

Member Tribute

Nancy Searles

I want to tell you about a unique and talented artist. To know her "is" a special privilege. Nancy Searles has been a member of the Phoenix Artists Guild for 20 some years. She graduated from the Cooper Union Art and Engineering School in New York. Nancy has studied art under the tutelage of Darlene Goto, and has remained in Studio Art at Glendale Community College for many years, along with many of her life-long friends. She wins Ribbons and Accolades for her work in any show she is in.

I have never had as much fun as when Nancy and I took tap dancing lessons and remained in the Golden Girls for 6 years. To be around her just brightens up anyone's day. Nancy is the "St. Francis" of our time. Through the years, she has taken in so many homeless animals and gives them so much love. She cares for any of God's Creatures. I'll tell about a moth she saved some time. She would collect feral cats and have them neutered and feed them, all at her own expense. You won't be surprised if I tell you in her later years, she has worked for a company called Nutro pet foods. She would meet you in various pet stores, and talk to you about feeding your pets the right food. And you'd better listen if you love your pet.

Nancy also is an extraordinary seamstress. She would talk to any stranger, make them a friend, and sew drapes or dresses for them. Nancy didn't know how the word "NO" was spelled. Nancy and her husband Bob came to Phoenix from New York. They produced five children, four boys and a girl, and had fifteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grand children. Both of them had a hearing aide business for years. Nancy says she was their best customer. They loved to spend their vacations in Mexico on the beaches. Bob and Nancy were married for 64 years. Bob passed away this March. Nancy was put on this earth to teach us the Golden Rule, and to smile, no matter what life deals us. She is much loved by all her friends.

By Jaxine Cummins