



Nancy Grace McMillin

August 26, 1933 - July 15, 2025

Nancy Grace McMillin was born on August 26, 1933, on a farm south of Greenfield, Missouri. She passed peacefully into eternity on July 15, 2025 at the age of 91. She was the first child of Lacey and Mildred (Marshall) Stapp. She grew up on that farm and enjoyed climbing trees, milking cows, and helping with chores. She attended Limestone School, a one room schoolhouse, then later Greenfield High School where she was valedictorian of her graduating class. She attended Southwest Missouri State (MSU) for one year before working at MFA in Springfield.

She met Dean McMillin in high school, but they didn't start dating until later. They were married on May 23, 1953, and shared 63 years of marriage until Dean's death. Their first home was in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where Dean was stationed in the Air Force. Dean and Nancy relocated to Greenfield in 1955 where they made their home until 1972 when they moved to Bolivar. To this union 2 children were born: Steven Allen and Glenda Cheryl.

Nancy worked as a school secretary in Greenfield, and in Bolivar at Southwest Baptist College (SBU) and the Regional Library Service. When CMH opened in 1982, she was one of the first employees in the business office, and then in the payroll department where she worked until retirement in 1990.

Upon retirement, Nancy joined the CMH Auxiliary and logged 6,104 hours of service. She was an active member of the Better Homemakers Extension Club early in life and has always been active in Christian Women's Fellowship of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Always interested in her heritage, she was honored to be a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Bolivar where she served as choir member, was a deaconess emeritus, and was financial secretary for 13 years.

Nancy was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan her entire life and even got to go see them play once in the world series. She loved all sports and faithfully filled out a bracket for the NCAA men's basketball tournament each year. She enjoyed playing cards and games, especially the weekly neighborhood dominoes group. Quilting, reading, and travel were also favorite hobbies for her.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son, and brothers-in-law Don Mahnken and Van McMillin. She is survived by her daughter Cheryl Bowers and husband Tony, Bolivar; grandsons Brian McMillin and wife Shelby, Paris Tennessee; Jarrod McMillin and wife Deidra, Mayfield Kentucky; Chad Bowers and wife Hayley, Colorado Springs Colorado; great grandchildren Steven, Ivy, Oliver Dean and Ellie McMillin. Also surviving is her sister Glendora Mahnken, Springfield; brother-in-law Chester and Donna McMillin, Springfield; sister-in-law Vickie McMillin, Springfield; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar on Saturday, July 19th at 10:00 am with visitation prior to the service at 9:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church Bolivar Missouri or to the CMH auxiliary.

Cemetery Details

Pennsboro Cemetery

Hwy 39
Greenfield, MO 65661

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I worked with her at Southwest Baptist University. My Mother worked with Dean at Empire District Electric for many years. Please know your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerald Andrews - July 21, 2025 at 12:03 PM

CB

“ My son Luke and I have played cards with Nancy and the ladies at Butterfield a couple of times a month for the past year. We are so blessed to have gotten to know Nancy and to spend time with her. She will be greatly missed!

Christy Burchett - July 18, 2025 at 09:01 PM

BF

“ Ben, April, and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Nancy Grace McMillin.



Ben, April, and Family - July 16, 2025 at 12:11 PM