



Nancy M. Gardner

January 25, 2024

Nancy Margaret (Mers) Gardner, age 86, of Portsmouth, Virginia, passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Nancy was the daughter of the late James A. and Ethel P. Mers. Born in Huntington, West Virginia, she grew up in Portsmouth, where she graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and Key Business College.

Nancy was a talented pianist and an accomplished organist who served the New Creation United Methodist Church congregation of Western Branch for over fifty years. She was also a member of Fellowship 140 Order of the Eastern Star.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, James Morris Gardner, and her sister, Ann (Mers) Ballentine of Brooklyn, New York. Left to cherish her memory are her children Debbie Sawyer (Keith), Jimmy Gardner (Diana), and Chris Gardner (Laurie); grandchildren Brandon and Timothy Sawyer, Jason Gardner, Ally Nelson, and Chase, Tommy and Emily Gardner; great-grandchildren Kayleigh and Savannah Chapman, and Thomas Sawyer; sister-in-law Roselyn Harrell; and many nephews and nieces.

A funeral service will be held at New Creation United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Burial is private.

Memorial gifts can be made to the New Creation United Methodist Church
Caring Fund.

New Creation United Methodist Church
4320 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321
<https://www.newcreationumc.org>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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4320 Bruce Road
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Tribute Wall

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“ I have many positive memories of Nancy and also Morris from Aldersgate (now New Creation) UMC. I worshiped there as a teen new believer and enjoyed being in worship and Sunday school with them over a number of years. My parents, Nan and Tom Tucker, remained active there with Nancy and Morris. Many blessings on the family as you work through Nancy’s and Morris’s departure...so close together.

Rebecca Tucker Riggins - February 03, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JR

“ Jack & Debbie Parsons, David & Robert purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy M. Gardner.



Jack & Debbie Parsons, David & Robert - February 03, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ Jack & Debbie Parsons, David & Robert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy M. Gardner.

Jack & Debbie Parsons, David & Robert - February 03, 2024 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ Dan Brueggeman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy M. Gardner.

Dan Brueggeman - February 02, 2024 at 09:07 AM

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“ Dan Brueggeman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nancy M. Gardner.



Dan Brueggeman - February 02, 2024 at 09:07 AM

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“ John and I loved to hear Nancy play both the organ and piano, we feel blessed to have been a part of their music ministry! I know she is accompanying alongside Morros in the Heavenly choir. Our prayers are with the family. Donna & John Fedei

Donna & John Fedei - February 01, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy M. Gardner.



January 30, 2024 at 11:49 AM