



Nancy Jean Ellis Keith

August 17, 1954 - January 20, 2022

Nancy Jean Ellis Keith Obituary

On Thursday, January 20, 2022, Nancy Jean Ellis passed away at her home at the age of 67.

Nancy was born in Laurel, Mississippi on August 17, 1954 to Robert Sigler Ellis and Eleanor Jean Pritchard Ellis. She graduated from R.H. Watkins High School in the class of 1972. She was a graduate of Mississippi College and received her law degree from Mississippi College School of Law in 1981.

Following graduation from law school, Nancy began her career as a petroleum landman at Shell Oil, spending most of her career in Houston, Texas. While working for Shell, she travelled around the country performing property evaluations and acquisitions until her retirement in 2010.

In 1989, she married the love of her life, Erbin Ray Keith. Nancy and Erbin loved traveling and collecting beautiful and unusual antiques.

Nancy lived life to the fullest, and did not let diabetes stop her. She was an active member of The Mayflower Society, Daughters of The American Revolution, and Colonial Dames, and held offices in each group. She was a member of The Little Garden Club, Laurel First United Methodist Church, and

a volunteer at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art.

Nancy loved gardening, making jewelry, and research, especially genealogy and family history. She was very well-read, and loved her cats.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Robert S. Ellis, Sr and Eleanor Jean Pritchard Ellis Davis; and by her husband Erbin. R. Keith.

She is survived by her brothers, Robert S. Ellis, Jr (Ellen) and Thomas O. Ellis (Sylvia); nephew John Robert Ellis; nieces Victoria Ellis and Annalee Ellis; stepson Erbin Brian Keith (Melissa), stepdaughter Renee Keith Linn (Randy); step-grandchildren Erbin Conor Keith, Sheridan Keith, Cheyenne Linn Harward; as well as aunt Willy Ellis and many dear cousins.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Judy Ellis, Nilda Witty, and Delores (Lolis) Castillo de Sanchez for special love and care. They also wish to thank Truitt Taylor, Elliott Bell, and all of Nancy's neighbors for their love and assistance.

Funeral services will be held at Laurel First United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the service to follow at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Laurel First United Methodist Church, 420 N. 5th Avenue, Laurel, MS, 39440; or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA, 22116-7023.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Special memories of Nancy as a beautifully kind lady. my condolences to her family. She is in a special place now resting with the Lord, Stacey King*

stacey king - February 07, 2022 at 07:26 AM

KM

“ *I worked with Nancy for many years at Shell. Since we are both from Mississippi working in New Orleans and later Houston, TX with Shell, we always had some good Mississippi stories and lots of good laughs.*

She was a person of great happiness and joy, and grounded in excellent common sense with a great outlook on life. She helped me in many ways professionally in my work at Shell and in my training when I first joined the company. I cherish a phone call I had with her last August. My condolences to the family. Keith Morris

Keith Morris - February 06, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JB

“ *I came to know Nancy well through The Little Garden Club. She was a sweet, kind and caring lady and so easy to come to love. I am so sorry for her family and their loss.*

My father, L. A. Pacific, Sr., also worked for Shell. He said many times that Nancy was excellent in her work and he thought so much of her.

She was special and we will all miss her.

Jan Blake - February 05, 2022 at 07:10 PM

JC

“ I love and miss you, so much.
I also miss our long conversations, and our shopping trips together.

with my love forever
Julia Keith Coffey

Julia Coffey - February 04, 2022 at 01:43 PM

RW

“ We send our deepest sympathy to Bobby, Tommy and family. Nancy was a special person and a dear friend to us. We miss her. Love,
Richard & Nilda Witty

Richard & Nilda Witty - February 03, 2022 at 10:51 PM

CO

“ Nancy and I met while working at Shell in Houston. We endured the ups and downs of the oil industry together. She became a very dear friend, so kind and caring. I admired her unrelenting tenacity in dealing with her diabetes. She never allowed diabetes to slow her down or define her abilities. I missed seeing her after her move to MS. Her loyalty and compassion to her mother was admirable. I know she will be missed by many friends and family. I am grateful to have known her and shared so many memories.

With deepest sympathy,
Chéré Ryman Lyon (formerly O'Neal)

Chéré Ryman Lyon (formerly O'Neal) - February 03, 2022 at 04:42 PM

DB

“ Nancy, like her mother, was one of the kindest and most caring person and precious friend I have ever known! I treasure many fond memories.

Day Parker Barnes - February 02, 2022 at 08:21 AM

SS

“ My friendship with Nancy began when she was a client at the State Farm office that I was working at. Then we discovered that we were both Mayflower Descendants and that led to many exciting meetings as we both belonged to the Houston Colony chapter of the Texas Mayflower Society. We also were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Nancy was serving as Treasurer of our Houston chapter and when she moved to Mississippi, I stepped into her shoes and took over this job that she had so ably handled for many years. She will be missed dearly, as someone that always had a smile on her face, even though I could tell she was not feeling so great. Nancy never was unkind and her positive attitude made me feel better when she was around. My world was better for knowing her.

Sandra Sauers - January 29, 2022 at 07:07 PM