



Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson

August 5, 1939 - May 30, 2024

Nancy Gay Smith Wilson was born August 5, 1939, to Robert Wafford Smith and Gay Cloar Smith at the Webb Williamson Hospital of Jackson, Tennessee. Nancy's mother died at the birth of Nancy, and she was reared by her father and her stepmother, Avanelle Foust Smith. She had five siblings: Janice (James) Nowell of Milan, Joe (Carol) Smith of Northport, Alabama, John (Sue) Smith of Afton, Tennessee, and Judy (Jim) Frazier of Jackson. Her father, mother, stepmother, and brother Joe are deceased.

Nancy married Hoyt Wilson from South Fulton, Tennessee, August 16, 1959. Three children were born to them: Marta Gay (Rick) Smith of Jacksonville, Florida, Krista Lynn (Doug) Grace of Jackson, and John Bart (Mitzi) Wilson, Sr. of Lexington. They have seven grandchildren: John Bart (Katie) Wilson Jr., Nichole (John) Herold, Kathryn (Aaron) Lyons, Cord (Jordan) Smith, Victoria (Mike) Carroll, Wesley (Gladys) Grace, Haley (Clayton) Helmuth and thirteen great-grandchildren: Anna, Brayden, Gavin, John Henry, BellaGrace, CallieAnn, Ellis, Georgia, Emmitt, Cohen, Emily, Andrew, Elena who is to be born soon, Mia, and Alexander.

Nancy graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty Missouri in 1962 and later completed a Masters Degree in Education with 45 additional hours. She taught English in Kearney, Missouri; Bardwell, Kentucky; Boone's Hill, Tennessee; Pulaski, Tennessee; Kenton, Tennessee; and Spanish and English at Lexington High School for 25 years, retiring in 2003 – 41 years total.

Nancy was a Christian. She received Jesus at an early age and never turned back. At her death she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lexington. She has taught Sunday school, sang in the church choir, worked in the church library, and Vacation Bible Schools. She was also actively involved in the Henderson County F.C.E. Her profession was teaching, but she considered being a wife and mother to be her major accomplishment.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church -MAC Building
50 Stanford Ave
Lexington, TN

Church Service

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Jewell H Sistrunk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Jewell H Sistrunk - June 03, 2024 at 07:53 PM

RC

“ *Col Wilson we were friends during our time in the Guard. I will always remember you and the kindness you shared with me. So sorry to hear about your wife. I wish you the best.*

Russell Clayton - June 03, 2024 at 12:38 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Jo Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Kathy Jo Hargrove - June 01, 2024 at 03:49 PM

KH

I vividly remember being in her class in Kenton! Sweet Lady.

Kathy Jo Hargrove - June 01, 2024 at 03:50 PM

CC

Dear Family,

What a remarkable life of service to Christ our King and all God's children. Untold hundreds of lives and eternal destinies have been impacted by Nancy Wilson. The service was an exclamation mark for an exemplary Proverbs 31 woman of God. My life has been enriched by her presence and example over the years. May the joy of the Lord be your strength during this season of sorrowing. Nancy fought the good fight, she finished her race, great is her reward in heaven! Each you remain in my thoughts and daily prayers.
Chuck

Chuck Carothers - June 03, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - June 01, 2024 at 12:28 PM

CC

“ *Candace Compton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Candace Compton - June 01, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson.*



June 01, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Cotton Rhodes - June 01, 2024 at 12:50 AM



“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Barbara Willis - June 01, 2024 at 12:32 AM



Nancy was A dear sweet friend ,loved her dearly she will be missed by family and friend's. She was A great Lady. Prayers for her family.

Barbara Willis - June 01, 2024 at 12:40 AM

DC

“ Dwight Casey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson



Dwight Casey - June 01, 2024 at 12:17 AM

JH

“ Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson



Janice Houston - May 31, 2024 at 11:36 PM

JS

“ Thinking of you, Krista, and praying for God's comfort and peace for the family. Love, Joyce & Stephanie

Joyce Stephens - May 31, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ Mary Seggo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson



Mary Seggo - May 31, 2024 at 04:07 PM

RB

“ *Robin Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Robin Bowman - May 31, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JD

Dear friend and brother Hoyt the Savior given you Grace peace and strength love you. Jim Denison

Jim Denison - May 31, 2024 at 03:25 PM

RH

“ *Robert & Carol Horn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



Robert & Carol Horn - May 31, 2024 at 12:48 PM

RC

So sorry. Praying for all the family. She was a wonder sweet lady.

Robert & Carol - May 31, 2024 at 12:51 PM

KP

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers 🙏*

Keith & Debbie Patterson - May 31, 2024 at 12:43 PM

KP

“ *Keith & Debbie Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nancy Gay Smith Wilson*



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