



## Nora Jean Horning

April 26, 1945 - January 6, 2026

Nora Jean Horning passed away peacefully on January 6, 2026, in Walnut Creek, California, at the age of 80. She was born on April 26, 1945, in Delaware, Ohio to Carlos and Elnora (Webb) Nutt .

Nora dedicated more than 15 years of her professional life as a librarian at Central Michigan University, where she was known for her love of learning, organization, and helping others. She found great joy in gardening, and loved spending time carefully planning and tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She also loved sewing, baking, and all kinds of crafts and could often be found with a project in hand or something sweet baking in the kitchen. Nora also loved watching and reading mystery stories and each year carefully picking her favorite horse to win the Kentucky Derby.

She was a devoted and active member of Northgate Christian Fellowship, where her faith and kindness were evident to all who knew her. She especially enjoyed spending time with her beloved Northgate friends during Monday night Bible Study and volunteering with the Northgate Senior Community Group on Wednesday afternoons.

Nora will be fondly remembered for her tradition of making Christmas candy for her family every year—no matter how far away they lived. This gesture perfectly reflected her generous spirit, deep love for her family and her sweet tooth

She is survived by and will be forever loved and missed by her daughters, Jennifer Chapman and Jessica Horning; her sons, Lon Horning and his wife,

Lici, and Mark Thompson; her sisters Jan Moellering, Molly Colwell, Rhonda Knight, and Bridget Williams; her brothers, Bob and Richard Briggs; her grandchildren, Jordan Chapman and his wife, Katherine, Janae Chapman, Kaleb Chapman, Trystan Jackson, and Alexandria Horning; her great-grandchildren, Richard, Shane, and Henry Chapman; her sister-in-law and friend, Coralie Cieslinski; many nieces, nephews, friends and her beloved cat, Jazzpurr.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joni Lane, her brother, Larry Nutt; and her former husband, Alonzo Horning.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Michigan later this year.