# 175 SISTER PROFILES: Sister Nancy Fader

#### **Sister Yvonne Theriault**

It was a pleasure for me to live with Sister Nancy Fader for many years. I found her gifted in so many ways. S. Nancy is an excellent cook, and has the great gift of hospitality. At our home everyone was welcomed to the table. She is a true woman of charity.

Another gift S. Nancy has is the ability to maintain friendships over many years. If she hears someone is experiencing difficulties, she will call or write to let them know they were not alone and offer her assistance if possible. She believes that a compassionate ear is often a great support to others.

S. Nancy was the office manager for Dr. Ethel Pereira, a surgeon and



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#### Sister Nancy with friend Sandra Shortell, 1963

gynecologist. S. Nancy and she became like family to one another. There was enormous mutual respect and esteem. As you would imagine in such a practice, there were often patients with difficulties that required a referral to other specialists. Because of S. Nancy's easy rapport with office managers of other medical clinicians, she was able to call her peer at such an office and request a favor with regard to accepting someone in

need of a consult. More often than not, the patient received a timely appointment!

After Dr. Pereira's retirement,
S. Nancy did not have to wait long
for another position in her field of
expertise. Dr. Margaret Leighton
was delighted to accept her as a
member of her office team. Here, as
in her previous long-term position,
patients came to appreciate
S. Nancy's friendly and professional



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services. Her consistent thoughtfulness and kindness to both peers and patients forged special friendships. Saints Elizabeth Seton and Vincent de Paul must smile watching S. Nancy's wit and compassion to any and all in need.

## Sister Nancy - A Real Angel

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Sister Nancy has touched the lives of so many people and continues to do so every day. We have known S. Nancy for many years and have such great memories—it is not unusual to receive a call from her from out of the blue.

The one thing that remains the same is the smile you have when the conversation is over.



Sister Nancy with her parents and brother, 25th jubilee celebration, 1988

Our first encounter with Sister
Nancy was at Sacred Heart Parish in
Timberlea, NS. We were approached
to help with the RCIA program and
who better to help guide us on
this experience than S. Nancy. We
would like to share an experience
during this time—it was time to talk
about confession and to help the
participants we did a role play with
myself as the Priest and

S. Nancy was the "sinner"—and what a sinner she was (I think she was role playing)!

It is always interesting how God brings people together. My mother was in Parkstone with dementia and S. Nancy (and other Sisters of Charity) were regular visitors to the folks on Mount Lane. In many cases they became the voice of residents and helped in so many ways. My mother would say to us that "your friend was here today" and she would break into a big smile. There were always lots of smiles on Mount Lane.

If anyone tells you that they do not believe in angels we can say we do; we know one—S. Nancy.

We value our memories and friendship with S. Nancy. God Bless her and all the Sisters of Charity.