



Nancy Lyman Williams Long

July 30, 1941 - April 5, 2025

Nancy Lyman Williams Long, age 83, of Baskett, KY, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at her daughter's home in Jeffersonville, IN.

Nancy was born in Evansville, IN on July 30, 1941, however, she lived her entire life in the town she referred to as "Beautiful Downtown Baskett" Kentucky. Nancy graduated from Henderson County High School summa cum laude and Murray State University magna cum laude. She was Murray's outstanding Home Economics student of 1963. Nancy researched, traveled, and did the paperwork to establish a chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi on the campus of Murray and served as it's first president. She was president of the Home Economics Club and Historian for the State Home Economics organization. Nancy was accepted into Who's Who in America Colleges and Universities for her outstanding achievements and contributions to her school. Teaching was her chosen vocation, and she considered teaching a joy and felt it was the most honorable profession. Many of her students remained lifelong friends. Teaching for 32 years, her career started at Henderson City High, moving to Henderson Community College (where she started the first child development center), Henderson County High School, and South Middle. Later, Nancy worked as an interior decorator for Trends and Traditions, she felt honored to be able to work for and with Ann Williams, a former high school teacher and mentor.

Nancy embraced the quotation, "Do not wait until it is time to die, to find that you have never lived." thus, she strived to make each day meaningful in her daily living. Nancy chose to put God first, followed by her husband, children, grandchildren, and extended family. Truly, she felt that motherhood was the most noble calling, thinking it to be the most beautiful of all arts and the greatest of all professions. Nancy was inspired by her mother, of whom she had the greatest love and admiration for.

She greatly enjoyed, along with her husband and children, traveling and touring all of the 50 states and 50 capitol buildings. Sewing, flower gardening, reading, English history, the sciences, architecture, antique furniture, interior design, and American history kept her busy. A stack of books was always awaiting her. Nancy was a wedding coordinator and directed over 250 weddings. For 25 years she operated, with her family and sister-in-law, N & S Catering.

While teaching at Henderson City High, she was selected as "Teacher of the Year" and in 1988 was the Teacher of the Year at Henderson County High School. Nancy was an early supporter of the Henderson Arts Council and sat on the board as it's president. She co-chaired Carousel of Arts in the Park for 2 years. Nancy also sat on the board for Habitat for many years and was dedicated to its purposes and goals. She chaired the Women's Division of the Henderson County Fair in it's early days at Ellis Park.

Nancy supported all activities in her beloved Baskett, including the Good Time Softball league for youth, Baskett Fire Department, and the Baskett Cemetery. She co-chaired a three-day event when Baskett turned 100 in 1988. When the Baskett Christian Church turned 100 in 2002, she added to the history of the church and to the history of Baskett. She was a lifelong member of Baskett Christian Church having served at one time as the assistant organist and teaching of various Sunday school classes. She was a deacon for over 40

years. Nancy and Jim enjoyed decorating the church for Christmas every year for 32 years.

There were several “first in her life”. Nancy was the first in her family to graduate from college. According to a letter sent to her mother from the principle of HCHS, she was the first graduate of HCHS to earn a 4-point average for her first semester in college and she was Henderson and Kentucky’s first Junior Miss aka (Distinguished Young Woman).

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Carrie Abilene Roll Williams in 1980 and Thomas Stanley Williams in 1995, her husband James E. Long in 2023, and an adored brother Mark Roll Williams in 2004.

Nancy is survived by her daughter Abbie Sue Long Zastawny (Edward), son James Brennan Long, all of Jeffersonville, IN; grandchildren who called her Poppins: Ethan Zastawny of Las Vegas, NV, Brennan Zastawny (Lindsey) of Cincinnati, OH, Lillian and Hannah of Jeffersonville, IN and Louisville, KY. She is also survived by her brother Thomas Jonathan Williams (Linda) and sisters-in-law: Emma Sue Beasley Williams, Sharon Long Utley (Buddy), and Shirley Roberts; brothers-in-law Scottie Joe Long (Cindy) and John Robert Long; as well as precious nieces, nephews, cousins, and great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Nancy’s Life Celebration from 2:00 p.m. until the service time on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with Reverend Jim Westmoreland officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Baskett Christian Church (7478 Carson Dr Henderson KY 42420) or the Baskett

Cemetery (7728 Baskett Cemetery Rd., Henderson, KY 42420).

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Please visit www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com to share memories and words of comfort with Nancy's family.

Previous Events

Life Celebration

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

APR 12. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Janice Johnson & Cheri Simmons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.

Janice Johnson & Cheri Simmons - May 05, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.

