



Nancy C. Wimmer

July 8, 1929 - June 8, 2009

Nancy Carolyn Kendall Wimmer, age 79 of Oakdale, died June 8th, 2009 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. Proceeded in death by her granddaughter, Mary Lee Rodgers. Survivors are: Husband William O. Wimmer of Oakdale, Children; William Kendall Wimmer of Oakdale, Paula Rodgers and husband Mark of Cookeville, Robert Peyton Wimmer and wife Karen of Austin, TX, Edward Garris Wimmer of Nashville, Charles Alexander Wimmer and wife Sarah of Maryville, Sisters; Julia V. Russell of Atlantic Beach, FL, Hannah Barringer of Florence, SC, Grandchildren; Seanne and Alex Rodgers, Milo, Lucy and Wendy Carolyn Wimmer and Madeline and Jacob Wimmer.

Born in Florence South Carolina, the baby in a family of five children, Nancy was full of life and brought life to all she did, running with friends, summers at the beach, writing for the school paper and playing basketball. After high school Nancy attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill SC to major in journalism. Making lifelong friends there she moved with a small group after graduation to Kingsport, TN where she landed a job with the Kingsport Times. Writing obits couldn't hold her and she moved on to take a job with TN Eastman where she met a junior chemist, Bill Wimmer. And her next chapter began. Moving to Harriman in 1957 with husband and 3 (to be 5) small children She quickly embraced Harriman as her home, working tirelessly to build a stronger and more dynamic community. "My job is to be active in the community relative to anything it is involved in" she once said. Nancy was

instrumental in creating the Roane Civic Music Series bringing the world to our doorstep. And as music was a passion she helped to bring forth and maintain the Roane Choral Society, often directed the church children's choir, and was an avid supporter of the school band as band mom, band aid and worked the concession stand at the home games. She remained committed to the Harriman School system and in 1982 began working as Continuing Education and Alumni Association Director. She made lifetime learning available to the community, 'you can never quit learning' she believed. She was known by many as a quite driving force behind Hooray for Harriman and a subsequent community wide renovation. Recognizing the historic and architectural merits of Harriman she worked to document and designate as a Historic District the Cornstalk Heights section of town and made Harriman a 'Main Street USA' community. Always keeping her pen handy she was ever ready to contribute as a writer and editor to the Harriman Record, the Roane County News and co-founded the Harriman News and Views. She loved her family, her faith, her garden and her community. Nancy Wimmer is forever interwoven in the fabric of the Roane County area. Many clubs, programs and organization now taken for granted were the result of her guiding hand. Though many will miss her, her presence will continue to be felt by all. In lieu of flowers the family ask that in her honor you plant a flower or plant the seeds of learning by supporting Imagination Library. imaginationlibrary.com
Memorial service 12 noon Saturday June 13, 2009 at Kingston United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11:30 AM Saturday at the church.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Ned, and the Wimmer family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss, she was a great lady and
contributed so much to the community. She will be missed. I have
fond memories of her when I was in the band. My thoughts and
prayers are with you.*

Debra Tilley - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *We will miss her. Our heart's go out to you Kendall and your entire
family. We are praying. Love in Christ Jesus.*

Jayne and David Jackson - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Nancy. She was a lady and
so kind to everyone she ever met. Her contributions to Harriman
and to Roane County are far reaching and will go on forever. She
was a true friend to our family and especially my mom. I know
without a doubt my mom was waiting on her in heaven! Please
know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Janice Wood Bowman*

Janice Bowman - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Nancy was the best.
She would have hated all the fuss and praise because she did what she loved..and that involved helping others..and by doing that she filled her own cup..and it was full to overflowing.
I think if there was a eulogy for her she would appreciate about her life it would be simple.
"Not bad. Not bad at all."
My prayers, grief and emotions are shared by me and the only comfort I can give is knowing Nancy is already busy organizing something and someday we will again be a part of her big idea. The only difference is this time she has a much bigger sponsor and backer.
My love to all of you.

Brian Graves - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Garris,
Much love and sympathy to you and your family. Nancy was loved and liked by all who knew her, and will be missed by many.
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Let's make an effort to get together soon.
Love,
Dawn

Dawn Roberts - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Wimmer Family,
Words cannot say how highly I thought of your mother. She was a true Christian. The "Wimmers" were such a big part of mine and Carol's life growing up. Then later, I worked with her at Harriman City Schools. I will truly miss her energy and positive attitude.
Linda Wade Powell

Linda Wade Powell - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dearest Bill, Charlie and All,
I was so sorry to learn of Nancy's death. She contributed so much to the city of Harriman and to the population in general. She was such a sweet person and will be terribly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. God Bless.
Martha

Martha Parker - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I was sadden at the news of Nancy's passing. She and the Wimmer Family have a special place in the hearts of the French Family growing up. Mom will be there to greet to her.
You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

David French - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss.

