



## Nan Crosby

May 15, 1951 - May 26, 2014

Eva Nannette “Nan” Crosby, 63 of Liberty, MO, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2014 after a courageous battle against ALS. Nan was the daughter of Raymond and Emily (Collins) Riggins. She graduated in 1969 from Hickman High School of Columbia, MO. She received her BA in Education from Central Missouri State and her Masters in Education from Webster University. She taught 27 years for the NKC School District as a 1st grade and special education teacher. Nan was a member of the Liberty UMC and Xi Gamma Pi. She loved attending to her family’s needs, and enjoyed knitting, baking, traveling and serving the community. Nan married John Crosby on November 24, 1972 and to this union three children were born: Emily, John Raymond and Blair. She was preceded in death by her mother. Survivors include her husband, John of the home; Emily (Rob) Slaton of Lake Waukomis, MO; John Raymond (Ann) Crosby of Leawood, KS; Blair (Marci) Crosby of Hallsville, MO; seven grandchildren, Hunter, Anna, Allison, Sam, John Colin, Jax and Fletcher; her father Raymond Riggins of Dumas, AR; and her brother Frank (Elaine) Riggins of Little Rock, AR. Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 29th at Liberty UMC (1001 Sunset, Liberty, MO 64068) with visitation on Wednesday, May 28th from 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the church. Burial at Fairview Cemetery of Liberty, MO immediately follow services. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to either the Missions Team at Liberty UMC or ALS – Keith Worthington Chapter. Fond memories of Nan and words of comfort to John and the entire Crosby Family can be left by logging onto

her memorial page at: [www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com](http://www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Liberty, MO 64068

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **28**. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Liberty United Methodist  
1001 Sunset  
Liberty, MO 64068

## Service

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Liberty United Methodist  
1001 Sunset  
Liberty, MO 64068

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nan Crosby*

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October 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Crosby.*

*You were my 2nd grade teacher in 1988 at Lakewood Elementary in KCMO.*

*You were my favorite elementary teacher of all time, you told me I was a bright student, and you remembered me after all these years.*

*I saw you for the last time at Mcdonalds and wished I could see you again. Thank you for your kind words and support then and now.*

*Rest In Peace.*

*Eric, 2018.*

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**Eric Christensen** - December 10, 2018 at 02:03 AM



“ *I liked you a lot you where my 1st and 2nd grade teacher you gave me the Orange chair every time I was bad*

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**Chris armstrong** - October 30, 2015 at 09:57 PM

MC

“ Virtual hugs to all. Nan was so very inspirational and helpful to us even though on-line. I emailed with her directly and she was encouraging to me for my husband. So much love. WE LOVE YOU, NAN. And love to all her family. .... Walter & Linda

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**mcraelinda** - July 21, 2014 at 05:38 PM

CC

“ My wife Claudette and I never met NAN but we really grew to love her and her posts on inspire.  
CLAUDETTE also has ALS and fighting the same battle . NAN RIP we will member you in our prayers . our deepest sympathy go out to your family .Conrad & Claudette Robert

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**CLAUDETTE & CONRAD** - June 05, 2014 at 06:57 AM

VL

“ Nan's postings on inspire (a website for comfort and advise) during an illness truly showed what type of person she was without even meeting her. I was drawn to her willingness to want to comfort others with ALS. I commented that she was so sweet to reach out to others that were frustrated and scared.....she will always be in my memory as an inspiration of what truly caring means..... Vicki Lavertu Easthampton, MA

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**vicki lavertu** - June 05, 2014 at 06:42 AM

JA

“ Nanette was a great inspiration to all members of Inspire. Many who did not know her personally, loved her. Special prayers are being sent to her beautiful soul...The Croft/Shields Family

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**Janet** - June 01, 2014 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ I worked with Nan in the NKC School District while she was with the Special Education kiddos. She was very kind and patient with the kids and her joy at working with them every day was very evident. A few years later, I was very pleased to see her at our church in Liberty. She always had a smile and a sparkle in her eyes. I will miss seeing her there! Thank you, Emily, for sharing your mom with us! I was also blessed to have Anna and Sam in my preschool classes and hearing the stories of Allison's daily adventures in the other classroom were entertaining. They will miss their grandma!

