



Dr. Nancy Beck Florez-Estrada

June 14, 1941 - January 19, 2015

Dr. Nancy Beck Flórez-Estrada, of Greensburg, PA passed peacefully on Monday, January 19. She was the daughter of the late Bernice Diehl & Clarence W. Beck, Esq. and was also preceded in death by her brother Clarence W. Beck Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Jose Luis Flórez-Estrada; her children, Jaime Flórez-Estrada (daughter-in-law Claudia Visbal Flórez-Estrada) and Krista Flórez-Estrada Gallucci (son-in-law Nicolas Gallucci); two grandchildren, Benjamin Gallucci and William Gallucci; and cousins.

The 32-year career of Nancy B. Flórez-Estrada PhD, associate professor of Spanish, was highlighted by a dedication to students and the broadening of their horizons through international study and travel. Dr. Flórez-Estrada started teaching at Pitt-Greensburg in 1982 as an instructor of Spanish and advanced to associate professor.

In 2010, she was a key member of the team that developed Pitt-Greensburg's then new Spanish major and contributed in the early planning stages of the Spanish curriculum for the Spanish Education major. She also had a key role in the establishment of Pitt-Greensburg's Latin American Studies Certificate (LAS) program in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies and served as the Pitt-Greensburg Faculty Advisor since its

inception in 2001. She was instrumental in the programming at the International Village. She served as advisor to the campus' Spanish Club that, under her mentorship, regularly brought the Spanish and Latin American cultures to campus by hosting dinners, workshops, films, performances, and speakers. From 1999 to 2009, Dr. Flórez-Estrada served as director of the International Academic Village (IAV).

Dr. Flórez-Estrada has been the recipient of numerous awards that recognize her expertise in teaching, as well as her dedication to working with students as the Spanish Club advisor, the International Club, and as Director of the International Academic Village. These include the 1989 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award; the 2001 Pitt-Greensburg Professional Development award for faculty; the 2010 Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) Outstanding Faculty Award; the 2010 Pitt- Greensburg Service Award for faculty; and the 2002, 2009, and 2014 Advisor of the Year Award, given by Pitt-Greensburg's Student Government Association. After her retirement, she was awarded emeritus status.

Flórez-Estrada also taught at Carnegie Mellon University (1991-1992), Seton Hill University (1979-1982), and Purdue University (1967-1972). Additionally, she worked as a Spanish/ESL Instructor and Translator for General Foods Corp. in Madrid, Spain (1973-1978). She also taught summer courses in ESL at Saint Vincent College's International Language Institute, Interstudy in Indiana, PA, and the Instituto de Idiomas Benton (Madrid, Spain).

Dr. Flórez-Estrada earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish Language and Literature with a minor in French Language and Literature from Grove City College. She went on to complete a Master's of Arts degree in Spanish Language and Peninsular Literature at Michigan State University and participated in the University's Overseas Study Program to Madrid Spain. A Fulbright Travel Grant and Spanish Government Grant allowed her to continue

her graduate studies at the University of Complutense de Madrid. Estrada earned her PhD in Spanish Applied Linguistics and Methodology from the University of Pittsburgh.

A memorial service will be held in University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, Campana Chapel on 217 North Campus Road, Greensburg, on Saturday, Jan 31, at 3:00 PM. For those wishing to make a donation, the family requests that donations be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at <http://www.ocrf.org>. William Snyder Funeral Home Inc., Irwin, 724-863-1200, is handling arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, Campana Chapel
217 North Campus Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

Tribute Wall



SB

“ *Dr. Estrada was a wonderful professor. She truly loved teaching and was there for any of her students. I performed extremely well in her class, and she saw a huge, talent in me and approached me about it. She had wanted me to change my major to Spanish; however, I did not know what careers would have been available to me with that degree. She offered to personally meet with me to go over this, and I am sad to say I never fully pursued it and wish I had. She was an amazing person and my college career was better having her in it. I am truly sorry for this loss, and although it has been ten years, I still remember her and think of her when I reflect on college.*

Stephanie Beaken - September 04, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Dr. Nancy Beck Florez-Estrada*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dr. Nancy Beck Florez-Estrada*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

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“ Para los que amaban a ella,

Yo no seria la persona que soy hoy si no fuera por ella. Yo no estaria donde estoy si no fuera por ella. Yo no existiria hoy si no fuera por ella. No tengo las palabras para explicar el vacio que esta en mi corazon. Sin embargo, espero que yo pueda llenar el espacio con el amor que me mostrababa ella. Ella era mi foro en la oscuridad. Te amo Nancy--vives en mis recuerdos. Voy a recordar a Nancy durante el dia de los muertos. Yo encenderia una vela.

Really, I am speechless. I just now learned that she passed in January and it has shocked me. She is perhaps the most influential person in my life. Who I am today, I could not be without having known her. I owe my life to her. I am so sad to learn she is no longer with us. My world is incomplete without her as I am sure her family knows. My sincerest regrets and I hope our hearts heal in time.

