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Nancy Schoepperle passed away July 15, 2010 after several years of failing health. You may best remember Nancy as a petite backstroker.

Small in body but big in heart, Nancy holds many Niagara District records for backstroke in the 65-69, 70-74, and 75-79 age groups.

She made Top Ten in 1993, 1996, 2002, and 2006 and was always up for a meet (she claimed to taper while driving to the venue).

Nancy competed in several Nationals and the V FINA World Masters 1994 in Montreal.

She was a regular competitor in the Empire State Games usually accompanied by her daughter Susan Webster of Old Forge, NY.

Nancy was also a synchronized swimmer and an original member of the Huff & Puffs, a club begun in the 1970's by Jayne Morris at the Buffalo Jewish Community Center.

The club is now the Buffalo Synchro Masters.

Nancy competed and used her piano/music training to select and cut the music tapes for the team.

Her last synchro competition was the 2002 Masters Nationals at Keuka College.

Nancy grew up in Baltimore, MD the youngest of the three Edwards sisters and graduated from Swarthmore College in 1945. She and husband Daniel Wingerd raised daughters Judith and Susan while living in Wilmington, DE.

After the death of her husband in 1969, she married Richard Schoepperle in the mid 1970's and moved to Buffalo, NY.

When you got talking with Nancy, you were impressed by the number of acquaintances with whom she corresponded - family, friends, former neighbors, and school chums. She knew their children, graduations, weddings, and grandchildren.

Nancy was a woman of many interests and talents and, as a great dog lover, had contributed two chapters to "The Dogs of Our Lives" by Niagara member Louise Goodyear Murray.

She volunteered many hours as assistant coach to the age group swim team of the Buffalo Jewish Center where she was an active member.

A loyal alumna of Swarthmore College, Nancy attended many class reunions and served on her class' 50

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anniversary committee.

A few Nancyisms we remember: hand knit baby sweaters with owl eyes; "Ruthie (sitting on my shoulder) wouldn't approve."; "We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing"!

We have been blessed to know and enjoy Nancy, our always supportive and caring teammate whom we deeply miss.

The Buffalo Synchro Masters is arranging to have an engraved paving brick in Nancy's memory installed in the playground walkway of the Buffalo Jewish Community Center. If you would like to be a part of our loving tribute to Nancy Schoepperle you may contact:

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