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**Dalynn Hayakawa** - May 30, 2014 at 09:30 AM

CH

“ I first met Nan at CMSC where she served as an RA to our dorm. I was delighted to find that she and John lived in Liberty and occasionally ran into her. I am greatly saddened and my deepest sympathies to her family. She was one of the most positive people I have ever met and her ever present smile will be missed.  
Chery Carr Holtman

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**Chery** - May 29, 2014 at 08:19 PM

MW

“ I remember Nan as a very sweet lady. I am so sorry for your loss. I will remember her fondly and your family in my prayers. May she rest in peace and you remember her in your memories. Mary Weable

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**Mary Weable** - May 29, 2014 at 06:43 PM

SC

“ Nan was my cousin, our family has been blessed by her kindness and wonderful sence of humor, she really had the very best laugh! My prayers are with all Nan's precious family that she loved with all her heart.

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**sally casey** - May 29, 2014 at 01:22 PM

DW

“ I met her only briefly but looking into her eyes I knew then I was in the presence of a very special woman. Rest in peace Nan.

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**Debbie Wtschensky** - May 29, 2014 at 10:39 AM

KR

“ It was such an honor for me to be Nan's hospice nurse. She was truly a courageous and lovely lady, and will be missed. I pray for the comfort that only God can give for her dear family in the difficult days ahead.  
Sincerely,  
Kristy Dietz, RN

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**Kristy Dietz, RN** - May 29, 2014 at 04:13 AM

CN

“ Our sped group will not be the same without Nan. She had the first song in the sped songbook (written by Greg Hastings) and the last entry when she retired written to the tune of Ole Dan Tucker, the same as the Gashland School song. There are a couple of in the group who were called 'curt & abrasive' but there was never a person that I knew that could say anything bad about Nan. Nan touched many lives all for the better and the amazing way she confronted her illness only secured the fact that she was a positive role model for us all.

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**Connie Nielson** - May 28, 2014 at 01:56 PM

RW

“ John , Ann and Colin, my prayers are with you at this most difficult time.....Rhonda Watkins

Rhonda Watkins - May 28, 2014 at 01:26 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy to Raymond, John, Frank and the rest of Nan's family. I am praying for God's comfort and strength for your family.

Jackie Conrad

Jackie Conrad - May 28, 2014 at 09:54 AM

JC

“ Jackie Conrad lit a candle in memory of Nan Crosby



Jackie Conrad - May 28, 2014 at 09:43 AM

AH

“ John and family, please know that you all are in my thoughts. I know I'm not supposed to have a "favorite", but Eva (Nan) and I clicked right away. I saved the funniest emails we sent each other. I will miss her humor terribly.

Anita Hill KUMC ALS clinic

Anita Hill - May 28, 2014 at 09:27 AM

LH

“ Linda Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Nan Crosby



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Linda Hendrix - May 28, 2014 at 09:21 AM

LH

*I was only in the same chapter of Beta Sigma Phi with Nan for a short time and then when we all combined, she was beautiful inside and out. After hearing Nan had ALS, I have never heard so many extra ordinary kind words spoken as I have heard about Nan. She was loved by all. I chose the yellow candle as the yellow rose is the flower for Beta Sigma Phi. Everyone will miss Nan, but know she is in a better place. Linda Hendrix*

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Linda Hendrix - May 28, 2014 at 09:30 AM

SG

“ I am extremely shocked and sad to hear the passing of Mrs. Crosby. Was a former student at Northview, I knew her real well back in 1st grade. I will never forget the amazing magical childhood memories I knew her.

*Samuel Grahn*

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Samuel Grahn - May 27, 2014 at 09:57 PM

DF

“ I will never forget meeting my dear friend Nan, at Northview, where we taught together. We just clicked from the very beginning. She could read my mind and would give me a "look" that absolutely let me know, she felt and was thinking the same thing I was. We always laughed at meetings together, told silly stories and would enjoy a quick dinner at "our place" aka: Burger King on North Oak, on those evenings when we worked late at school. Nanny was "class"...always the Lady, ironed, made-up, scarves and jewelry... she was a true southern belle. She loved with her whole heart...and I miss her like crazy. My prayers are that John, Daddy and all the children will find peace and comfort at this sad and difficult time. You have my deepest sympathy. We were so lucky to have had her for 63 years.

*Dodie Finnell*

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**dodie finnell** - May 27, 2014 at 06:57 PM



“ I've known Nan since high school where she was one of five close friends who loved and laughed our way through high school. We went to college together, continuing on with our pursuit of mischief and education. Although our lives took us in different directions, I will always remember her sweet infectious laugh tempered with her Arkansas gentle southern lady style. John, you and your children were blessed to have such an awesome lady in your lives. Now Nan, as your new guardian angel, will watch over you and help you through this difficult time. With deepest sympathy.



*Peggi Klein Moore  
Columbia MO*

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**Peggi Moore** - May 27, 2014 at 06:25 PM

JM

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Nan's passing. I have known Nan both as a special educator and as a first grade teacher. She always had a smile, laugh, or some other way to encourage students to be the best they could be. She was a special person who touched many lives...all for the better.

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**Jinny Monroe** - May 27, 2014 at 06:14 PM

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“ I have had the enormous please of knowing Nan and her wonderful family since I was a small child. Nan used to allow me the gift to come dance for her students, and I have very fond memories of time at her home. In more recent years we were able to reconnect through a stretch class at my dance studio. Nan's strength and determination through this difficult disease has been an inspiration. Although I know she was suffering, she always offered me words of kindness and love. I am so grateful to have known her, and can only hope that I can live with such grace.

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**Amber Cordell (Taylor)** - May 27, 2014 at 04:39 PM

DC

“ Nan was my daughter's 1st grade teacher. My daughter just graduated from high school class of 2014. One may say, "so what? Nan was a teacher to so many." But not many can say Nan chose their special needs child to be in her class. Nan spotted Kathryn when she was in Kindergarten and asked to be her teacher. Nan not only gave our daughter a great foundation that year, she also taught us about being the best advocates and parents we could be for our daughter. She was truly special and will always be in our hearts. Our sympathies go out to her family during this difficult time.

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**Diana Connelly** - May 27, 2014 at 03:23 PM

RN

“*Nan was and is an inspiration to all. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. . .Richard and Joyce Nelson*

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**Richard and Joyce Nelson** - May 27, 2014 at 02:05 PM

CG

“*We are so sorry to hear about your great loss. May her memory be a blessing to all that knew and loved her.*

*with love, Clint, Cristi, and Zakaiyah*

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**cgillom** - May 27, 2014 at 12:52 PM

HT

“*I have so many memories of good times spent with Nan. It is hard to choose one to write down. While Nan was a true lady in every sense of the word she could scream as loud as me when we would ride the wobble wheel together at Worlds of Fun.*

*Nan showed so much grace and courage during her illness. She should serve as an inspiration to us all. John and her family are in my thoughts .*

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**Hazel Taylor** - May 27, 2014 at 12:32 PM

JL

“*John, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. Nan was one of the greatest women that it was my privilege to know. She was one special lady and one who I will never forget.*  
*Jean Laubach*

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**Jean Laubach** - May 27, 2014 at 10:50 AM

JT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with John & family, Papa, and Frank.  
May the good Lord comfort you with peace.*

*John Taylor*

*Mobile, AL*

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**John Taylor** - May 27, 2014 at 09:46 AM