

# Tribute to Nancy Crooks

Passion, foresight and selfless generosity sums up Nancy Crooks in relation to solar cookers. Between 2004 – 2009, Nancy initiated, funded, even sought funding and gained friends for several solar cooking projects in Kenya.

Nancy is remembered for connecting SCI - EA to the African Culinary Institute in Lokochoigio north western Kenya set up by Africa Expeditions (AFEX) that taught food production and also the use of solar cookers. She went ahead and sponsored the very first solar food restaurant managed by Turkana women in Loki town. Seeing the potential savings that the local schools could make by using the sun, Nancy sought funding and two institutional solar cookers were installed at the St. Johns boys secondary school.



Terry, Margaret, Linda and Nancy.

Driving to our office, consulting asking for proposals and being at it with persistence, Nancy sought funds and brought them to SCI (EA) office. She connected SCI - EA to faithful partners; Lift Up Africa who in turn have been instrumental in initiating many other solar cooking projects, for orphanages, women in Kajiado, schools in western Kenya and many others. Despite her frail health, she never tired and she was ready to jump on small planes and fly off to northern Kenya to conduct training assisted by Faustine.

Nancy never could understand why people were refusing to see and to use the locally, abundant resource the sun!. She did her best and her final visit to the office was to hand over a 100\$ bill, another donation to be used in spreading a safe, cheap way to cook food and make water safe for the benefit of people and the planet. Nancy we miss you already – may you receive your due reward from the Lord Almighty. Rest in Peace Nancy.