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Nancy Lee (Keil) Combs, age 77, of Plattsmouth, NE peacefully passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at the Glen Haven Home Inc. in Glenwood, IA.

Nancy was born on August 8, 1948, to Augustus Paul Keil Jr. and Doris Maxine (Graves) Keil in Omaha, NE. She was raised in Plattsmouth, where she formed lifelong friendships and graduated with the Plattsmouth High School Class of 1966. Those early years shaped the kind, steady, and devoted woman so many came to know and love. After high school, Nancy attended and graduated from secretarial school in Omaha. She soon began her career at Mutual Protective Medical Life Insurance in Omaha, where she faithfully worked as a claims specialist. Nancy was dedicated and dependable, building not only a career but lasting friendships — especially with her dear friend and boss, Pat, whose friendship spanned more than 45 years. Nancy often brought donuts from Stan's Bakery to share at work, always making sure there was a blueberry donut set aside just for Pat — a small but heartfelt gesture that reflected her thoughtful spirit.

Nancy found joy in life's simple, meaningful moments. She loved gardening and yard work, taking pride in tending to her flowers and keeping her home beautiful. The family cabin at Cedar Creek — first John and Irene's and later passed down to David Albert — was one of her favorite places. It was there that she shared countless family celebrations filled with swimming, fishing,

laughter, and togetherness. The cabin was more than a place; it was a gathering of generations and memories.

Her creativity and festive spirit were evident in everything she did. Nancy loved painting ceramics and proudly displayed her collections of ceramic snowmen and her treasured Department 56 village. She delighted in decorating for every single holiday, transforming her home into a warm and welcoming space year-round. She was also an avid lover of seals, which always brought her joy. Nancy had a playful side that never faded. She enjoyed betting on horse races and whatever lighthearted fun she and her work friends found themselves into on a Friday afternoon. Even while living in the nursing home, her personality continued to shine. She loved playing bingo, confidently wearing her “lucky” dark Ray-Ban sunglasses — playfully borrowed from a staff member and faithfully returned once bingo ended. She also enjoyed singing with staff and fellow residents, filling the room with music and smiles.

Above all, Nancy cherished her family. She treasured every moment spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She made sure Michael and Theresa were always involved in activities like Boy Scouts, Blue Birds, and Girl Scouts, believing in encouraging their growth and passions. Christmas cartoons with Grandma were a tradition filled with warmth and laughter, and the holidays were never complete without her famous three-layered red, white, and green Christmas Jello salad and her beloved green pistachio salad. And in true Nancy fashion, she made her spaghetti with a little ketchup stirred in — a recipe uniquely hers and lovingly remembered.

One especially tender memory comes from Katrina, who as a child was afraid of thunderstorms. Grandma would gently talk about how much she loved storms — how calming and peaceful she found them. Through Nancy’s comforting words, fear turned into appreciation, and storms became something beautiful. That was Nancy’s gift: she had a way of bringing peace, perspective, and comfort into life’s uncertain moments. Nancy’s life was rooted in love, tradition, laughter, and unwavering devotion to her family and

friends. She celebrated each season, treasured each gathering, and left behind a legacy of warmth that will continue to live on in blooming gardens, holiday decorations, summer days at the cabin, and in the hearts of those who were blessed to call her grandma, mom, and friend.

She is survived by her two sons: Michael "Mike" Kellison and his wife Lottie of Plattsmouth, NE and Christopher Combs of Plattsmouth, NE, her daughter: Theresa Brown of Bellevue, NE; six grandchildren: Marcus Crom, Katrina Crom, Skylar Kellison, Tabitha Kellison, Ryley Kellison, and Bryar Kellison; seven great grandchildren: Raeliegh Johnson, Nova Fredricks, Georgie Crom, Ashden Crom, Clark Kellison, Maggie Kellison, and Callum Kellison; her sister: Deborah Loper and her husband John of Omaha, NE; her brother: Timothy "Tim" Keil and his wife Stephanie of Washington; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents: Paul and Maxine Keil and her sister: Karen Albert and her husband David.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 A.M., on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth with Rev. Brian Wohlhuter officiating.

Her Final Resting Place will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth.

Memorial donations can be made to The Family (a suitable charity will be chosen at a later date).

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 (402) 296-3123 robbyfuneralhome@charter.net www.robbyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

149 Oak Hill Road
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Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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