



Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith

November 18, 1947 - March 21, 2025

Nancy Salter Smith, 77, of Albany, Georgia, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on November 18, 1947, in Albany, Nancy spent her life pouring out kindness, wisdom, and grace to all who knew her.

A dedicated educator, Nancy began her teaching career at the Department of Defense Dependent School in Bitburg, Germany, where she touched the lives of children from military families abroad. Upon returning home, she continued her calling as an elementary school teacher at Radium Springs Elementary School in Albany, Georgia. More than just a teacher, she was a mentor, encourager, and trusted friend to her students. Many of whom sought her out years after retirement, still inspired by her compassion and care.

Nancy's deep love for God shaped every part of her life. She was a faithful member of Sherwood Baptist Church, where she found strength, community, and purpose. Her life was a reflection of the values she held dear; faith, family, and service to others.

She is survived by her three children, David Zigan and his wife Alessandra Zigan, Jennifer Zigan and her fiancée Lee Devalinger, and Bill Zigan and his wife Jennifer Zigan, who were the pride of her heart. Nancy was also blessed with grandchildren Camryn, Tyler, Patyn, Haley, Val, Sage, and Dakota, and a great-grandson, who brought her immeasurable joy. Her love for her grandchildren and great-grandchild was boundless, they were her greatest treasure and source of happiness.

Nancy is also survived by her devoted brothers, Judge John Salter and Charles Salter. Her love for her family knew no limits. To Nancy, the word "in-law" didn't exist, those who joined her family were simply daughters, sons, and sisters in every way that mattered.

She lived a life of selfless love, quiet strength, and unwavering devotion to those she cherished. Nancy Salter Smith leaves behind a legacy of faith, compassion, and warmth that will continue to shine through the many lives she touched. Her memory will live on in every smile she inspired, every lesson she taught, and every heart she touched.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. The service will be at 2:00 PM with burial to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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1503 Dawson Road
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Tribute Wall

JT

“ David, Jennifer, and Bill, thinking of y'all as you celebrate your the, I've of your precious mother!!! 🙏🙏🙏 I've known your sweet mother since 7th grade at Albany Jr High. She was SO special to me; she called me about 2 days before her last fall. We “caught up” big time!!! I'm so glad she's with our Lord & Savior. Know that's comforting to y'all, too. Hugs 🤗(In the process of having my first chemo now!

Janice Butler Tanner - March 31, 2025 at 12:45 PM

AG

“ Andrew G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.

Andrew G. - March 31, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DM

“ Words could never suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow I feel in the passing of Your Mother! Nancy was a lovely lady who always inspired everyone of us who was blessed by Her presence! Fond memories of times spent with You All are cherished! Her beautiful spirit will continue to touch our hearts & souls! Praying for GOD's comfort & loving hugs to YALL & Your LOVED ONES 🙏🙏🙏

Dianne Mayfield - March 31, 2025 at 02:34 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.



March 29, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.

March 29, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ Bonnie Salter Miranda & Nelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.

Bonnie Salter Miranda & Nelson - March 27, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Bonnie Salter Miranda & Nelson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.



Bonnie Salter Miranda & Nelson - March 27, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.

March 26, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.

March 26, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.



March 26, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ I have known Nancy since 1992 when I was a brand-new teacher at Radium Springs Elementary. She was a kind and caring person. Prayers for her family and friends!

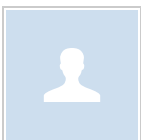
Roya Seymore - March 26, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ Scott and Staci, Kevin and the girls purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.



Scott and Staci, Kevin and the girls - March 25, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.

March 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.*



March 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Mike and Karen Haas and Rocky Callender planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.*

Mike and Karen Haas and Rocky Callender - March 24, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ *Mike and Karen Haas and Rocky Callender purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Nancy Salter Smith.*



Mike and Karen Haas and Rocky Callender - March 24, 2025 at 04:03 PM