



Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Bales Walls

February 15, 1923 - May 26, 2021

KNOXVILLE - Nancy Elizabeth Bales Walls (Mrs. James G. "Jimmy" Walls, Sr.) of West Knoxville. Went to meet her beloved Jimmy in their Heavenly Home

Thursday evening, May 27, 2021. Nancy was very proud to be born in this great and beautiful America. Nancy was the last member of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her Godly parents, William and Mary McMillan Bales; brothers, Gordon and Floyd Bales. And her beloved and perfect husband, Dr. James G. (Jimmy) Walls, Sr. and step-son,

Jim Walls, Jr. Nancy became a Christian at the age of ten years old. She was a member of Central Baptist Church, Bearden and the Encouragers Sunday School Class and a former member of First Baptist Church, Knoxville for over thirty-two years, where she and Jimmy were married "Oh what precious memories". Nancy loved her many Bible classes she attended from Martha Hoke and Fran Holt. Nancy was Valedictorian from grammar school, graduate of Carter High School and Draughons Business College. She was a direct descendant of Governor John Sevier and was Treasurer of the John Sevier Society for many years. John Sevier, IV, of Mexico City, visited Nancy and Jimmy many times and they were invited guests of John Sevier of Mexico City for over a week. Nancy was a lifelong Republican and worked for many Republican officeholders for Knox County in the old court house. She then worked for the City of Knoxville for over thirty years to the late Mayor John J. Duncan, Sr. Nancy was the Secretary at McGhee Tyson Airport Manager, a job she dearly loved and met worldwide celebrities around the world, Russia, China, etc. Many politicians and Hollywood celebrities and she has about one hundred and fifty celebrates signatures. "How interesting and exciting each and every day was." Nancy and Jimmy had a wonderful and perfect marriage, making the most of each and every day. Traveling all over the United States, Canada, Hawaii, East and West Caribbean, Bermuda and so many more. They loved the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where Jimmy taught Geology for forty-seven years with over 40,000 students in his class. Following Jimmy's death, Nancy acquired the new Geology Department at Strong Hall, Small and Large lecture halls, naming them in honor of Dr. James G. Walls, Sr. and Nancy E. Walls. Jimmy was the founder of the University of Tennessee Golf Team and was the Golf Coach for twenty-three and one half years, which

she also had named for Jimmy in the new Golf Office Complex. Jimmy was also the City of Knoxville Welfare Director in charge of U.T. Stadium under General Neyland for many years. Nancy and Jimmy went to all of the U. T. parties "Go Vols". Bob and Jean Baird, Nancy's caretakers, would like to give a special thank you to the wonderful healthcare workers and entire staff of The Nursing Center at Little Creek for their excellent care and love for Nancy during her final days on this Earth. Family and friends will meet 11:00 AM Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Highland Memorial Cemetery, for a graveside service, where she will be buried beside her beloved Jimmy. "Together forever in Heaven. The best is yet to come." Nancy requested that in lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the University of Tennessee Geology Department, College of Arts and Sciences, 137 Alumni Memorial Building, 1408 Middle Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996-1331. Friends may call at their convenience Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Rose Funeral and Cremation Mann Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to <http://www.rosefuneraltn.com>

Cemetery

Highland Memorial Cemetery

5315 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN,

Events

JUN 3 **Graveside Service for family and close friends** 11:00AM

Highland Memorial
5315 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

Comments



“ May you have my deepest condolences. My parents and I often visited Knoxville and went to Dillards frequently when there. One day, at a shoe sale, Mother and I met a delightful lady, who shared the same love of Stuart Weitzman shoes as my mother. She even mentioned her connection to McGhee Tyson Airport. We took up more conversation with her, and found we had much in common. Of course, we shared with her we were from Kentucky. She had such an effervescent personality, and made such a positive impression. We often times ran into her at Dillards. We spoke as if we were old friends. My mother passed away several years back, and I ran into her there, and shared my loss, but Heaven's gain. Her eyes shared my grief. Just as Mom has left this world and gone to Heaven.... No doubt Nancy and Mother have run into one another in that Blessed Place, and shared their love of shoes, and their shopping skills, too.....! God bless your family.... Prayers to you and your family.

Lisa Siler

Lisa Siler - July 07 at 02:33 PM



“ Nancy was my stepmother-in-law, but I knew her from 1968, before she and her Jimmy were married. Her other stepson, in addition to my late husband Jim, is David Waring Walls. His wife is Julie, and their children include Lori Bridgers, Michael Walls, all of Knoxville, and Amy Walls Braski, who with her husband Steve and son Asher David Braski, live in Vancouver, BC. Jim's children, Tracey Elizabeth Walls and James Gray Walls III, live in Maine. James Gray Walls IV lives in Manchester, New Hampshire. Nancy and I were both widowed in 1995, Jim died in January, and his father in November.
—Madeline Walls

Madeline Walls - June 04 at 02:23 PM



“ Growing up it was always fun to see "Nancy and Walls" at events. My aunt was married to her Uncle Alvin Bales. They lived in the Bales home place. Nancy was very special to Anna and Alvin. I remember them as a very good looking couple. Always impressive.
Jimmy B Maner.

JIMMY B MANER - May 30 at 11:53 AM