



Nancy Fife Smith

June 15, 1931 - February 28, 2013

Phelps, KY - Nancy Jane Fife Smith, 81, of Hardy, Ky., formally of Bluefield, WV/VA passed away on February 28th, 2013 at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center in Phelps, KY. She was born June 15, 1931 in laeger, WV, the daughter of the late George W. and Agnes L. (Bean) Fife. Nancy graduated from laeger High School in 1949 and received her license in Cosmetology from Little French Beauty Academy in Bluefield, WV in 1950. She became an Instructor of Cosmetology in 1951 and in 1963 along with fellow Instructor, Mary Burnley, became a beauty school owner. In 1967, Nancy became full owner of Little French Beauty Academy where she continued to teach and train hairdressers locally for the next 30+ years. After retiring from Little French Beauty Academy in 2002, she consulted for the Federal Bureau of Prisons helping to launch cosmetology classes for inmates at the Alderson's Federal Women's Prison in Alderson, WV and as well continued teaching there as a Master Instructor for 4 more years. Nancy was active in the National Cosmetology Association and served on the Teacher's Educational Council of the National Association of Accredited Cosmetology Schools (NAACS). As well, she was active in local hairdresser's associations, the city's Chamber of Commerce, and other community and charity events. She will be especially remembered for the time she spent during her 50-year career personally advising and mentoring many local hairdressers and beauty shop owners. She was also a member at Bland Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include four children, son John Smith of Hardy, KY; daughter Maria

Smith of CA; and twins Brian Smith of Corona, CA and Christina Hildabrand and her husband Rick of Gulfport, FL; brother George Fife Jr. and his wife Jackie of Pulaski, VA. She also leaves behind three grandchildren, Adam and Dylan Hildabrand of Gulfport, FL and Victoria Lee Smith of Corona, CA; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and former students. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by two sisters Juanita Humphrey of Hardy, KY and Joan Gibson of Lakeland, FL. She was also preceded by her ex-husband, the late Robert E. Smith. Mercer Funeral Home, Bluefield WV is in charge of arrangements with Memorial Service and Internment at Roselawn to be arranged at a later date. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Fife Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear John, Maria, Brian and Christy, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother; my condolences to all of you. Your Mom and I had a nice conversation when I saw her at Mercer Mall about five years ago. I had not seen her in many years so it was good seeing her and catching up. It brought back many fond memories when I was a kid hanging out at your house and on the corner of Cliffmont and Ridgecrest. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Sincerely, David Church*

David Church - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Chris we are so sorry to hear about your mom. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Lynwood & Betty Woodford - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Learned a lot from her in my beginning years as a hairstylist.*

Debbie Mariotti - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I remember Nancy from back in the 60's at Little French. She was a real character and fun to be around. Sweet lady. Sorry for your loss.*

Jeanette Vernon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

WB

“ John, Maria, Brian, and Christina, Our hearts were deeply saddened when we read of Nancy's passing. We have many fond memories of her. Please know we are praying for you during this difficult time.

Wayne and Rita Blevins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss Chris. I will remember you in my prayers. May her soul RIP.

Joan Crawford-Grant - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

VR

“ Dear Smith Family,
Nancy will be missed. She meant so much to me as did Little French. May she rest in loving peace.
Vicki Stepp Russell

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