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Nancy Taylor Chenoweth



May 2, 1936 - Aug. 13, 2023

Nancy Taylor Chenoweth, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend, and garden enthusiast, passed away on Aug. 13, at age 87.

Nancy Ellen Taylor was born in Effingham, Illinois on May 2, 1936, to parents Harold J. Taylor and Elsa C. Kugler Taylor. She was the youngest of three children. Her siblings were Marilyn J. Taylor (deceased 1931, age 4) and Thomas F. Taylor (deceased 1983, age 47).

She earned degrees from University of Illinois and University of Florida and then worked as a high school English teacher and an editor. She loved gardening and being a grandmother.

She was active in the Orinda community for decades serving on the boards of the Montelindo Garden Club (charter member), Friends of the Orinda Library, and the Orinda Association. She also volunteered at Hospice of the East Bay and Lamorinda Adult Respite Center.

Nancy is survived by her two daughters Anne Binnie and Amelia Chenoweth, their spouses Alec Binnie and Nic Anastassiou, grandson Neil Taylor Binnie (age 24), and step grandson Alex Anastassiou (age 25).

Her remains will be interred in her family's plot in Effingham, Illinois. There will be a private service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the Orinda Library or your favorite garden.

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