David&Bernice Hennessee - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dearest Paula and family,
I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. I had not realized that she had been so sick. I remember her so well from our youth and her assistance with the band and on the times that I visited at your home in Oakdale. She was always a very fine and sweet lady.
Please accept my heartfelt condolences and sympathy. It is a very difficult void to fill when we loose a parent but the loss of a mother seems especially difficult. I fully understand and feel you loss. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Again, I am so very sorry to hear this sad, sad news..
Sincerely, Marsha

marsha (Bowers) hickman - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Wimmer Family,
What a blessing Nancy was for all of the people in Harriman and Roane County. She was a Southern Lady and she will never be forgotten. I praise our Heavenly Father for letting me be one of her friends. Keeping you all in my prayers.
With love through our Savior Jesus Christ,
Sherry Schuman

Sherry Schuman - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Having know Nancy for many years in many capacities, I can honestly say my life is richer because of hers.
Thinking of you - Patsy Blanchard

Patsy Blanchard - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Charlie,
I am praying for you and your family during this difficult time.
Your mother was a remarkable woman. She will be missed.

Jody Inman Gossett - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Rob and Wimmer family: I will always remember Nancy for her soft spoken voice and her kind spirit. She worked tirelessly to organize our historic community and to "facelift" our downtown. Her legacy lives on in our Cornstalk Heights Community Historic Organization and she will be sorely missed. My thought are with you.

Karen Tidwell Lane - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Dear Dr. Wimmer and Family,
I have such fond memories of our "growing up" years as neighbors and church family. I especially remember Mrs. Wimmer in regards to the angel Christmas programs at Woods Chapel, great Halloween parties, summers at the lake on Webster Pike, and cookouts at the farm. Growing up, your mom always made us Woods Chapel kids feel like we were part of your family and your home was always open to us.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Patricia Henry Rowan for Danny, Kyle, and Margaret Henry

Patricia Henry Rowan - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Denise Johnston Cloyd - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Life is eternal, and love is immortal,
And death is only a horizon;
And a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.
~Captain Rossiter W. Raymond
Until that time that you see your beloved Mother and Wife again,
may you have peace of mind and comfort of heart. Blessings on
your sweet family. My thoughts are with you.*

Mark Cabus - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Dear Wimmer Family,
What fond memories I have of all those Christmas Eves spent at
your house along with Aunt Jeanne and Uncle Roy! The meal was
always scrumptious, but what I remember most is the love and
laughter. You made me feel like part of the family. Leaving with a
loaf of Nancy's Christmas bread was icing on the cake!
Love to you all,
Rosemary Ellis Bird*

Rosemary Bird - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Charlie my best friend --- the lilly garden will be a great
memorial that will last for generations. What an awesome idea!
I will see you Saturday!*

Jeff

Jeff Wadley - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Charlie and the rest of the Wimmer Family.... you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. we will all miss Nancy she was such a sweet , loving and caring person.kim

Kim Burkhardt - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Nancy was a very special lady. My life is richer for having known her.

Jo Stafford - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Charlie,
Please know that your entire family is in my prayers at this time.
This community has lost a dear friend, and heaven has truly gained a new angel.
Krista

Krista Long Helton - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Nancy was always very special to my family and did so many wonderful things for us. She was always there for support and love. Many years ago she made a quilt for me, and I treasure it. I respected her in all that she did.

Mary Scandlyn - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Charlie,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Know that you are loved and supported by a great extended family. I am so sorry for what you are going through right now, but was glad to hear that you were able to be with your mom as she passed away.
In Christ's love,
Rebecca Brown

Rebecca Brown - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Harriman has lost a lovely woman, but we do have many reminders of her hard work and determination to make this a community we can be proud of. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Carmen Maples Davis

Carmen Davis - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My sincerest condolences to the Wimmer family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Stan Turner

Stanley Turner - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Charlie and family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Please take comfort in knowing others care. What a blessing to have been raised by such a wonderful Christian mother!
Lisa Lockett Gilliam

Lisa Lockett Gilliam - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Heaven has a very special Angel today. What a wonderfully kind lady Nancy was. Harriman has lost another friend of so many. We will all certainly miss her. Your family is in our prayers.*

Tina Scarbrough Cochran - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *I was so sorry and saddened when I heard about the loss of Nancy. She was a very dear and sweet person. I worked with her in Harriman City Schools for many years and we had a very common interest in gardening and photography. Our conversations will truly be missed. We loved you very much! The family will be in our prayers.*
Kathy

Kathy Winters - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Nancy was such an amazing and good person that I'll bet she already has her wings. All my love to the family.*

Mona Jackson - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Nancy. She was a speical lady who blessed the lives of many. It is truly a loss to her family, friends, and community. The family will be in our prayers.*
Dick and Donna Hall and family

Dick and Donna Hall - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM