



Nancy Kinder Varn

September 9, 1939 - April 21, 2016

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mrs. Nancy Kinder Varn, 76, who entered into rest April 21, 2016, will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr., officiating.

Nancy was a native of Kingstree, South Carolina, having made North Augusta her home for the past 39 years. In her childhood home of Kingstree, at the age of 15, she met her future husband David. She was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and received a Master's Degree from Converse College in Gifted and Talented Education. Nancy taught in the SOAR program (also known as Gifted and Talented Education) in Aiken County for 31 years and was honored as Teacher of the Year. She was known for her dedication to her students and their pursuit of learning. Nancy was an avid gardener, reader and collector of local art who had a special love of animals. She was an active volunteer with the Living History Park Garden and projects at the North Augusta Arts and Heritage Center. Nancy was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jim Tar.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, David Wilson Varn, Sr.; a son, David Wilson (Lisa) Varn, Jr., Marietta, GA; two daughters, Catherine Varn (Eric) Alexander, North Augusta, SC; Kristin Varn Tar, Augusta, GA; a brother, Harvey J. Kinder, Aiken, SC; three grandchildren, Addison Virginia Alexander,

Kinder Payton Alexander and Till Varn Alexander; two beloved dogs, Scout and Kneesaa and a cat, Boiteau.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home this Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6.

Memorials may be made to Friends of Augusta Animal Services, 4164 Mack Lane, Augusta, GA 30906 or to Breast Health Center c/o University Health Care Foundation, 2100 Central Ave, Suite D1, Augusta, GA 30904.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

APR **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Kinder Varn*



Posey Funeral Directors - April 23, 2016 at 12:47 PM

KR

With Catherine's wonderful narration over the phone, I thoroughly enjoyed this walk through Nancy and David's family memories today (April 29, 2016). I love you all and will have you in my thoughts daily. With love, Kay Phillips Redding

Kay Phillips Redding - April 29, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *Nancy Kinder Varn*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Nancy Kinder Varn*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

SL

“ There are no words....many people touch your life, but when a teacher touches the lives of all three of your children, that is special! Nancy brought joy and wonder to all the Lorch children!

Love to her family, and to Nancy.....heaven is a lot more joyful today!

Sandi Lorch



Sandi Lorch - April 25, 2016 at 09:18 AM

SB

“ My heartfelt prayers to Catherine and her family. Sabine.

Sabine Breeland - April 24, 2016 at 06:42 AM

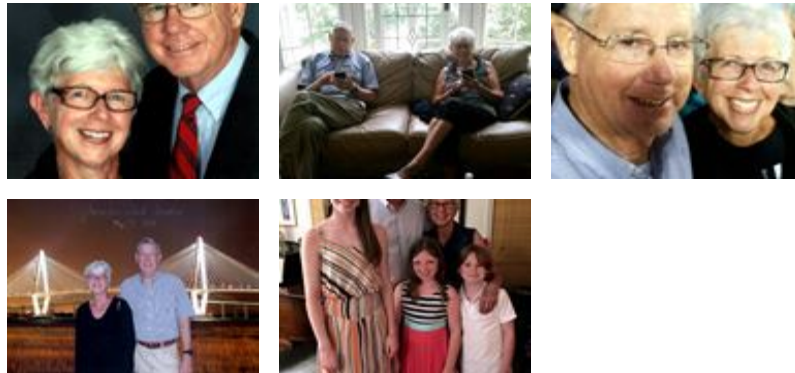
TL

“ While shopping at the Chattanooga Market today, I bought an almond poundcake. I was asked why the love of almond. She introduced me to marzipan in SOAR. Reader's digest, owl pellets, History Day and so many other things that I would have never been introduced to without her being the teacher that she was. She genuinely wanted us to learn, to achieve and to excel. I have always appreciated those memories and the care and concern she had for all of her students. Thinking of her family during this time and knowing that somewhere the heavens have welcomed her and she has so much knowledge to share. - Tonya Lewis

Tonya Lewis - April 23, 2016 at 07:54 PM



“ 87 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - April 23, 2016 at 12:36 PM

JB

“ David and all Nancy's family:

“What is a teacher? I'll tell you: it isn't someone who teaches something, but someone who inspires the student to give of her best in order to discover what she already knows.”— Paulo Coelho.

“I'm not a teacher: only a fellow traveler of whom you asked the way. I pointed ahead - ahead of myself as well as you.”— George Bernard Shaw

“Have a safe journey.” Rod Carew to his 18yo daughter.

David, Rhoda and I appreciated Nancy's courage in her personal war. To borrow from Paul in the Bible, “She fought the good fight.” We extend condolences and the hope that the many happy times you all shared as a family will soften the sorrow that pervades at this immediacy of Nancy's death.

Rhoda and Jeff Brooker, Columbia, SC

Jeff Z Brooker - April 23, 2016 at 11:26 AM

BO

“ Having known Nancy since childhood, she left all of us with great memories of a happy, accomplished, and fulfilled life. We can't think of Nancy without remembering the love she and David have for each other. Her melodic voice and infectious laugh will always be cherished by Tommy and me. David, the comfort of knowing we will all be with Jesus forever will keep us going! We send our love to you.

Bobby Jean and Tommy Osmer - April 23, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ Mrs. Varn taught my SOAR class, when I first started. I moved to N.A. the summer before 7th grade and I was very insecure. She always had an encouraging word for me. She helped me see that creating art was not about what other think. It's about expressing your view of life in whichever media you choose. Varn family, wrap yourselves in the abundant love bring shared by so many that felt her kind spirit.

Heather Kistler - April 22, 2016 at 10:38 PM

LO

“ Such a sad time.....Mrs.Varn, you will be remembered by so many people. Your smile, your unique voice, and amazing way you loved your family, friends, and fur babies. May your family find comfort in sweet memories. Heaven has gained an Angel--sing joyously!



Leigh Anne Felty Ogden - April 22, 2016 at 10:10 PM

MR

“ Nancy was my outlaw Aunt....Joyce's sister in law, and kindred spirit. While I only met her about a dozen times, she always made me feel like she knew me, cared about my life and showed an authentic connection. As a mom of a young boy, I can also now connect her life's work with the gracious and kind people her children have all become. She has been recognized as a thinker, a giver and a listener. There are not enough of these in the world. Blessings to the Varns and Kinders.



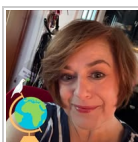
Michelle Ray - April 22, 2016 at 09:27 PM

Elliott Abraham

“ Mrs. Varn opened my mind to think creatively at a very young age. She challenged me, she encouraged me, she inspired me to think and to dream. For that I am very grateful. My sincerest condolences go out to those left to cherish her memories. I would say to you to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

L. Elliott Abraham

Elliott Abraham - April 22, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ Ms. Varn taught her students to be future leaders. I learned so much about how to teach from her. She was a big influence on me at a young age. I was so proud when she first saw me teach her grandchildren. She was a class act, and will be sorely missed. My prayers are with David, the kids, and grandkids.

Beverlee Nichols - April 22, 2016 at 07:43 PM

TC

“ I am so Sorry.. I will Miss My Friend!

Tony Carr - April 22, 2016 at 07:36 PM

PJ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Nancy taught both of my children. They so looked forward to "SOAR" days. I substituted for Nancy when she was at the annex and although I enjoyed it, I often wondered where her energy and enthusiasm came from. She was a marvelous person with a true love for her chosen vocation. She will forever be a happy memory for all who loved and admired her.
Paula Jones

Paula Jones - April 22, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ Mrs. Varn was a wonderful SOAR teacher, who I learned so much from. Her spirit and love of learning will live on in my heart for years to come. I especially pray for Kristin and Catherine. You both hold a special place in my heart.



Connie Gabriel - April 22, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ Catherine & Family:
I can remember going to your sweet mom's house before our dance class. She was a kind and sweet spirited lady. I am praying for you and your family during your terrible loss.
Love you all,
Jill Barefoot Baxley

Jill Baxley - April 22, 2016 at 01:35 PM