

Obituaries

Mrs. Nancy McQuague Cornwell

Mrs. Nancy McQuague Cornwell, 88, passed away Saturday, July 24, 2021, at her home.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Harry Winker officiating. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service. The family respectfully requests for all who are in attendance to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Inurnment will be private in Eastview Cemetery.

Nancy was born December 16, 1932, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late William Zebulon McQuague and the late Lucy Flake Sullivan McQuague.

She was a 1951 graduate of Wadesboro High School and a graduate of Women's College in Greensboro, which is now UNCG. She had a long and successful career in advertising and marketing and continued that work after she and her husband moved to Wadesboro in 1988.

Later she would renovate their home and own and operate Sullivan Place Bed and Breakfast. Nancy, a true southern hostess, was an excellent inn keeper. Sullivan Place, with her gift of decorating and being an amazing cook, has been the chosen venue for many weddings, luncheons, bridge clubs, family reunions, class reunions and any necessary family or social gathering for more than 30 years.

Nancy was also an accomplished artist. Her best-known work was the painting, "Flower Ladies" which she painted in Chapel Hill of the ladies making flowers on the sidewalks in town. This was in 1967. Her children remember this well, as they sat with her while she was painting.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Abner Milton Cornwell, Jr. and her sisters, Correne Whatley and Roxaline "Roxie" Stiles.

Surviving are her children, Nancy Winker (Guyton) of Rutherfordton, NC and A. Milton Cornwell, III (Kathryn) of St. Louis, MO; her grandchildren, Rebecca Spring (Adam) of Lilburn, GA, Anna Alley (Robert) and Joseph Winker (Sydney), all of Charlotte, The family respectfully requests for all who are in attendance to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Inurnment will be private in Eastview Cemetery.

Nancy's family wishes to express their sincere thanks to those who helped to make her life of independence possible and worked with her at Sullivan Place for so many years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Sound System Fund, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170, to Anson County Arts Council, P.O. Box 332, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, 5770 U.S. Highway 52 North, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the Anson Historical Society, 206 E. Wade Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Sylvia Kelly Farris Nickel

Mrs. Sylvia Kelly Farris Nickel died Saturday morning, August 7, 2021, in the care of her family. The Hospice of Union County, NC was advising.

There will be a service to celebrate her life at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. The family will greet friends following the service at the funeral home. The family respectfully requests those in attendance to please wear a face mask and practice social distance, unless fully vaccinated.

Sylvia was born September 15, 1931, in Patrick, South Carolina to the late Joseph Dean Farris and the late Virginia Kelly Farris. She spent much of her youth growing up in Wadesboro where she helped her mother raise Sylvia's brother Linsy. She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School. Sylvia and her family were members of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro.

As a young girl Sylvia developed a love for music and singing. She was a student of piano and piano. Her talents and gift of singing afforded her opportunities to be in pageants and contests including the Miss Wadesboro Pageant and the Peach Festival Pageant. She went on to sing at and attend Wingate Junior College and Queen's College in Charlotte.

While attending college she met a young man from Philadelphia named Edward Nickel at a Bachelors club dance in Charlotte. He fell in love immediately and eventually she fell for him. They married on November 23, 1951. Sylvia was a very supportive and loving wife who contributed to Ed's success with Johnson Motor Lines after being transferred to New York. They eventually settled in Tenafly, New Jersey to raise a family. They had two children, Lisa and Eric, and lived around the corner from Sylvia's brother Linsy his late wife Vivian and their three children, Karen, Alan and Andrew.

Sylvia and Ed were proud and active members of First Presbyterian Church in Englewood, NJ where she sang in the choir and they found many lifelong friends.

Sylvia and Ed followed their daughter to North Carolina when Lisa attended Wingate College to become a teacher. They both were instrumental in bringing up grandchildren Sara and Andrew.

In 2002 Sylvia and Ed moved to Mineral Springs to live with Lisa and to help care for the grandchildren. She loved gardening, baking birthday cakes and sharing her wisdom on how to do most things.

Sylvia loved to read, and spent much of the later part of her life caring for animals of many species she adopted over the years.

Among her last words were how happy she had been in her long and fulfilling life - in spite of her deteriorating health and chronic pain. She expressed gratitude to have shared her adult life with Ed, and spoke glowingly of how proud she was of her children, grandchildren, brother, nieces, nephews and their families.

BRLC Blood Drive is August 17

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 17. It will run from 2:00 until 6:30 p.m. BRLC volunteer Michele Sanro and any volunteering volunteers and community citizens are working together to help in every area with the Blood Drive.

BRLC Director Carol Smith said, "We know that there are some who are not able to give blood and that's understandable, but I am kindly asking you who are able to please register with the Red Cross. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Burnsville" to schedule your appointment with no waiting."

Smith continued, "We have not experienced what it is like to need blood and not have it. To experience the lack of blood would be very detrimental to anyone on earth. For individuals dealing with Sickle Cell African American blood has a component that helps to a greater degree in the midst of a sickles cell crisis."

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

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Sylvia is survived by her husband of sixty-nine years, Edward Elmer Nickel; her daughter Lisa Seegers, son-in-law Patrick of the home in Mineral Springs; granddaughter Sara Seegers and her partner Max Rogers of Charlotte; grandson Andrew Seegers of the home in Mineral Springs; her son Eric Nickel and his partner Sherry Childress of Statesville, NC; grandchildren Ean and Savanna of Mooresville, NC; her brother Dr. Robert 'Linsy' Farris (Ursula) of Tenafly; niece Karen Neus and her family of Tenafly; nephew Alan Farris and his family of Waxhaw, NC; and nephew Andrew Farris and his family of Alney, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Union County Humane Society, PO Box 101, Monroe, NC 28111.

Then to my raptured ear, Let one sweet song be given; Let music charm me last on earth, and greet me first in heaven.

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Mrs. Miriam Waddell Roush



Mrs. Miriam Waddell Roush, 98, of Ansonville, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at her home.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021, at Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Rodney Clements.

Miriam was born on June 19, 1923, at the family home in Ansonville to the late Eddie G. Waddell Sr. and Lilla Hancock Waddell. She was a 1940 graduate of Ansonville High School. Miriam was an avid golfer and played well into her later years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Major John William Roush; sisters, Roma Redfern, Inez Lee and Marguerite Rowan; and brothers, Clay, James, Hugh and E. G. Waddell, Jr.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her caregiver, Veronica Porras for her love, care, and compassion.



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