



Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms

October 25, 1947 - January 7, 2023

Nancy Collins Helms, a lifelong resident of Woodville, Alabama passed away Saturday, January 7, 2023. Born to Arthur Douglas Collins and Louisa Thomas Collins on October 25, 1947, Nancy was full of life always. Simply said, she LOVED people.

Nancy graduated from Woodville High School in 1966 and it was there that she met the love of her life, Steve William Helms. She shared many times about “the boy from the mountain that would ride by my house on his motorcycle.” She was smitten and so was he. She went on to the University of North Alabama and earned a degree in education, while Steve attended Auburn University. The two married In June of 1969 and set up their home in Woodville, Alabama.

Nancy began her long teaching career in January of 1970 at Paint Rock Valley High School, later worked as Jackson County’s homebound teacher, and finished her career as the Home Economics teacher at Woodville High School in 2009. Nancy had a true heart for teaching and loved all of her students dearly.

There was never a time that her door was not open in her home, never a time that she was not cooking and feeding a crowd. It was a constant joke in the family when sitting down for a meal together that someone would ask, “So,

when is the army showing up to eat?” Her house was always decorated for every season and holiday. She enjoyed gardening and her ferns and flowers graced many community events.

More than anything, Nancy loved her friends and family dearly. She loved being a mother to Chris and Scott and “Nana” to her grandchildren, Hardy and Ellie. She never missed an event and was always their biggest supporter.

In addition to serving and loving her family, she loved her community. She was known for her pecan tarts and gifted them regularly. Nancy was passionate about the Woodville Public Library. She was a founding member of the Library Board and served faithfully until her death. Nancy loved and loved well.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Steve of 53 years; two sons, Chris and Scott (Robyn); two grandchildren, Hardy and Ellie; sister, Annette Dowdy (Bob); sisters-in-law, Faylene Smith (Eddie) and Norma Helms; brother-in-law, Randy Helms and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Louisa Collins; her sister Gladys Barkley; brothers Carl and Wyatt Collins; sisters-in-law, Elisabeth Collins and Pat Collins; brothers-in-law, Larry Helms and Haynes Barkley.

A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Scottsboro Funeral Home in Scottsboro, Alabama. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Burial will follow the service at Union Cemetery in Woodville, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Woodville Public Library or to First United Methodist Church of Scottsboro, Alabama.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Co. Rd. 8
Woodville, AL 35776

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
(256) 574-3965
scottsborrowfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.scottsborrowfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *So sorry praying for your family. Bill Hall and Family*

Peggy Hall - January 12, 2023 at 07:57 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my special friend, Nancy Helms. I have known her a number of years through our work together through Jackson County School System. She was a loving, friendly, person always greeting you with a smile. Nancy was active in her community, loved and supported the Woodville Library, and was known for sharing her meals and tasty treats with others, I was lucky to engage in some of these delicacies while politically campaigning in the Woodville! Nancy was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, but there were other loves in her life. Those were the students she came into contact with through academics and willingness to fill in as a listener and counselor to students in need. Her positive attitude and thoughts will remain in these students a lifetime. My deepest sympathy is extended to Steve and the rest of her family. We don't know why she was chosen to depart life at this time, but we do know Heaven has gained an angel. God bless and comfort all of you now and in the days ahead.~~Brenda Brown
~~Section~~*



Brenda Brown - January 11, 2023 at 07:33 PM

MH

“ *Mary Horton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



Mary Horton - January 11, 2023 at 08:10 AM

PR

“ *Patricia Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



Patricia Ross - January 11, 2023 at 12:04 AM

PR

“ *My mother, Dr. Norma Helton and myself, came to know and respect Nancy as Jackson County's Homebound Teacher. She was so very caring about serving Jackson County's Homebound children for several years. Always within that capacity, Nancy exuded joy. We will miss her physical presence here but know within whom's presence she now resides. Prayers for her family now and as they move through their grief.*

Norma Helton & Pat Ross

Patricia Ross - January 11, 2023 at 12:03 AM

MH

“ *Mary Horton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



Mary Horton - January 10, 2023 at 10:09 PM

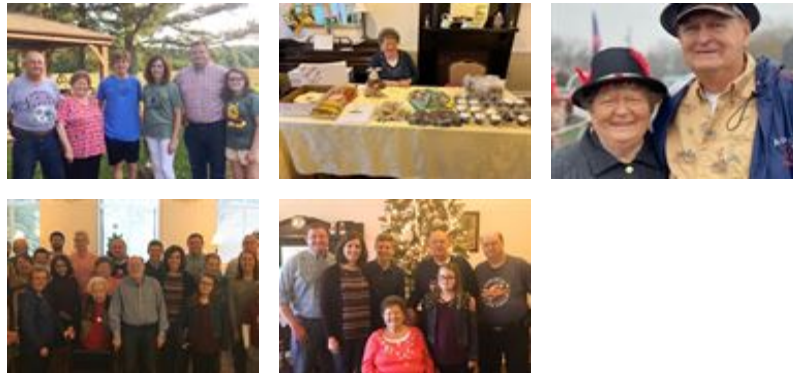
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“ *Mrs Nancy Helms was a great teacher and loving friend she will be missed. Prayers for the family 🙏*

Rocky Lamons - January 10, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *61 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - January 10, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



January 10, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



January 10, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Bruce & Rita Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



Bruce & Rita Hill - January 10, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Zack Young purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



Zack Young - January 10, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Mrs. Helms was one of the most beautiful people I have ever met. Her kindness and warm heart will live on forever.*

Zack Young - January 10, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BH

“ Bruce & Rita Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms



Bruce & Rita Hill - January 10, 2023 at 09:28 AM

WK

“ Walter And April Knight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms



Walter and April Knight - January 10, 2023 at 08:41 AM

RP

“ Randy Putman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms



Randy Putman - January 09, 2023 at 06:27 PM

AH

“ Abel Paul Hilliard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms



Abel Paul Hilliard - January 09, 2023 at 05:56 PM

AH

“ I remember when she would always make good pecan pie for the Christmas parade she was such a nice lady I love her and i'll miss her

Abel Paul Hilliard - January 09, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.



January 09, 2023 at 05:33 PM

DT

“ What a wonderful person she was. She will be truly missed. Class of '83



Darlene Tidwell - January 09, 2023 at 04:46 PM

BH

“ Bruce & Rita Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms



Bruce & Rita Hill - January 09, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



January 09, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



January 09, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Peggy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



peggy powell - January 09, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Vannessa Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



Vannessa Pearson - January 09, 2023 at 02:34 PM

VP

“ *RIP You were a great teacher.*

Vannessa Pearson - January 09, 2023 at 02:33 PM

AC

“ *Amanda Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



amanda chambers - January 09, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Mrs. Helms ..prayers for you and your family at this time*



Shirley Ashley - January 09, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



January 09, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms.*



January 09, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Lisa Tidwell Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Collins Helms*



Lisa Tidwell Campbell - January 09, 2023 at 12:43 PM