*Con Amor,
Kacie*

Kacie Elizabeth Diniz (Frost) - October 15, 2015 at 03:18 PM

JL

“ Dear Bolo, Krista, and Jamie,

Nancy was an extraordinary soul. She embodied kindness and generosity. I have never met anyone quite like her. The world will not be the same without the comfort of her gentleness.

Joan Luby-Hirsch

Joan Luby-Hirsch - February 02, 2015 at 11:32 AM

SH

“ Dear Bolo, Krista, and Jaime,

My heartfelt condolences. Words can't express how sorry I am for your loss. I will always remember Nancy's irrepressible smile, infectious laugh, extraordinary kindness, warm soul, and abiding desire to expand her cultural knowledge and horizons. She was a great friend, colleague, and housemate. I feel truly fortunate to have known her. I shall miss her dearly.

*abrazos,
Steven Hirsch*

Steven Hirsch - February 02, 2015 at 11:29 AM

JL

“ Luis, Jamie, Krista and family,

Keeping you in thoughts and prayers. Nancy will be missed by all whose lives she enlightened.

John and Sharon Lucas

John Lucas - January 27, 2015 at 09:38 AM

BM

“ Dear Mr. Estrada, Jaime, Krista and Family,

I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Beth (Hurrianko) Murphy*

Beth Murphy - January 26, 2015 at 09:24 PM

SK

“ *TheEstrada Family*
I had the pleasure of meeting your mom/wife I am so ve sorry for your loss and she will be greatly missed My prayers are with all of you! Sincerly Sharee at Quest

sharee keffer - January 26, 2015 at 08:51 PM

DW

“ *Krista & family,*
I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mom as a child. She was always so lovely. My thoughts and prayers are with you now. - Danielle Brandt-Welch

danielle welch - January 25, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JG

“ *Es una pérdida para todos: para su familia, para los amigos y especialmente para todos aquellas personas que la conocieron y disfrutaron de su compañía, de su risa, y amabilidad. La vamos a echar mucho de menos. Mi más sentido pésame para Bolo, sus hijos y toda la familia.*
Un abrazo. Que Dios la tenga en su gloria y que descanse en paz.
Judith García-Quismondo

Judith Garcia-Quismondo - January 24, 2015 at 11:05 AM

RW

“ *Mr. Estrada, Jamie, Krista and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife and mother. I have such great thoughts of her as I grew up in your household where she was always so witty, loving and caring. I think of her as my mom too! Jamie remembers our trip to Spain with Nancy that was unforgettable and it is one of my best memories of her. She had so many accomplishments in life and I think her best was having a wonderful family!
May she rest in peace:
Ryan Weaver*

Ryan Weaver - January 24, 2015 at 05:32 AM

AK

“ *Ana Ines King lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Nancy Beck Florez-Estrada*



Ana Ines King - January 23, 2015 at 06:14 PM

AK

Our dearest friends, Jaime and Claudia, please receive our love and prayers during this difficult time. Your mom is alive in the many hearts she touched with her elegance and love of life she shared with everyone. Thinking of you, Ana & Billy

Ana Ines King - January 23, 2015 at 06:20 PM

EC

*Mr. Estrada and family,
I am very sorry to hear of your sad, sad loss. I pray you find comfort.
Sincerely,
Beth Gatons - Clement*

elizabeth clement - January 26, 2015 at 07:52 AM

AO

“ Jaime,

I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Although it's been many years, I do remember that she was a lovely, elegant lady. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Abbey (Falcone) Owoc

Abbey Owoc - January 23, 2015 at 09:09 AM

WD

“ Krista and Family,

Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. May she live on in the memories that you share. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Wojciech A. Sliwa, DVM - January 22, 2015 at 10:13 PM

AS

“ Great teacher

a past student - January 22, 2015 at 06:44 PM

KA

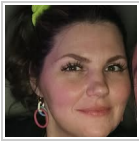
“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to Nancy's family during this very difficult time. I was so blessed to have worked with her for many years at Pitt- Greensburg at which time I learned what an amazing woman Nancy was - a dedicated wife, mother, teacher, and friend - a woman with an amazingly huge heart. She truly touched so many lives in the most positive and beautiful ways. Karen Antoniak*

Karen Antoniak - January 22, 2015 at 12:13 PM

RA

“ I traveled with Nancy, as a member of the Spanish Club, to Spain in 1985. She opened up the world to me and I was proud to call her teacher and friend. She had a profound impact on my life and her passing is incredibly sad. My thoughts go out to her family and many friends. Robert "Bob" Armstrong - Class of 1987.

Robert Armstrong - January 22, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ Dr. Florez-Estrada was an amazing spirit. She took under her wing so many students during their budding college careers and welcomed them into the university as well as her life... She cared- she truly cared about the world around her.... and her passion for travel and life and teaching was seen in everything she did.... Thoughts and prayers with you as you say good bye...

Yelena Etten - January 22, 2015 at 07:48 AM

HK

“ Jaime, so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. xo - Heide & Scott

Heide Knapik - January 21, 2015 at 08:42 PM