



Nancy S. Van Poucke

February 5, 1935 - December 16, 2017

Nancy Sue Stone Van Poucke was born February 5, 1935 in Fayetteville, Arkansas to Marie Baggett and Wallace Stone. They moved to Siloam Springs in 1947 where she was active in HS drama and cheerleading. After graduating from Siloam Springs High School, she attended Cottey College in Missouri. After transferring to the University of Arkansas, she met Marcel L. ("Moose") Van Poucke and they were married September 1st, 1956. Moose and Nancy raised 3 daughters in Siloam Springs – Vicki, Kathy, and Patti and Nancy was very active in the girls' interests. She was the Mother Advisor for the local Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Girl Scout Troop leader and cookie chairman. Nancy also was a 50+ yr member of P.E.O., where she served as past local president. She was also a member of Eastern Star and Jayceettes. Nancy was also a long time member of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs.

As the girls grew older, Nancy focused her energies on the community. She was on the Ozark Guidance Center Board and Friends of the Siloam Springs Public Library. In 1977, she co-founded the Siloam Springs High School Scholarship Program and was on the Board of Directors for many years, which has awarded over 5 million dollars to date. Continuing her love of education, she was active in the Adopt-a-School Program to help raise funds for the local schools.

Nancy and Moose developed a love and appreciation of Native American art and that led her to open The Indian Paintbrush Gallery where she supported new artists and recognized artists for their work. She was both a 10-year board member and past president of both the Walton Arts Center of Fayetteville and the Sager Creek Arts Center of Siloam Springs. In 2002, Nancy was awarded the Pioneer Citizen Award.

Nancy is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, M.L. (Moose) Van Poucke and granddaughter Tanna Eiland.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Vicki Metsers and husband Ron of Mountain View, California; Kathy Murray and husband Mike of Cincinnati, Arkansas; and Patti Eiland and husband Greg of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; five grandchildren, Christopher Murray, Kevin Metsers, Erik Metsers, Kristi Metsers, and Tabitha Eiland, and one great-grandchild, Braden Murray; and a one niece and three nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Siloam Springs Scholarship Fund, 700 North Progress Avenue, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

DEC **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
325 E Twin Springs St
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-6111

Tribute Wall

WM

“ Our community lost a highly motivated, passionate advocate for education and the arts when we lost Nancy. She lived a life of involvement and made a lasting impact on our schools and quality of life. Her legacy is her children and grandchildren and the high school scholarship fund. May God comfort her family and friends.

Wayne Mays - December 28, 2017 at 12:20 PM

SC

“ Love and prayers from Lon and Susan Cearley



Susan D Cearley - December 20, 2017 at 02:08 PM

MW

“ Vicki, Kathy and Patti, I am so very sorry to learn of Nancy's passing. She was a wonderful lady and I will miss her. I think of you all often and of all the dance classes and recitals!



Makii Atha Watson - December 19, 2017 at 08:37 PM

KM

Makii!! So sweet of you to remember! Once again, mom was an amazing mother. She got us to practice for years and was always willing to do anything! I love looking at the old recital pictures and all the costumes!! Of course, they've been dress-up costumes for the next generation! :) Thank you for your note! <3

Kathy Murray - December 31, 2017 at 06:30 PM

ST

“ *My condolences to the Van Poucke family. May God comfort you.*
Sara Treftz

Sara Treftz - December 19, 2017 at 06:51 PM

AK

“ *Moose and Nancy were my first MYF/UMY leaders when I was in the 7th grade, and they were a part of my life thereafter. Too many nice memories to list here - many involving how good they were to Mother and Daddy in their later years.*

Nancy was one of a kind and a life force to be reckoned with, and I loved her dearly. Always enjoyed our chats when I returned to Siloam for visits in later years.

And, of course, my affection for the family extended to Vicki, Kathy, and Patti (children's choir at FUMC for one thing), and I know the loss of your mother is tough for you.

Blessedly, our parents live on in our memories of them - keep telling the stories and she will be in your hearts forever.

My sincerest condolences and much love,
Allen

Allen Kimbrough - December 19, 2017 at 02:02 PM

KM

Thank you, Allen! I love hearing stories about mom and dad and ways they touched others. And thank you for the reminder that they live on through our loving memories and stories.

Kathy Murray - December 31, 2017 at 06:12 PM

MW

“ *Michael & Dawn Weaver lit a candle in memory of Nancy S. Van Poucke*



Michael & Dawn Weaver - December 19, 2017 at 12:07 PM

EG

“ *Nancy was a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandmother for her family. She was loved by many and will always be fondly remembered. Sending our love and support to all of the family.*

*Ellen Gigerich
Arkansas Rainbow Grand Assembly*

Ellen Gigerich - December 19, 2017 at 09:40 AM

KM

Thank you, Ellen. Rainbow Girls is another organization where she gave her all. She let Dad take the lead, but was always active and loved what being in Rainbow meant to all of her girls and granddaughters. Thank you.

Kathy Murray - December 31, 2017 at 06:15 PM

MM

“ *Wonderful memories of Nancy at the Indian Paintbrush Art Gallery. She will be missed.*

merice mills - December 19, 2017 at 07:00 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy S. Van Poucke.*



December 18, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *RIP Ms Nancy..... You Were A Good Neighbor
May GOD Comfort The Family*

Randy Vohs - December 18, 2017 at 06:24 PM



Thank you, Randy! For so many years, your mom and mine kept eyes on each other to be sure the other was okay. Many years of being neighbors! Your mom was so sweet when she would tell me stories when mom would show up with mail or just at the door. She was so sweet to her. Thank you! <3

Kathy Murray - December 31, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy S. Van Poucke.*



December 18, 2017 at 09:33 AM