear the news...she will always be in my memory and heart. May God bless her soul and give courage to all her family members to pass through this difficult phase of life... Regards Harish Pillai

Harish JP - March 21, 2017 at 05:54 AM

PV

“ Nancy was a colleague for a year and a friend ever since. Two things I remember about her during Ford days were her courage and integrity. Never shied away from raising issues or seeking resolutions even with heavy head winds.

As person she did many things inspirational. Taking up academic pursuits or running when it was perfectly all right to hang up your boots and relax. It was great she was always writing and sharing her perspectives.

I wish strength for Marty and family to bear this heavy loss.

Here is a photo I took of her when I enjoyed their hospitality in Detroit way back in 2008.

*Pandiyam Vairamani, Chennai*



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**Pandiyam V** - March 20, 2017 at 12:46 AM

RC

“ I worked with Nancy at Ford Motor Company. I am very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a joyful person with a wonderful spirit. My deepest condolences to her family.

*Rosalind Cox*

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**Rosalind Cox** - March 19, 2017 at 03:02 PM

 Sue Heymans

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**Sue Heymans** - March 19, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Marty & Harry, i am so sorry for your loss.

Sue Heymans

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**Sue Heymans** - March 19, 2017 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ I am so sad to hear of Nancy's passing. She was a classmate and roommate in graduate school and we kept in touch all these years, meeting up in Tokyo, New York and Detroit. We also travelled together to Hong Kong and a dude ranch in the Sierra Nevadas (!). Even though in recent years much time would elapse between our get-togethers, whenever we would get together, it would be like old times. I will miss her greatly.

Michele S. Riley

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**Michele S. Riley** - March 19, 2017 at 10:13 AM

RW

“ Nancy was a warrior fighting her disease. And she had a kind heart. She always brought back souvenirs from her trips to India and elsewhere which were greatly appreciated. She made a new life for herself with Marty and his family. I am so sorry that we have lost her.

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**Rosemary Wolock** - March 17, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ Met Nancy when she first started attending Congregation Beth Shalom, many years ago. We shared a professional association through her work at Mazda in HR and my work at Ford in recruiting. She selflessly worked hard to find good employment opportunities for her employees at Mazda to move to Ford and I was fortunate to have been able to hire two great people through Nancy's efforts. Later, Nancy went on to work as the Director of HR for Ford in India, while I worked for Ford in Thailand. We got to work together and periodically see each other, culminating with a stay with us in Bangkok by Nancy and Marty. An area rug she brought us from India adorns our living room. A beautiful reminder of the beautiful person she was.

Nancy will be missed.

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**Allen Wolf** - March 17, 2017 at 10:12 AM

SG

“ *My sincere condolences to Nancy's family.*

*I met her in grad school and, although we didn't have an opportunity to see each other thereafter, still count her among my dear friends. Honest, incisive, always kind.*

*Suzanne Gay*

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**Suzanne Gay** - March 17, 2017 at 09:55 AM

KK

“ *I met Nancy about 12 years ago through her work in global mobility. My sympathy and comfort to those whose life Nancy touched. I see her jubilant in heaven flinging around beautiful, joyful colors so typical of her spirit while she was on earth.*

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**Kathy Kosmatka** - March 17, 2017 at 07:52 AM

LL

“ *Nancy - a beautiful heart, a lovely humour and a fine mind. I miss her in this world, and know she has already started making her contributions in the next. My deepest condolences to all who love/d her.*

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**Laurie Lyon** - March 17, 2017 at 07:07 AM

WR

“ *My heart aches for Nancy's family and friends. She was courageous and inspiring. I am so sad at this great loss. Baruch doyen emet.*

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**Wendy Robins** - March 16, 2017 at 03:35 PM