



Nancy Cook Sawyer

Aug. 1, 1951 - July 14, 2025

Nancy Cook Sawyer, 73, of Morganton, NC passed away peacefully on Monday, July 14th.

Nancy was born in McDowell County on August 1, 1951.

She was predeceased by her parents Fred Charles Cook and Nell Buchanan Cook, in-laws Zad and Colleen Sawyer, brother-in-law C.L. Bradley and his wife Debbie. Nancy is survived by her husband James (Jim) Edward Sawyer, their son J. Brad Sawyer and his wife Sarah (Suffolk, VA); grandchildren Kyle and Luke Sawyer (Suffolk, VA); sister Carolyn Beaver and her husband Johnny (Morganton, NC), brother Tom Cook and his wife Susanne (Morganton, NC); brother-in-law Jerry Sawyer and his wife Vicky (Lenior, NC); brother-in-law Zad Sawyer Jr. (Morganton, NC); sister-in-law Bobby Carter and her husband Lance (Gamewell, NC); sister-in-law Shirley Riggan and her husband Jim (Mt. Vernon, ILL.). and numerous beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nancy graduated from Glen Alpine High School in 1970 and met Jim the following year. They immediately knew it was meant to be and married in June of 1972. Brad arrived in 1976 and they built a life together that they loved beyond measure. Nancy retired from J. Iverson Riddle where she was employed for many years. During her time at J. Iverson Riddle, she developed friendships that she treasured. She was a long-time member of First Advent Christian Church, where she enjoyed working with the Children's ministry and being involved in a loving community of church members. She delighted in spending time with her family, grandchildren and any four-legged friend that crossed her

delighted in spending time with her family, grandchildren and any four-legged friend that crossed her path. Nancy will be remembered for her kind heart, loving spirit and gentle soul.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 20, 2025 at First Advent Christian Church. The funeral will follow at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Patrick Bradshaw officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made in Nancys name to First Advent Christian Church Childrens Ministry, 211 Lenior Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Nancy was a dear friend to me at JIRDC these last 6 years since I started there. She was such a joy to be around. She helped me through the hardest time of my life when my husband passed in 2021. She also deeply loved the residents she served at the center and found so much happiness from her work. She would often comment how she loved her job and loved her residents. I will never forget her love and kindness. None of us will.

—Alisun Boldrini



I worked with Nancy at Drexel Knitting and BSN MEDICAL. She was sweet and kind lady. She was always fun to be around. I am sure she will be missed by all.

—Vickie Curtis



Another wonderful soul gained their wings. She will definitely be missed by all who knew her. When she was pulled to my building, there was always a smile & a kind word to residents and staff alike. She was always willing to pitch in & help with whatever she could do, even if it was just a little advice to pass along. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family

—Linda Reece

Nancy was such a sweet lady. Heaven has gained an Angel



—Marilyn Hildebrand

Nancy was such a sweet, kind, and funny lady! I enjoyed my many years knowing and working with her at JIRDC! She loved the Residents, Coworkers, and especially her family. To the family, I'm sorry for your tremendous loss. It still doesn't seem real!

—Keith Abee



Nancy was truly one of the kindest people I've ever known. My husband and I shared many special memories with her and with Jim—the wedding of our children, holiday celebrations, bragging to everyone about our children and grandchildren and visits to Morganton. When I lost my husband last year, she was one of the first to contact me. While she will be missed by all of us here, I rejoice in the fact that she is no longer suffering and now with her Lord.

—Lynne Robinson

Nancy was a sweet lady was good to work with and a friend. She will be missed.

—Rick Caroway

—Elaine Byrd



Nancy was an awesome coworker she never forgot a face



and she was a hoot to work with she will be missed. We know you are no longer suffering praying for the family.

—Lynna Franklin

—J, D, Ramsey

Dear Carolyn and family, So sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family. I had three sisters and they are all in heaven.

—Sue Patton Bumgarner

Nancy was one of a kind. Special, caring, loving devoted Lady whom I will miss every time I walk into Cedar Kitchen at JIRDC. She loved her family, friends and co-workers and was such a joy to talk to. Her laughter was contagious and her smile never ending. She always took the time to ask about the family and always insisted that you sit down and talk a while. Nancy, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the residents at JIRDC and to your co-workers. Always in our hearts!!

—Sonya Russ



Nancy was a very sweet lady, she will be missed.

—Faith



I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was such a sweet lady. I think about her often, and especially miss camping with her and Jim. To her family, my love and prayers for each of you.



—Susan Wyatt

My thoughts and prayers are with the families .. Nancy was a very beautiful soul I met her at food lion she was one of my favorite customers everywhere I seen her she would always put a smile on my face !! She will be missed

—Janice Stogner

Sweet Nancy was such a great person. I worked with her for many years and enjoyed our talks. You will be missed sweet Nancy. Praying for all the family

—Misty Hildebrand

Nancy was a special gift to the Sawyer family. Always had a smile and kind words for everyone. She was sometimes our entertainment when telling her true stories. She loved cruising with the family even when she got lost on one of the islands. Nancy and Jimmy were made for each other and she loved taking care of him. She was a true angel on earth!

—Jerry and Vicky Sawyer



God Nancy was such an amazing woman she always made u laugh had a big glow to her never a dull moment around her she was the kindest most loveable peraon I enjoyed working with her at j.iverson Riddell she was a trooper will be missed so bad love ya Nancy watch over us like u always did at work rest in peace no more suffering

—Ashley Johnson



Nancy was such a sweet lady Always had kind words for everyone she will truly be missed.

Sandy Whisenant



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—Donna Brittain



Nancy was a wonderful sweet person.

—Linda cross