



## Nancy Wallace Dunham

January 30, 1944 - October 6, 2023

Mrs. Nancy Wallace Dunham, 79, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 6, 2023, at Novant Health/Rowan Medical Center after a period of declining health. She was born January 30, 1944, the much-loved older child of Charles and Nancy Thompson Wallace.

Her childhood was idyllic, a source of many happy memories. In 1966 she graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a degree in Elementary Education, and taught school for a couple of years before starting her family. At UNC she was affiliated with the Tri Delta Sorority and was presented at the NC Terpsichorean Ball.

Preceding her in death are her parents, her maternal grandparents Emmette and Gertrude Thompson and paternal grandparents Leo and Ella Wallace. Nancy is survived by her husband John Michael Dunham, whom she married August 19, 1984, sister Kay Wallace Coltrain (Raymond), sons Wallace Thurston Upchurch (Carly) of Big Canoe, GA, and Charles Thompson Upchurch of Charlotte, NC; stepchildren Linda Gentry Parker of Stockton Springs, ME, John Stanton Dunham (Charlotte) of Charlotte, NC, and Sara Nicholas Bryant (David) of Concord, NC. She was blessed with many grandchildren, Taylor, Jordan, Katie and Margaret Upchurch; Clara and Chess Parker; John and Rainey Dunham; and Peyton, Sara Wilder, Lilly, Bess, and Mary Stanton Bryant.

Nancy also leaves behind many adored cousins and friends who will miss her wit, charm and infectious laughter. Nancy had a special talent; she could light

up every room she was in, and every conversation.

Before her health declined, Nancy was involved in civic and social activities. She served several terms on the Rowan Museum Board of Directors, was an active board member of Historic Salisbury Foundation and was a founding member of the Peripatetic Reviewers Book Club.

Nancy was an animal lover and adopted many furry friends throughout her adult life, spoiling them all. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Humane Society of Rowan County, P.O. Box 295, Salisbury, NC 28145, or to the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 12 from 5-6pm.

Online condolences may be left at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Dunham family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ I am saddened to hear that Nancy has left us. She lit a room with her wit and personality. She was a little mischievous doll who was a bright spot in any situation. My sister, Barbara Kirk, adored Nancy and loved telling tales of their weekends at Maison Sur Muir in Myrtle Beach.  
There will never be another Damien like Nancy

---

**Caroljean Jarvis** - December 09, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ My prayers go with all of you. (Thanks for all of the memories)  
Wayne Saleeby

---

**Wayne Saleeby** - October 12, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Condolences to the family. Knowing Wallace I'm sure she was a great mom and grandma.

---

**Jessica R Smith** - October 11, 2023 at 09:17 PM



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

---

October 11, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

October 11, 2023 at 01:00 PM



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

---

October 10, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

October 10, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *Nancy was so much fun while we grew up & as an adult. She made numerous contributions to Salisbury. She will be missed by her family & many friends!*

---

**Mary K Carter Byerly** - October 09, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

October 09, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

October 09, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

October 09, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*

---

October 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

October 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Britt S. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Nancy Wallace Dunham.*



---

**Britt S.** - October 09, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Nancy was my across the street neighbor for the last 10 years and she became a sweet and kind friend. I will miss her bright smile and her charming southern style. Rest In Peace Nancy and may eternal light shine on you.*

*With my deepest sympathy to her beloved Mike.*

*With love,*

*Mary Walker*

---

**Mary Walker** - October 08, 2023 at 09:34 PM