



Nancy D. Cain

April 14, 1930 - December 21, 2022

Nancy D. Cain, 92, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at Reid Health, Richmond.

Dee, as she was known to her friends, was born April 14, 1930 in St. Louis, MO to Fred and Mildred (Smith) Diekroeger. She graduated in 1948 from Webster Groves High School. After spending a year at the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO, Nancy returned to St. Louis and attended Washington University, where she graduated in 1952, with a degree in elementary education. In 1975, she earned a master's degree in education from Ball State University. In 1965, Nancy and the family moved to her husband's hometown of Hagerstown where she immersed herself in her new community.

Nancy was a member of the Congregational Christian Church, where she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, was a youth group leader, served as Moderator and chairman of the Diaconate Committee. She also served as Moderator of Eastern Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of United Church of Christ.

A 50+ year member of Alpha Chi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Nancy was chairman of multiple projects and served as President. She was on the Boards of The Hagerstown Thrift Shop, and Nettle Creek Players, serving as President for several years. She spent many a summer night selling tickets and ushering in the tent, often with a grandchild plopped in a seat on the front row.

She was an avid reader and frequented the Hagerstown Library at least weekly. She was an excellent Bridge player and enjoyed the camaraderie and competition of her Bridge Club. In 2014, Nancy was awarded the Good Friend and Neighbor Award at the annual Rural Urban Banquet.

But most of all, she loved children. Not only her own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but the hundreds of children in the Nettle Creek and Western Wayne School Corporations who were lucky enough to have her as their Kindergarten teacher. Her granddaughter, Amanda, thought she had taught every child in Wayne County, because it seemed that anywhere they went there would be someone who could come to her and say, "Mrs. Cain, do you remember me? You were my Kindergarten teacher!"

In 2021 Nancy, along with her family, enjoyed a wonderful week in Florida, where she served as Matriarch of the family gathering. She is survived by her three children, Sally Stohler, Barb Reed, and Bruce Cain; seven grandchildren, Amanda (Jeremy) Burket, Ryan (Sharon) Adams, Andy (Kristin) Reed, Matt Reed, Natalie Cain, Courtney Cain, and Mallory Cain; three great-grandchildren, Mason and Avery Burket, and Hayes Reed; daughter-in-law, Mary Cain; sister Sally Buder; and, numerous nieces and nephews. In addition, Nancy leaves many dear friends whose love and support she cherished.

Services will be Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at the Congregational Christian Church, 201 South Washington Street, Hagerstown, with Rick Alvey officiating. After services, the family invites friends, the community, and former students to stop by The Meeting Place, 11 East Main Street, Hagerstown, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., to visit and share stories.

Memorials may be given to the Hagerstown Congregational Christian Church, Hagerstown Library or Reid Health Foundation.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Congregational Christian Church, UCC
201 S. Washington St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Nancy always welcomed me into her home when I was a troubled teenager. The difference she made in my life is beyond words. Truly a wonderful woman.
Spencer Leiter

Spencer Leiter - February 24, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Service



Rick Culberson - January 07, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy D. Cain.



January 06, 2023 at 09:25 AM

JT

“ Jane Thomas lit a candle in memory of Nancy D. Cain



Jane Thomas - January 03, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JB

“ *Judy Rose, Lisa Russell, Laura Russell, Linda Bankston purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nancy D. Cain.*



Judy Rose, Lisa Russell, Laura Russell, Linda Bankston -
January 02, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Nancy D. Cain.*



January 01, 2023 at 08:23 PM

MO

“ In 1965 a church acquaintance asked me to befriend a girl who was moving to Hagerstown from St Louis. It was the beginning of a 57 year close and loving friendship. Many of those years were spent over a bridge table, doing church work and in later years helping keep the Nettle Creek Players alive.

When the 3rd member of our group Jean Ann McIntyre was working in Richmond, the 3 of us frequently had lunch together. Our favorite place was Elizabeth Parkers and our favorite food hot fudge sundaes.

Nance was gifted with many friends and was kind to all. She was a blessing in my life and helped me in more ways than I can remember - advice, birthday parties, taught both of my sons in Kindergarten and was always a helping hand. I loved her throughout our lives together and I will miss her greatly!!



Mary Carolyn Owens - December 31, 2022 at 07:02 PM

CC

“ A kinder person you will never meet. Nancy and I taught kindergarten for Western Wayne Schools. Nancy was at Milton and I was at Dublin. During one of the many reorganizations, Nancy and some of the Milton teachers were moved to Dublin. We were able to appreciate lots of kindergarten experiences together. Christina Clevenger

Christina Clevenger - December 29, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nancy D. Cain.



December 27, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Nancy D. Cain.



December 27, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Jane Thomas lit a candle in memory of Nancy D. Cain*



Jane Thomas - December 24, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JG

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Sally, Barb, Bruce, and all of the family and many friends of Nancy. I know you will miss her everyday. Nancy was well respected by all who knew her. She taught my daughter, Laura, in kindergarten and became a friend of the family. I have fond memories of serving on Nettle Creek Players board with Nancy and seeing her often in the Library. She had a positive influence on hundreds (maybe thousands) of people. Hope happy memories will give you much comfort.

Judy Godfrey - December 24, 2022 at 07:48 AM

SJ

My condolences to Nancy's family and friends and loved ones. Nancy was a kindergarten teacher to all 7 of my mom's children and our relatives. I'm so appreciative to have had her as a teacher. My fondest memories was sitting on the round rug for music as she passed out instruments & she played the piano. Then story time, as Charlotte's Web was introduced page by page. Nancy's voice kept us intrigued as if you were part of the big story. I was blessed to have Nancy as the first teacher/role model outside the home!

Suzette Jones - December 24, 2022 at 11:06 AM

LH

“ Mrs. Cain was also my kindergarten teacher like so many others. I was her student in 1990. I recall she, my mother and I met for lunch one Saturday at subway and I always remember driving by her house waiving from afar for as long as I can remember. She was a beautiful soul and someone very special to impact such a young person to so vividly remember her caring and kindness throughout my adult years. And not just to me, but all students and people. Rest peacefully Mrs. Cain. Thank you for the light you brought to the world. - Lindsay Bohlander Hall

Lindsay Hall - December 24, 2022 at 07:25 AM

ML

“ *Mrs. Cain was my kindergarten teacher. So sorry for your loss.*



Mary Denise Logan - December 23, 2022 at 05:10 AM

MR

“ *Marilyn Revalee lit a candle in memory of Nancy D. Cain*



Marilyn Revalee - December 22, 2022 at 09:47 PM

DS

“ *We knew her as Mrs Cain. She was my children"s kindergarten teacher. She was so nice and kind. My kids are in late 50s and 60s now. She crosses my mind often. She left a leagecy*

Donna Smith - December 22, 2022 at 06:32 PM

SC

“ *Mrs. Cain was my kindergarten teacher in 1976. I have so many fond memories of being in her classroom. I ran into her a few years ago and she was just as kind then as she was when I was one of her students.*

Shana (Kibbey) Cole - December 22, 2022 at 05:47 PM