



Norah Frances Metcalf

December 4, 1918 - March 2, 2009

Dr. Norah Francis Metcalf (nee Lambe) passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on March 2nd 2009.

Norah was born in London, England on December 4, 1918, the older daughter of Frank and Emily Lambe. She was educated at the Convent of the Nativity in Sittingbourne, Kent and graduated from the Medical School at Newcastle-on-Tyne in December 1943. During her medical school years she met her future husband, a fellow student, William Kenneth Metcalf They were married in St Bede's Catholic Church, South Shields in August 1944.

In April 1968, Norah and Ken and six of their seven children came to the United States where they took up Faculty positions at the University of Iowa Medical School. They moved to Nebraska in 1973 to Faculty positions in the Department of Anatomy. They retired as Emeritus Professors in 1991. Norah will be remembered particularly for her inspired teaching of Embryology and her collection of pictures of babies born to members of her classes during her tenure. She was invited to the Medical School at Lagos, Nigeria, as a visiting Professor to develop and present an Embryology program. Although her greatest pleasure came from teaching, for which she received many awards, she was active in research, writing numerous papers and making many presentations at Scientific Meetings in the U.S.A. and in Europe.

Norah was devoted to her family. She and Ken raised seven children, Peter, Michael, Nicholas, Amanda, Abigail, Lindsey and Jordan, five of whom became Physicians, one an Attorney and one a Special Education Teacher.

Norah was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved sister, Patricia. She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, all of her children, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Emergency Pregnancy Services, one of Norah's favorite charities.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norah Frances Metcalf*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



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February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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“ *In Memory of Grandma Metcalf - with Love.*

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“ *It was an honor to be a student of Dr. Metcalf. I am currently in the middle of a career change. I am working toward becoming certified to teach high school math and science. Dr. Metcalf will always represent the standard of "teacher" I will work toward and the example of how to live a life I admire. God bless you all.*

Wendy Brunmsman, Physician Assistant, 1990.

Wendy Brunsmann - March 09, 2009 at 07:06 AM

EM

“ Dear Dr. Amanda Metcalf and family,

Please accept our most sincere condolences on your loss. We never met your mother, but we are certain she was a wonderful and caring person, mother and teacher. This is a loss that can not be replaced. She lived a generous and fruitful life and will remain with you and everyone who was fortunate to meet and know her.

*Sincerely,
Evgeny Arshava and Yulia Matveeva*

Evgeny Arshava and Yulia Matveeva - March 06, 2009 at 12:45 PM

NR

“ *I am very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Please accept my sympathy and let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Nora Royer and family*

Nora Royer - March 06, 2009 at 12:26 PM

SL

“ *Mandy and family we were saddened at learning of your Mom's passing. We never got to actually meet your Mom, but knew what an "extremely" special lady and mom she was to you from all the wonderful stories you shared with us. Words are never enough at a time like this, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish we could be there for you today like you have always been for all of us. Take care. Love, Sue, Luanne and Sandy*

Sue Frame, Luanne Johnson and Sandy Lilienthal - March 06, 2009 at 10:46 AM

DN

“ Through the years, both of you were often in my thoughts as something I encountered in my work reminded me of your years of dedicated teaching at the Med Center. Norah will leave many legacies, but I think perhaps the greatest is her family. It has been years since I have seen the "kids" that I knew when we were in school, but I know you were her pride. Friday morning we get on a plane to go to a wedding of a friend's daughter out of state and will be gone for all of the services. But during another family's time of joy, we will also think of you at your time of loss. Nelsons

Donna Nelson and Ralph Nelson - March 05, 2009 at 11:46 AM

KP

“ My deepest condolences to the family on the passing of Dr. Norah Metcalf. As a former student of Dr. Metcalf's, I will always remember her kind treatment of the graduate students of the department and her happy and caring disposition. She was a unique teacher and an inspiration on how to be a good teacher. I will always remember her starting each embryo lecture with a picture of a normal baby and the statement "95% of all babies are born normal". My wife Barbara wants to let you know this really helped her through her pregnancy. I have been recognized as a successful teacher at the University of South Florida College of Medicine for 20 years because of my training from "Team Metcalf" at the University of Nebraska. The Metcalfs have helped to ensure my success as an educator of future professionals and aided me in my rewarding career. Thank you for being kind people and teachers. Many people have benefited from your teaching and example.

Karl Muffly, Ph.D. - March 04, 2009 at 09:02 AM

SL

“ *The greatest tribute to a parent is their off-springs; I know now why Dr. Peter Metcalf, is such a caring generous person. Dr. Pete, though I know this is a tough time for you and you're family, memories last forever. You were blessed to have such a wonderful mother.*

*Shirley Mc Lomore
Davenport, IA.*

Shirley Mc Lomore - March 04, 2009 at 04:16 AM