



Nancy Bell Gosch

April 1, 1929 - April 8, 2014

Nancy Bell Gosch age 85, died Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the family farm in Welcome. She was born April 1, 1929 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Alfred Lee Loomis Bell and Grace Seidel Bell.

She married Dick Gosch on Jan 12, 1952 in Reading, PA where they had their 5 children and a small horse farm.

Moving to Welcome, GA in 1966 'Mrs. G' as she is affectionately known to her many students started Wood'n Horse Stable where she hosted and trained many Combined Training and Dressage horses and riders. Over the years she developed a reputation in the horse world for her knowledge and dedication to the sport and was respected by all from beginner to international level competitors and trainers.

After losing Dick, her business partner and beloved husband of 61 years, her health began to decline. She died peacefully just over one year later surrounded by her loving family.

The Mrs. Gosch stories are equally colorful and abundant. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her, children, Richard Horst Gosch, Jr. & wife Liz, Peter Seidel Gosch, David L. Gosch & wife Fran, Andrew Finley Gosch & wife Millie, Margaret Gosch Martin & husband John, Brannon Young Malcolm and 13 grandchildren.

A special thanks to loving and faithful caregivers, Tommie Troutt, Michelle Ussery and Gentiva Hospice.

Visitation for family and friends will be held Friday, April 11, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home. Graveside service will be in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania April 19th. A local memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences and 'Mrs. Gosch' stories can be sent online at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to USEA Area III Young Riders Program, Catherine Clayton, 1155 Piedmont Lake Road, Pine Mountain, GA 31822 Email: catclayton1@yahoo.com 706-580-0106 or to a charity of choice.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Birdsboro Cemetery

Birdsboro, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Nancy Gosch will be forever missed! I will never forget the fun times that I had at Wooden Horse Stable all those years ago! Truly some of my favorite memories! Rest in peace !

Jane Williamson Paige - September 04, 2014 at 08:17 PM

BC

“ I am one of many who had great experiences at the Gosch barn growing up in the Welcome Community. Mrs. Gosch was truly an inspiration to us all! I remember the long braid down her back and the smile on her face! My sympathies go out to the entire Gosch family at this time.

Becky Cowap Crawford - May 03, 2014 at 08:20 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gosch family. I am saddened to hear of Mrs. G's passing. Take Comfort in your treasured memories. She was big part of my childhood and my riding growing up. If not for her I never would've had my beloved Cam (Camelot's Royal Pride) who I had for 23 years and I never would have gotten into Dressage & Combined training/eventing! I have many fond memories. I can still see her setting up jump courses and if it was wintertime in her signature bright orange suit for warmth. I always thought she'd out live us all. I bet she's up in heaven right now setting up courses and given lessons! R.I.P. Mrs. Gosch You touched many lives!

Debbie Murphy - April 14, 2014 at 06:36 PM

JK

“*Mrs. Gosch got me started in the sport, but one of my all-time favorite memories about her was the way she would finish things she started. We would be out in the XC field, a rider would be jumping, she'd be explaining something to the rest of us, stop mid-sentence to concentrate on the rider, and yell out an instruction. She would then resume her sentence exactly where she had left it off. I always appreciated and loved that about her.*”

Janice Ketsche - April 14, 2014 at 10:57 AM

JA

“*Bobby and I are so sorry to hear about our mom. She was a classy lady. We were out of town and only found out Sunday night. Miss Nancy was one of the strongest women we knew. She will be missed.*”

Judy and Bobby Anderson - April 14, 2014 at 10:39 AM

BW

“*Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Mrs. Gosch. We are so sorry we could not come to the visitation but know that our thoughts are with you at this time. Mrs. Gosch will always be remembered for her long life and contributions to the community.*”

Bobby and Geraldine Welch - April 12, 2014 at 09:57 AM

AM

“ To the Gosch children - thank you for sharing your wonderful parents with the many students who passed through the doors of the Wood'n Horse Stable. Backbones were built, lessons were learned, laughter was shared - and for so many, memories were made that will last a lifetime... and for this I thank you. Both your Mom & Dad will live in the stories you tell and the memories you share with your own children -

