



Nancy Leilani (Wallace) Olds

October 31, 1938 – October 25, 2025

Nancy Leilani (Wallace) Olds, a Chino resident for 59 years, was born October 31, 1938, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to 1st Sgt. Emery Wallace and Helen Dorothea Kennedy. She died at home, seven days shy of her 87th birthday, on October 25, 2025, surrounded by her family and the photographs of the animals she loved and cared for.

After a rocky beginning, which included the untimely death of her father, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and several moves across the country, Nancy landed at Parnell Preparatory School for Girls in Whittier, where she flourished and focused her studies on equine care and management. Upon graduation, her lifelong love of horses led her to pursue higher education in animal husbandry. Despite being initially turned away from Mt. San Antonio College's agricultural program because of her gender, she eventually became one of the first women to enroll in its agricultural mechanics program. She worked for four decades as a mare midwife and was well-known for raising Arabian horses, Border Collies and Ocicats.

Nancy married Richard Joseph Olds in 1958, and together they raised four children. The family moved to the Chino Valley in 1966, when it was mostly cornfields and dairies, where she was a devoted supporter of her children's artistic and athletic endeavors. She loved watching her children's horse shows, musical performances and ball games, shouting her vigorous support for their efforts and berating the refs when necessary.

Nancy was beautiful, smart, and had a diabolical sense of humor until the very end. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, had a zest for life, and will be greatly missed.

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Georgia Olds of Chino, Jennifer Olds and Bill Huffman of Norco, Jocelyn Olds-McSpadden and Kenny McSpadden of Chino, and her son and his wife, Jeff and Tari Olds of Redlands. Nancy (or Nani as her grandchildren called her) would be furious if her grandchildren were not mentioned, so they're listed here in order of their parents: Zakk and Yadhira Garcia Olds; Jocelyn Parra and James Sicilia; Nicholas Cihigoyenetché; Marty and Carly Valentine Cihigoyenetché; Connor McSpadden; Caitlyn and Sita Bell; Laura Bean and Dylan Olds. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, and her husband. To honor her memory, please hug your children, grandchildren, and pets, then vote the Democratic ticket!