April 11, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.



April 11, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.

April 11, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - April 11, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MO

“ I’m so very sorry for the loss of your Mother, Grandmother, siblings and loved ones. I know your hearts are broken. Grief is the price we pay for love and when there is much love between people, the grief is tremendous when a loved one passes on. The love you have for Nancy and the love she had for all of you will live with and in you always and will carry you through this painful period. Hopefully, in time, that love will create many joyful memories of a wonderful life well lived by a remarkable person and the special relationship you had with her. Nancy was a very special person. I first met her in my first semester as a Junior at City High in 1963, which was her first year of teaching. I’ll spare you the many stories and just say that was the beginning of a wonderful friendship lasting over 60 years. I loved her dearly and will always miss her. You, Nancy’s family members, are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you in this time of great loss. Landon & Clare Overfield

Mr. & Mrs. Landon Overfield - April 10, 2025 at 01:08 PM

BF

“ Barnett/Dixon Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.



Barnett/Dixon Family - April 09, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.



April 09, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.

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GB

“ Nancy has been a life long friend of mine. We went to Baskett Christian Church. She had a beautiful singing voice and sang with the Lynindons as I recall a group of three young and talented singers. She also was one of my Sunday School teachers. I was honored to help Nancy and Jimmy with collecting money for the upkeep of Baskett and Cemetary each Memorial Day for several years. She and Jimmy served the Baskett community for several years and they were loved by all who knew them. My deepest sympathy to Addie, Brennan, Jonathan and her children grandchildren friends and family. I have known them all as I have been a Baskett citizen all my life as well. God shower you with blessings during this time of love and shared grief. I loved her too.

Georgia Beasley - April 09, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.



April 09, 2025 at 09:59 AM

AW

“ Home Economics, smiles, friendly support was an epitome of the example that Nancy Long left with everyone she rubbed shoulders with! Such wonderful memories she offered with every effort she extended! Thanks Nancy for making a difference!
Alice Wiggins

Alice Wiggins - April 08, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ I remember the first time I met Nancy had married and moved into Henderson and my husband was working a second job reading water meters in the county. He dropped me off at Nancy’s and Nancy kindly let me come in and stay while he read the meters that began our friendship. Two years after my daughter was born I went out to Henderson community college. because they had a childcare center there. My daughter Sherry was accepted, even though she had several problems. She was very very special needs. Nancy help me with that and then Sherry was almost 4 years old and she was put into the hospital. we put her in the hospital for the last time I’d cut out this dress for Sherry to be buried in and I called Nancy to tell her that I needed to have this dress finished quickly and she took it and she finished throwing it in two weeks later she came back to Becky I think you’re gonna need this and she was right the next morning. Sherry died. Nancy and I have had a wonderful friendship they’re teaching and because of sharing Nancy and her husband were terrific people. I don’t think there’s another couple like them. I’m very sorry for your loss. I will carry memories of her in my heart for the rest of my life.

Rebecca Brown - April 08, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Nancy Lyman Williams Long.



April 08, 2025 at 02:14 PM

JS

“ Thank you Nancy for sharing your beautiful life with so many of us. Your faithfulness and your love and compassion for others was truly a beautiful gift from God. Prayers for your family and friends, may they find peace and comfort as they cherish your memories. ❤️🕊️

Jenny Boone Smith - April 08, 2025 at 08:20 AM

JD

From 1963 till graduation in 1967 - my home room “monitor”. That was a tough job.
She and Jim kept track of me and my family for years. She catered my wedding in 1980.
No two people cared MORE about others. Lasting ❤️.

Jay Davis - April 10, 2025 at 10:21 AM

BR

“ The epitome of a classy lady who was always active in her life doing good for others. Jim and Nancy were a couple who the people of Baskett were blessed to call friends. Nancy is a great role model for all of us to follow and pattern our walk in life after. She will be missed and prayers for her family as they grieve her passing.

Bryan - April 07, 2025 at 08:34 PM

CB

Mr and Mrs Long were some of the best people I worked with in the Henderson County school system. They always put kids first and did what was best for them. Prayers for the family. What a legacy they left!

Chasity Blakeley - April 07, 2025 at 08:48 PM

MH

“ Thank you.

Matt Harper - April 07, 2025 at 06:54 PM

MD

“ *Many wonderful memories of Nancy, Jim, Abbie, and Brennan and the rest of the family. They are family. So sorry for your loss. My every thought, prayer, and love are with each and every one of you.* 🙏💔



Marilyn DeJarnett - April 07, 2025 at 06:20 PM