



# Nancy Ellen Alderson

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**N**ancy Ellen Alderson was born in Mt. Washington, Duquesne Heights. She grew up on Republic Street in a modest home where she lived with her mother, Theresa Ellen Holt, father, Emil Holt and brother Carl Holt. She attended South Hills High school and went to work immediately after, as a secretary for J&L Steel in the HR department.

In 1953 she married Wayne T. Alderson from Canonsburg and moved to Pleasant Hills. She fast became very involved in the community and joined the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian church where she became a faithful servant. Nancy had a strong faith and love of Jesus which was the driving force in her life. In 1956, her only daughter, Nancy Jean (McDonnell), was born, who brought her joy and purpose.

Nancy quickly became fully involved in the church, taking on the role of a servant. Her gift was to be a support, always present, involved, serving in the background, lifting up so many of the Church's missions. She served on the altar committee, in the kitchen, as a choir mom, girl scout mom and supporter of Evensong, a Sunday night service of hymns and song.

Outside of the church, Nancy was very involved in the Pleasant Hills Garden Club, serving as Club President for several years. Her talents were plentiful, creative, and artistic. She participated in numerous flower show competitions, receiving many, many awards and ribbons for her arrangements.

She was always detailed and put together! A fabulous seamstress, designing and making her professional suits when working at J&L Steel, moving on to making choir robe stoles, Kennywood outfits, school outfits, prom dresses, Halloween costumes for her daughter Nancy Jean and others in the neighborhood.

In 1995, her only grandchild was born, Patrick Wayne McDonnell, who truly became her Joy.



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Nancy was known as a great prayer warrior for friends in need, kind and thoughtful, gifted in sending notes and doing thoughtful actions to encourage and lift the spirits of those God placed in her life. She traveled with her husband, Wayne Alderson, for over 30 years, serving as a support to his business and ministry with the Value of the Person.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Nancy Jean McDonnell, son-in-law, Pat McDonnell, grandson, Patrick Wayne McDonnell. Preceding her in death are her parents, Theresa and Emil Holt, her brother, Carl Holt, and husband, Wayne T. Alderson.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 3-8 pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A "Celebration of Life" service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church, 199 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Friends and family are asked to meet directly at the church. Following the service, all are welcome to join the family for a luncheon to celebrate Nancy's life at the Atria's in Pleasant Hills. Burial at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Pleasant Hills Garden Club.

To leave online condolences please visit [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mother was a special gracious lady; sincerely, Marshall and Elaine Karp

November 2 at 12:12 PM



**Sandra Koropal** posted:

Nancy, So very sorry for the loss of your mother. I was blessed to get to know her at Providence Point, she was a beautiful woman. May the memories be joyful during this time of sorrow. Love, Sandy Koropal

October 27 at 10:37 AM



**Sally** posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother. Her legacy of love in your heart remains forever. Sally Phillips

October 26 at 5:12 PM



**Cindy Tanner Goldbach** posted:

Nancy Jean, I remember both of your parents fondly, from their visits to Grove City College, my visits at your house, and the wonderful ministry they lead together. I know all too well the grief that you are experiencing, and pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort you and your family. Love to you. Cindy Tanner Goldbach

October 26 at 3:24 PM



**Love, Dave And Rose Lied** posted:

May these flowers express what words cannot. Sending you hugs and our deepest sympathies.

October 25 at 7:40 PM



**Bernie Fox & Family** posted:

Nancy, thinking of You and your family with LOVE and SYMPATHY. Wish I could be with you personally, but, am with you in Spirit. Love You!

October 25 at 6:35 PM



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RM

**Robbie Doyle And Kayla Mcginnis** posted:

Our deepest condolences to your family in this difficult time.

October 25 at 11:13 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Nancy and Pat - We are thinking of you and you're in our prayers. We love you. Cliff, Diane, Rosemary, Katie Rose and Evie Rankin

October 25 at 10:02 AM

TF

**The Grubbs Family** posted:

Dear Nancy, Pat and Patrick, Sending you our thoughts, prayers and love. Jana, Paul, Chris and Eric

October 25 at 9:38 AM

TF

**The Ott Family** posted:

Remembering you and Nancy in our minds and in our hearts. With much love, Kristina Ott, Jeanne Portillo, Dave Ott, Rebecca Sherry & our families.

October 25 at 9:20 AM

GC

**Griffin Wheel Columbus** posted:

With deepest sympathy,

October 25 at 8:00 AM

KK

**Kim K.** posted:

Kim K. Sorry for your loss. Kim K.

October 25 at 7:21 AM



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**The Ross Family** posted:

Nancy, Pat and Patrick, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, Frank, Terry, Will, Bradley and Brett

October 25 at 4:13 AM



**Kate Alderson Stenger** posted:

Nancy Jean, your Mother was married to my cousin Wayne. He lived with us for 2 or 3 years in Mt. Gretna, PA. My Dad's company was finishing the PA Turnpike there. Your Mother sewed me a beautiful orchid skirt that I'll never forget, that was decades ago. My condolences to you.

October 24 at 4:23 PM



**All Of Us At Griffin Wheel Winnipeg** posted:

Our warmest condolences,

October 24 at 11:27 AM



**Love, Rick And Dee** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

October 24 at 10:41 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sending prayers and extra love. The VOP Team. John, Ed, Donnie, Barb and Beth Ann

October 24 at 9:19 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

With sympathy and all our love, John and Barb, Kirk and Miranda, Lindsey and Tim, Tom and Ketsia

October 24 at 6:44 AM



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**Michael & Marita** posted:

Pat & Nancy, Our prayers and love go out to you! Michael & Marita

October 24 at 5:07 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Nancy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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