



## Mrs. Nancy Burnette Stanback

October 20, 1939 - July 29, 2021

Nancy Burnette Stanback died peacefully in her sleep on July 29, 2021, surrounded by her three children and the powerful love and support of her three step-children and her ten grandchildren who were unable to be with her at the time of her death.

Nancy was born on October 20, 1939 to Percy and Charlotte Burnette and was a native of Norfolk, Virginia. She attended Randolph Macon Woman's College from 1957-1959, then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, from which she graduated in 1961.

Nancy was a philanthropist and often used her donor-advised account at the Foundation for the Carolinas for making charitable gifts. On the local level, Nancy was a big supporter of the Salisbury Symphony, the Bell Tower Green, The Community Care Clinic, Rowan Helping Ministries, Piedmont Players and the Lee Street Theater. She was a supporter of Catawba College, Livingstone College, the Hood Theological Seminary and Brevard College, where her late husband, William ("Bill") Stanback, was on the Board of Trustees for many years.

Nancy was a big supporter of the North Carolina Nature Conservancy, the Coastal Land Trust, Three Rivers Land Trust, the Coastal Federation, Audubon North Carolina and the Southern Environmental Law Center. Nancy also supported St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the First United Methodist Church in Salisbury.

In April 2021, Nancy was honored with the Key to the City of Salisbury by

Mayor Karen Alexander and the Salisbury City Council. At the same time, she was presented with a resolution from the Rowan County Board of Commissioners honoring her for her dedication, commitment and contributions to her community.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Percy Preston Burnette and Charlotte Danner Burnette, and her beloved husband, William Charles (“Bill”) Stanback. She is survived by her three children: Mary Hart (Frank), John Hart, Jr. (Katie), Charlotte Hart Scudder (Doug), her three step-children whom Nancy loved like her own: Anne Stanback (Charlotte Kinlock), John Stanback (Megan) and Mark Stanback (Nancy Popkin), and her ten grandchildren, Guthrie Stanback, Clement Stanback, Soren Stanback, Will Zemp, Chad Zemp, Jackson Zemp, Gray Stanback, Sylvie Stanback, Saylor Hart and Sophie Hart.

Nancy cherished her many friendships in Salisbury, North Carolina and beyond, and she especially enjoyed sitting with friends on her front porch, enjoying great conversations and listening to the songs of the cardinals and the towhees.

A private Memorial Service will be held for the family.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy requests that memorial donations be made to Shelter Guardians, Inc., PO Box 1934, Salisbury, North Carolina 28145-1934; Faithful Friends Animal Sanctuary, 220 Grace Church Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28147; or to The Historic Salisbury Foundation, PO Box 4221, Salisbury, North Carolina 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Stanback family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ From all of us at the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust to the Stanback family, please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of Nancy Stanback. Nancy brightened each room with her warmth and her smile. She left an amazing legacy that made the lives of people and the natural world better because of her caring and loving heart. Nancy will be deeply missed.  
With sincere and deepest sympathies,  
Walker Golder, Executive Director, NC Coastal Land Trust

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**Walker Golder** - August 06, 2021 at 10:27 AM

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“ On behalf of Audubon North Carolina staff and volunteers, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the Stanback family for your loss. Nancy and Bill were incredible supporters of Audubon North Carolina, and we will be forever grateful for their service and dedication to our mission. What an amazing legacy Nancy has left to this world, and she will be incredibly missed!  
With sincere sympathy,  
Andrew Hutson, Executive Director, Audubon North Carolina and Vice President, National Audubon Society

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**Andrew Hutson** - August 05, 2021 at 09:46 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Alan and Terrie Koontz

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**Terrie Koontz** - August 04, 2021 at 03:16 PM

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“ It was my profound honor to have known Nancy Stanback. She was a force in this community, this state and this world. But she was a gentle and delightful person to be around. I am so sorry for your loss. She made such a difference.

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**Becky Lippard** - August 03, 2021 at 10:06 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to all the family on the loss of a lovely woman. She will live on through each of you and through her generosity, which will continue to make life better and more beautiful not just for the people of Salisbury, but for residents throughout North Carolina and beyond. May she rest in perfect peace.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Staton Dyer

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**Lisa Dyer** - August 01, 2021 at 12:41 AM

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“ So sad to learn of Nancy's passing. She was a remarkable woman who raised wonderful children and contributed so much to Salisbury, Rowan County and beyond. A true gentlewoman, she is an inspiration to so many of us. May the angels welcome her to paradise.

Deirdre Parker Smith

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**Deirdre Parker Smith** - July 31, 2021 at 07:26 PM