



Nancy Priester Carpenter

July 7, 1931 - March 1, 2026

Nancy Priester Carpenter, 94, of Albemarle, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

Visitation will be at 10am with a memorial service to follow at noon on March 28, 2026, at First Lutheran Church in Albemarle.

Born July 7, 1931 in Stanly County, she was the daughter of Fred Laurius and Lela Mae Vick Priester. She was a graduate of Albemarle High School and Wake Forest University and became a teacher, having taught at Endy Elementary and North Stanly High School.

She wed James William "Jim" Carpenter, and became the mother of two sons, Dave and Steve, to whom she was lovingly devoted. She was a faithful member of First Lutheran Church, having sung in the Chancel choir and served on the altar guild for many years.

She was an avid tennis player, enjoying many matches with family and friends on the court she and Jim built in their backyard. She enjoyed reading outside on the back deck, playing cards (Bridge Club), and indulging her sweet tooth, but most of all she cherished spending time with her family.

She will be fondly remembered for her quick wit and positive attitude. Mrs.

Carpenter is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister, Jane Priester Hartsell.

She is survived by her two sons, David William Carpenter and partner, Bobbie Hatley; James Stephen Carpenter and wife, Kimberly Bassett Carpenter; four granddaughters, Sarah Carpenter (Emily McClain), Laine (Drew) Rendleman, Kathryn Carpenter and Carley Carpenter; two great-grandchildren Ella and Liam Rendleman, brother-in-law, Robert Flake, and several nieces and nephews.

Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care is serving the Carpenter family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

First Lutheran Church
230 S 2nd St
Albemarle, NC 28001-5702
(704) 982-8139

Memorial Service

MAR **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Lutheran Church
230 S 2nd St
Albemarle, NC 28001-5702
(704) 982-8139

Tribute Wall



“ *Stanly Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Priester Carpenter*



Stanly Funeral Home - March 30 at 06:26 PM

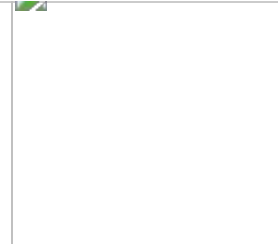


“ *Nancy was a very sweet lady. I remember well when she and Jim had a tennis court in their backyard.*

wade mcswain - March 28 at 12:21 AM



“ *Wade Mcswain lit a candle in memory of Nancy Priester Carpenter*



wade mcswain - March 28 at 12:19 AM



“ *Steve,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I hope you can find moments of comfort in the memories that will always stay close to your heart.*

Kim Long - March 23 at 12:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Priester Carpenter.*



March 15 at 08:56 PM

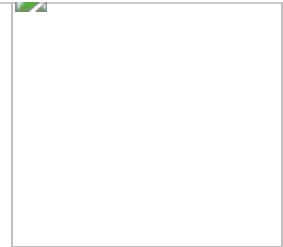


“ *Nancy Priester, Jim carpenter and I were part of the fantastic AHS class of 1949! Nancy and Jim were a wonderful couple and I feel so blessed to have so many wonderful memories of her family. Dave and Steve, may you feel God's ever loving presence at this time! Love to you and your families, Rachel Lefler*

Rachel Lefler - March 12 at 01:37 AM



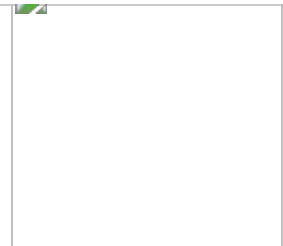
“ *Jenny Hatley*



Jenny Hatley - March 06 at 01:37 AM



“ *Jenny Hatley*



Jenny Hatley - March 06 at 01:36 AM

JH

“ *Jenny Hatley lit a candle in memory of Nancy Priester Carpenter*

Jenny Hatley - March 06 at 01:35 AM

B

“ *Nancy Carpenter was a life long learner. She was an excellent teacher in the public schools and First Lutheran Church. While focusing on helping her students learn the subject material, she did so with a wry sense of humor. A gracious lady, Nancy made everyone feel that she deeply cared and genuinely wanted to help however she could. She was a member of the Greatest Generation and always showed outstanding human nature and service. Prayers for her family.*

Bain Jones - March 05 at 09:46 PM

B

“ *Nancy Carpenter was a devoted and passionate life time learner. She was an excellent teacher in the public schools and also First Lutheran Church. While focused on making learning engaging, she also had a wry sense of humor. Everyone who was with Nancy was made to feel she deeply cared and valued each person with whom she came in contact. Part of the Great Generation, she displayed the best in human nature and service to others. Prayers for her family.*

Bain Jones - March 05 at 09:39 PM