Ann Gager (Lya's Mom) - April 12, 2014 at 08:44 AM

LW

“ From the time I arrived at the barn and ad my first lesson on Star, Mrs. Gosch was a huge influence in my life. I couldn't wait for school to let out so I could go to the barn and spend the afternoon taking lessons, feeding horses and helping out (and sometimes hindering) with the barn chores. I will always remember Mrs. Gosch' knack for teaching, whether it was on the horse or off. She not only had a way with horses but us 'barn rats' as well, exhibiting more patience and calm than most people have. She had boundless energy too, offering as many "hot damns!" in the fourth lesson of the day as she did in the first. The orange suit, the dogs, the smell of the tack room's wet leather after a hard rain and the impatient banging of the feed buckets are all memories that are still fresh in my mind and ones I always cherish. I still have my Wood n Horse sweat shirt and I'll be wearing it in honor of the memories.

Lya Wodraska - April 11, 2014 at 05:02 PM

TM

“ To the entire Gosch family, I have so many nice memories and have thought of all the wonderful 'horse times' at the farm with both your Mom and Dad; the events, the summer dressage shows, the lessons with your Mom, the events on the road throughout the S.E. Region where Margaret and I competed at... My love and deepest sympathies to you all. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. All my love, Tammy Morningstar

Tammy Morningstar - April 11, 2014 at 03:36 PM

DJ

“ Dear Gosch Family, We are so sorry to hear of Your Mama's death. May the good Lord give each of you peace, love and understand during this difficult time. God loves you and we do too, Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - April 11, 2014 at 03:05 PM

SP

“ I can't express adequately what Mrs. Gosch meant to me. She was a great and wonderful person whom I admired. Too many attributes to list but she inspired me and was such a great mentor. I am forever indebted to her for what she taught me about horses, eventing and life in general. I loved her so much and will carry her in my heart forever. I can hear her in myself when giving riding lessons. So many wonderful memories because of Mrs. Gosch and Wood N Horse Stables. I enjoyed her spending time with me at Shady Oaks and will cherish that and all the memories. She was one of a kind. Keep watching us ride Mrs. Gosch. Love always. Sandra

Sandra Pulliam - April 11, 2014 at 12:47 PM

AM

“ Young, you have had your share of loss in the past year. however you have been an example of how to live and how to conduct ourselves in a time of great loss. you and your family are in my prayers. God Bless you.

Art Murphy - April 11, 2014 at 11:00 AM

FF

“ My prayers are with all of the family during this time of loss. Frank Farmer

FRANK FARMER - April 11, 2014 at 10:57 AM

J(

“ I add my respect, regard and Love to the rest here - Nancy & Dick were both very influential in my life as shining lights of everything humans are capable of being! I am so fortunate to have known them! So happy they are reunited! I know they will be sorely missed, but Love is forever! Thank you for some of the fondest memories of my life!

Jeri (Jerm) - April 10, 2014 at 11:39 PM

TK

“ Mrs nancy was the most amazing instructor I've ever had the pleasure of being around or being instructed by. All the memories and mrs Gosch memory and legend will continue to live on. I love u and miss you always and forever.

Tracey Kurtz - April 10, 2014 at 09:03 PM

VP

“ Seems just like yesterday my life revolved around Nancy Gosch and the barn. Loved my years with all of the Gosch family! Thinking of you all!

Vanessa Pierce Parker - April 10, 2014 at 06:37 PM

KH

“ Some very fond memories of Mrs. G and riding with her in clinics, at her farm and attending numerous shows at Wood' N Horse. I still have blood lines from Wood' N horse breeding program running through my horses. My sincere condolences to the family.

Keri Cothron Hall - April 10, 2014 at 04:48 PM

CB

“ My most deepest sympathy to the family, Rick, Peter, David, Andrew and Margaret and Young. I have such fond memories of your mother and father. Your mom was my idol when I was younger, riding and showing with you guys. The barn was my home away from home. Your mother was such an amazing woman and I will truly miss her. I remember her rock hounds and the way she was with a horse and her patience teaching me to ride. "Heels down", "Look where you are going!" "Heads up!". My head is up knowing Mrs. G is sitting at the banquet table having a fine meal! Love to you all....

Cheryl Garner Black - April 10, 2014 at 01:53 PM

NH

“Printed on my mind and on my heart will always be Nancy Gosch walking from her house to her beloved barn trailed by her "fleet" of dogs and with a welcome smile on her face for Elizabeth and me when we arrived. Nancy was truly Elizabeth's "second Mom", and what a blessing she was to Elizabeth all of her life. I know of no other person who had as much influence on young people as Nancy Gosch. Not only did she teach them about riding and the care of horses, but she taught them life's important lessons--responsibility, patience, discipline, loving people and loving animals. An angel has left this earth and is now with her beloved husband who was also a "second" father to so many. May God bless you, her precious family, and may you always carry the memory of Mrs. G. and her lessons in life with you. With love, Norma

Norma Haynes - April 10, 2014 at 09:48 AM

JG

“I am so sorry to hear this. I have such fond memories of Mrs. Nancy and the farm. Such great times learning to ride and all the fun horseshows that she hosted. I know she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love to you all, Jenny

Jenny Murray Greer - April 10, 2014 at 09:03 AM

CD

“Mrs G was one of the most amazing women I have every met. I rode at Wood N Horse for many years. I always loved her smiling face and kind words. She was such a special lady to me. Her love for her students and family *included huge animal family* was kept me coming back day after day. She will be very sadly missed and loved by many. I know she had a great life. I am happy to say she was a friend. RIP Mrs G and thank you so much for the great memories.

Cyndi Dance - April 10, 2014 at 08:35 AM

CW

“ I will always be indebted to both Dick and Nancy for their many years as a positive influence to my now grown daughter Lya. May you both have the peace that you so deserve.

Capt. Pete Wodraska - April 10, 2014 at 08:04 AM

JK

“ Miss Nancy taught so many life lessons. I love every story I own!!

Jill Knox - April 10, 2014 at 01:20 AM

MB

“ I was so very saddened to hear of Nancy's passing, and to have learned of Dick's as well. SO many fond memories of shows, lessons and clinics with her, both at the farm and at Robins AFB, where we had her down quite often. I learned so very much from her. Definitely a light in the eventing world has gone out.

Marilea Butler - April 09, 2014 at 04:58 PM

EM

“ Margaret, Andy, David, Peter and Rick, you and your family are in my thoughts. My heart is full of sadness; yet, also so full of joy as I remember the amazing, wonderful times I had with your mom. Wonderful memories are flooding back for me. She taught me so much about horses and life and has always been someone I looked up to. From the moment, mom and dad drove me down the driveway for my first lesson at the age of 5 through many days of living at the barn, frozen pepsis exploding in the tack room freezer, riding back and forth on Welcome Road, special trail rides and the great smiles, laughter and just amazingly good times. your mom was at the center of it all. I think many of the important things I learned in life were learned from her. I will miss her but my memories of her and all of you stay with me. Elizabeth McBride

Elizabeth McBride - April 09, 2014 at 03:46 PM

KL

“ Having grown up in a horsey family I was introduced to Mrs G at a young age by my grandfather Al Lewis. I began taking lessons at a young age and continued for many years under Mrs. G. As I was talking to a few of my friends about her the other day it brought me back to some of the most exciting and rewarding years of my life. Not only was it an enjoyable sport but she taught all of us so many life lessons in responsibility, diligence and competitiveness. Not only that but a passion for the equine world. I can easily say that I when I think about my time at the farm and riding under her guidance I was at my happiest. Many friends and family were trained by her in the past and I know we are all extremely blessed to have had the opportunity. I drive by the farm often and have flashbacks to her walking around with her many dogs and taking charge of what was happening that day! Such a joy to have known her! She will be missed!

Katey Lewis - April 09, 2014 at 01:58 PM

AG

“ Nancy Gosch was one of the best people I have ever met. She was the strongest woman I have ever known and I am so honored to be one of the people who was lucky enough to have her in my life. When I look back at the influence she had on me I know she had a major hand in shaping the person I ended up being. She was such a kind and beautiful person who always had time for you know matter how busy she was or how late in the day it may be. Here's to hoping that she is enjoying time with Mr G surrounded by all of the horses she bred and a pack of black dogs. And let's hope there is a Shoney's in walking distance and a bright shiny mower for her to mow the fields. She will never be forgotten.

Ashley Giles - April 09, 2014 at 11:37 AM