



Mrs. Nancy Lewis McNeely

January 16, 1934 - June 4, 2020

Nancy Brown Lewis McNeely, 86, of Alpharetta, Georgia, passed away very peacefully on June 4, 2020, from complications of old age.

Nancy was born January 16, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri, the only child of Alexander Graves and Martha Lillian (Gerhart) Lewis. She was a 1952 graduate of Kirkwood High School and studied art at Washington University in St. Louis.

Nancy was a 6th generation St. Louisan and took great pride in that heritage and in the history of her hometown. Her 4x-great grandfather, Auguste Antoine Flandrain, was a French soldier who settled in St. Louis after coming to America with the Marquis de Lafayette to fight for American independence. In 1962, she married her love, Joe Harris McNeely, who preceded her in death in 2005. Soon after their marriage they moved to Dallas, Texas, where they made their home for 40 years.

Nancy was a homemaker, a loving wife and a devoted mother. She was also a talented artist who worked in watercolor, pencil, fabric, and stained glass. She was a Mary Kay Cosmetics representative for many years, sang in her church choir, volunteered in many different capacities and was a devoted employee at Foley's, formerly known as Sanger-Harris department stores.

She was a long time member of Northpark Presbyterian Church and the St. Andrews Sunday School Class in Dallas.

After becoming a grandmother, Nancy was called "Grancy" by all who knew and loved her. She took great joy in her family and in their many

accomplishments.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Marcia McNeely Grimsley (John) of Alpharetta, grandson Jack Grimsley, granddaughter Neely Claire Grimsley, sister-in-law Jane Bruns of Rockville, Maryland, and several loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her son, James Alexander "Jim" McNeely. Jim died tragically in 1986 at the age of 18, and through this loss Nancy came to a deeper relationship with her Savior which she carried with her for the rest of her life. She lived Christ's greatest commandments, to love the Lord, and to love her neighbor, and this is the legacy she leaves behind.

A private graveside service will be held in Dallas, TX where she will be interred next to her beloved husband and son.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church of Alpharetta, GA, earmarked for Children/Student Life retreat scholarships. Donations can be sent to Mount Pisgah UMC, 2850 Old Alabama Rd, Johns Creek, GA 30022, or online www.mountpisgah.org/give and should be noted "in memory of Nancy McNeely".

Cemetery Details

Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Nancy Lewis McNeely*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *One of my fondest memories growing up were times spent with Joe, Nancy, Marcia, and Jimmy in their Richardson home. Nancy was the classic June Ward mother... a loving mom with such warm spirit.*

Nancy and Jimmy used to pick me up for sleepovers in her green car (Chrysler?) with beige/white rooftop... according to my grade school memory of 40+ yrs ago so it could've been a completely different car :)

I still remember that house so very well on Lowell or Lorie Ln? Jimmy and I used to play with their dog Patches and hopped around on his pogo stick, hung out in his treehouse or maybe we climbed his tree, and played with his abundance of toys. Marcia was the cool teenager with the huge room upstairs that I believe was an attic conversion. After Nancy made us all a big breakfast, Joe would sit in his man-of-the-house chair reading the newspaper and Jimmy would ask for the “Funnies” section for us to read. I believe my love for milk comes from eating meals with the McNeely’s. Jimmy drank milk with almost every meal so I copied my buddy :)

Thank you Nancy for creating my fond childhood memories by sharing your heart and family with us Pham’s. Please say hi to Joe, Jimmy, and Patches for me Nancy...

*Sincerely,
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