



Nell Walkup

May 17, 1944 - August 22, 2023

Nell Johnson Landers Walkup, 79, of Mooresville NC, passed away on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

She was born May 17, 1944, in New Brighton PA, to the late Ivan and Robertine "Bobbie" Johnson. Nell grew up in Beaver PA and graduated from Beaver High School. After a short stint in nurse's training, she switched schools and majored in art and interior design at Drexel University in Philadelphia PA. Life takes interesting turns, and Ken Landers whisked her away from Drexel to Charleston WV, where they married on March 4, 1966. A few years later, they welcomed their son Kenny. She worked as an interior designer for Boll Furniture and Ted Keiffer and Co. She went back to college and graduated with a degree in Art Education and Home Economics at WV State. She would go on to work as an art teacher at Clendenin Junior High in Clendenin, WV and Sissonville High School in Sissonville WV. She was very involved in the schools, her church, and in the community. In the late 1990s, Ken fell ill and Nell stepped down from teaching to care for him. Ken passed on Feb 3, 2000. A few years later, she relocated to Mooresville, NC to be with her parents. The next decade brought joys and sadness; she welcomed the birth of her two grandchildren and lost her parents. Nell married George Walkup on April 13, 2019 in Mooresville, NC. They would enjoy the next four and a half years together.

Nell was a bright light in the world. She was passionate, artistic, determined, a doting Mimi (grandmother), mother, and wife; who loved with all her heart and being. She wasn't afraid to be silly and never took herself too seriously. She had a disarming smile that drew people to her. No one she took a liking to was a stranger for long.

Nell was a true artist and her artistry was expressed in everything she did. She enjoyed working in painting, pastels, mixed media, wood turning, and loved exploring new mediums. She enjoyed sewing and made many costumes for her grandchildren. She was always up for a new project and loved to learn new things. She threw herself into everything she did with vigor, and worked to create the professional results she desired. Nell enjoyed spending time with her family, her pets, and her friends.

She is survived by her husband, George Walkup, Jr.; her son, Kenny Landers and his wife, Lisa; her grandchildren, Mac and Maggie Landers; her brother, Bob Johnson and his wife, Liz; and her stepson, David Walkup and his wife, Eileen.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville NC on September 23, 2023 at 2 PM with Rev. Dr. Robert Howard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Christian Academy - Fine Arts Program

in memory of Nell Landers Walkup.

Grace Christian Academy

3265 Southall Road

Franklin, TN 37064

615-591-3017

or, alternatively to:

Centre Presbyterian Church, in memory of Nell Landers Walkup
129 Centre Church Road
Mooresville, NC 28117(704) 664-3160

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the
Walkup/Landers family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Centre Presbyterian Church
129 Centre Church Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Dear Sweet Nell, I know you are in heaven, God's arms cradling you and I pray that his arms hold your family and remind them of his love and their salvation.

Steve Wolfe - September 28, 2023 at 09:11 AM

BK

“ Nell was an unforgettably amazing friend who helped me discover the artist inside of me. Her enthusiasm & generosity was contagious. We share your grief & pray for your comfort.
David & Betty Kirby

Betty Kirby - September 02, 2023 at 10:38 AM

TM

“ We were blessed to have Nell in our lives unfortunately just for a brief time. She was a wonderful person and we will cherish the beautiful memories of visiting her and George for three summers. So much fun. We are saddened by the loss of our precious friend. She truly was a gift. Our hearts and prayers goes out to George, Kenny and all of her family and friends. We will see you again one day Nell. We loved meeting such a phenomenal person. Love Tina, Sam, Olivia and Callie.

Tina Miller - September 01, 2023 at 07:28 AM

TW

“ Nell was a such a kind, sweet lady with a positive outlook. I remember her caring lovingly for her mom and dad. She also opened her home and shared her nativity collection with her church friends. She will be missed! Praying for Gods comfort for her family during this time.

Tammy Wagner - August 30, 2023 at 07:19 AM

GJ

“ *Nell was one of my best friends, ever since 1st grade. We had wonderful times together, and laughed and laughed. I will miss her so very much, but hold close the rich memories I have with her. Blessing and peace to her.*

Gail Jones - August 29, 2023 at 08:27 PM

JM

“ *Nell was a sweet soul & will be missed. Judy Morrow, Centre Presbyterian Church*



Judy Morrow - August 29, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MY

“ *My heart breaks for Nell's family. She was a wonderful friend to me and I will miss her dearly. Nell, this is not Good-bye ..but Auf Wiedersehn...until we meet again.*

Marion Young - August 28, 2023 at 01:42 PM

SB

“ *Nell was one of the sweetest, kindest and generous friends I've ever known, I'll remembered her every time I see figs or cats. My condolences to those who loved her and miss her. Sandie Bell*

Sandie Bell - August 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM

SA

“ *In loving memory of our generous, sweet, artistic and fun cousin. Treasure all our memories tighter, especially in Mooresville NC, Clinton SC and Oak Island. Thank you for all you did for our Dad and family.*

Sylvia, Phil and Steve Anderson

Steve Anderson - August 27, 2023 at 06:28 AM

BK

I know Nell was a wonderful partner, an awesome supporting mother, & an amazingly fun grandmother. To me her friendship was nurturing & exciting. She was so creative and enthusiastic - truly one of a kind. We share your grief & will pray for your comfort. David & Betty

Betty Kirby - August 27, 2023 at 03:51 PM

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Tina Miller - August 31, 2023 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ *A wonderful, energetic and beautiful friend that enriched my life. My deepest sympathy to her family.*

Jim McClure and family

Jim McClure - August 25, 2023 at 08:29 PM

HS

“ *The Stump Family sends love and prayers to the family. We enjoyed many wonderful memories together.*

Harold Stump - August 25, 2023 at 03:47 PM

CF

“ *The Rex Family sends their deepest condolences to the family. Nell was a lovely, creative soul and will be greatly missed.*

Chirs Rex and Family - August 24, 2023 at 07:57 PM