



Nancy Elizabeth Banister

June 26, 1955 - August 3, 2025

Nancy Elizabeth Edmunds Banister

Nancy departed this life on August 3rd, 2025 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Ashley and parents, Gil and Muriel Edmunds. Nancy was born on June 26, 1955 in Jacksonville, Florida. She relocated to Charlotte (and eventually Mooresville) in 1989, as a result of her husband John's job relocation with First Union.

Nancy knew at a very young age that she had a calling to be an elementary school teacher. She pursued that dream by getting a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Valdosta State College (now Valdosta State University) and a master's in education from the University of North Florida. Nancy was an exceptional elementary school teacher. Her first teaching job was Title I reading. She was able to get a classroom of her own a year later teaching second grade. She also taught fourth and fifth grade during her teaching career. Fifth grade was always her favorite. Nancy received teacher of the year honors at Lake Norman Elementary School in 2004. Nancy retired from teaching in 2017.

Nancy's hobbies were shopping and traveling. Nancy traveled to locations in

the US that included Las Vegas, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands just to name a few. Her international stops included Canada, France, the UK, Ireland, Russia, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Finland and the Baltic region. She planned a trip to Australia but unfortunately the pandemic hit and once it was over Nancy's Alzheimer's had moved into the advanced stages and she was no longer able to travel. Even though Nancy never attended the University of Florida, she became a Gator fan attending all home football games in Gainesville and many away games. She also enjoyed attending NASCAR events at Charlotte Motor Speedway and really enjoyed dinners at The Speedway Club.

Nancy was a wonderful mother and friend. She helped raise two great children, Matt and Ashley. She took off from teaching for about ten years while the children were in their formative years. She always knew she would go back at some point because she had a calling and teaching was her passion.

Nancy is survived by her husband John, son Matthew, sister Janette Edmunds McCollum (Harris), along with nieces, great-nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 23 from 12:30- 2:00 PM with a service following at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Wes Smith officiating. Inurnment will be following the service at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Nancy's memory to the Alzheimer's Association of Western Carolina.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Banister family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

AUG 23. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

AUG 23. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

AUG 23. 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church
575 Brawley School Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

KR

“ My siblings and I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Banister as our 5th grade teacher in 2013, 2015, and 2017. Her gentle kindness, sense of humor, and overall joy for teaching has left a permanent impact on our lives. To this day, when we talk about our school years, we fondly remember our time in her class. She guided us with such grace and compassion. The last time we saw her was when we ran into her a few years ago while doing some Thanksgiving grocery shopping for our parents. Though it had been several years since we had been in her classroom, she remembered each of us by name and greeted us like she did every morning when we arrived at school. My heart goes out to her family who is grieving the loss of such a remarkable woman. Thank you for everything Mrs. Banister, we love you.

Love,
The Russell kids

Kate Russell - August 24, 2025 at 08:54 PM

CM

“ Cole Mobley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy Elizabeth Banister.



Cole Mobley - August 22, 2025 at 02:14 PM

CM

“ Cole Mobley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Elizabeth Banister.

Cole Mobley - August 22, 2025 at 02:14 PM

LB

“ *Lake Norman Shrine Club Brothers purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Nancy Elizabeth Banister.*



Lake Norman Shrine Club Brothers - August 20, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KG

“ *Nancy was a great friend and teacher to all. She was loved by her peers and students. We all enjoyed her company, stories, humor, and wisdom. She loved her students, family, traveling and Florida Gators! Nancy will always hold a special place in all our hearts. Rest in peace sweet friend.*



Kelly Greene - August 19, 2025 at 10:12 PM



She was an amazing woman. I was so blessed to teach with her for so many years. I'll see you on the other side my sweet friend.

Haley Munksgard - August 20, 2025 at 09:34 PM

LK

“ Nancy was truly an amazing teacher and wonderful friend. I had the pleasure of teaching with her when I was fortunate to be a substitute teacher for the wonderful 5 th grade team for many years. Her bright smile, her passion for teaching was amazing. The way she encouraged her students to go that extra mile, as we can see from one of the posts, she was a teacher nobody will forget. Nancy, you will be so missed. Your singing up there with the Angels and making sure “ they proof read” ☐ 🙏🙏🙏

Linda Kraus - August 12, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Elizabeth Banister.



August 11, 2025 at 09:30 PM



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KP

“Mrs. Bannister has had such an indelible impact on my life. It's crushing to know that no more kids will know her encouragement, love of literature, and creative assignments. Every once in a while, I doubt my abilities and find myself thinking back to something she told me when she returned an assignment I had written on *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nihm* (a favorite of mine). She took a sip out of a can in her bedazzled Gators coozie and whispered, "I always save your responses for last because I enjoy reading them so much." I also have fond memories of writing and illustrating a short book with fellow classmates and reading it to younger students, not to mention a science presentation that I now remember as my first foray into stand-up comedy.



I can loosely place the last time I saw her in person as Halloween 2015, but she's never far from my thoughts. Her love of literature and confidence in me have brought me exactly to where I am today: in a house in rural Ireland, where I am a writer in residence working on my first novel and preparing to begin my MFA in creative writing at the American University of Paris.

It has been my experience that those who deserve the most in our lives, we have the least amount of time with, and that funerals are far more for the living than the dead. Thus, writing this tribute feels strangely self-serving, but when my mom notified me of Mrs. Bannister's passing, there was nothing I wanted more than to tell her all the things she did for me and thank her profusely. I know I'm not the only one who feels that way about her. I'm just sorry I never got the chance to tell her in person.

Kendall Packman - August 10, 2025 at 12:26 PM

KP

And only now do I realize I misspelled her last name multiple times. I can see the red pen scribble reminding me to proof-read before submitting assignments ;)

Kendall Packman - August 10, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JO

“ *John: Melanie shared the sad news... know that you, Nancy and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Pat Ostrander (IBM)*

J Patrick Ostrander - August 09, 2025 at 03:18 PM

AS

“ *Aaron, Wendy, Lathan, & Macyn Stone purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nancy Elizabeth Banister.*



Aaron, Wendy, Lathan, & Macyn Stone - August 08, 2025 at 12:50 PM

GL

“ *Glenn Ellis, Stephen Ellis, & Sabrina Le purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Nancy Elizabeth Banister.*



Glenn Ellis, Stephen Ellis, & Sabrina Le - August 08, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AD

“ *The loss of my dear friend Nancy is heartbreaking. The countless (notorious) adventures and infectious laughter will always be cherished. I first met Nancy when we were in the 11th grade. We graduated together and remained life long friends. Nancy will be in my heart forever.*

My most heartfelt condolences, John & Matt. I'll always be here for you.

Alesia DiRusso

Alesia DiRusso - August 07, 2025 at 05:09 PM

OR

“ *Nancy Banister was such a lady. She was an educator extraordinaire. She loved teaching and I was privileged to be the administrator when she taught at LNE. Always the lady, yet she ran her classroom so that students knew they were loved and expected to do their best. It was a privilege to know Nancy and I send my best to all her family.* *Olivia Riddle*

Olivia Riddle - August 07, 2025 at 04:38 PM

BF

“ *Nancy was a very special lady and a wonderful teacher. I was privileged to work with her at LNE when I started my career as admin. She was so helpful and kind and lived her students. My prayers are with her family.* *Brian Foster*

Brian Foster - August 07, 2025 at 02:13 PM

KN

Thoughts and prayers for John and the family.
Keith Norris

Keith Norris - August 07, 2025 at 03:32 PM