



Nancy Julia Renner

September 2, 1926 - July 8, 2020

Nancy Julia (Merz) Renner, 93, of New Castle, passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born on September 2, 1926, in Muncie, Indiana, a daughter of the late Harry L. and Emily (Carmichael) Merz.

Nancy grew up in Muncie and graduated from Muncie Central High School, then attended Ball State Teachers College, where she majored in English and French. While at Ball State, she was treasurer of the freshman class and belonged to Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary fraternity. She also belonged to the Girls Club and Spotlight Club, was a member of Gamma Gamma Sorority and the Inter-Sorority Council, serving as president of both. She met her future husband, Jack Renner, on campus and they were married in August 1948 at High Street Methodist Church in Muncie following graduation.

She taught at Elwood, Spiceland High School, and Tri High and finished her teaching in Adult Basic Education. Nancy was a life member of ISTA and NEA. She was very active in the community and had served on the boards of the YMCA, The Christian Love Center, Family Connection, Salvation Army, where she was chairman for 14 years, and the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. She participated each year in the Day of Caring, delivered Meals on Wheels, and served on the Ball State Alumni Council. Her

memberships included Tri Kappa Sorority where she had been a member for 76 years and Sorosis Literary Club.

A devoted member of the First United Methodist Church since 1953, Nancy had been a trustee, served on many committees, the blood draw for many years, taught an adult Sunday School Class for 43 years, and sang in the choir. She belonged to the very first Bible Study Fellowship group.

Nancy and her family loved camping and in addition to visiting many of Indiana's state parks, enjoyed two six-week camping trips to the east and west coasts. She and Jack helped chaperone 32 students on a three-week trip to Europe in 1969 and they were able to travel to Europe several times after retirement. They enjoyed local activities and appreciated many years at the Indianapolis Symphony. Nancy especially liked classical music, swimming, visiting the beach, and reading. She and Jack attended many of their grandchildren's school and sports activities and were very proud of their accomplishments.

Those left to cherish Nancy's memory include her two sons, Jeffrey Renner of Cleveland, OH and Chris (Melanie) Renner of New Castle; a daughter, Julie Renner of New Castle; three grandchildren, Allison (Ryan) Madison, Abigail Renner (fiancé: Quinn), and Brady Renner all of New Castle; one great-grandson, Simon Madison; a sister, Peggy Gant of Glendale, AZ, and many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Jack Renner; a daughter, Cathie Renner Adams; a brother, Bob Merz; and two sisters, Mary Lou Dodd and Martha Sue Lanning.

A Celebration of Nancy's Life will take place at 11:00 am Monday, July 13, 2020, at the First United Methodist Church, 1324 Church St, New Castle, with

Pastor Eric Haler officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 2 - 6 pm Sunday at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the New Castle-Henry County Library - www.nhcpl.org or the Jack Renner Scholarship at the Henry County Community Foundation - www.henrycountycf.org. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Nancy Julia (Merz) Renner.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1324 Church Street
New Castle, IN

Tribute Wall



“ We are so very sorry to hear that the lovely Nancy is no longer with us. She was loved by our full family and was so kind to my grandma, Dorothy Brenner in New Castle. Jack and Nancy were like family to us. I last saw them at the Edison Hotel when they were visiting NYC. We are so glad to have known them both and my dad, David and sister Clare both send their love and condolences from Henley on Thames in England. Thanks for the memories! Much love to you all and Rest In Peace dear Jack and Nancy ❤️❤️

Emily Venugopal - August 17, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Julia Renner.



August 17, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Nancy, our prayers be with the family.

Ron Supinger - July 19, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Nancy Renner was my fourth grade teacher at Spiceland Elementary School in 1962-63 after Evelyn Brewer became ill. Then, I had the good fortune of having Mrs. Renner as my high school French teacher, again, at Spiceland High School. I fondly remember her telling our class that we were speaking French with a Hoosier accent! She had the most beautiful handwriting with a flourish.

Sometime around 2010, I had the occasion to see her and meet her husband, Jack, at their home on North Main Street in New Castle. We had a wonderful visit and I was able to take a few photos. If any family member wants a photo or two, please let me know at my home address: 12820 N. Westminster Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85755-8767, or by email at MarkTeresa1989@comcast.net.

Mark Allen

Mark Allen - July 16, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM

LK

“ To ALL of the Renner Family...

What a special family through the years... from first meeting Nancy and Jack through N.C. Schools, to teaching Julie piano in Kindergarten, and to enjoying Allison, Abby, and Brady at Sunnyside Elementary with Chris and Melanie as their supportive parents!

We would have come to the visitation if not for our changed lifestyle during this pandemic, but have stayed quite isolated and following distancing protocol as much as possible. Our hearts were and are with you, though, and we are sending our love and sympathy.

We will miss Nancy and Jack but are uplifted that their delightful spirits will live on through our fond memories of them and their beautiful family!

*Blessings always...
Linda and Joe Kinnett*

Linda and Joe Kinnett - July 14, 2020 at 10:20 AM

DR

“ We've been members of the same church for decades and it was always enjoyable discussing sports with Nancy. She will be missed and my condolences go out to the family.

David Risley

David Risley - July 13, 2020 at 02:16 PM

JM

“ Joel Meier lit a candle in memory of Nancy
Julia Renner



Joel Meier - July 13, 2020 at 12:12 PM

ST

“ Jeff, Chris and Julie, I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Mom! I loved her very much, her and I had such a jokester relationship, I always looked forward to seeing her when I would come to church with my mom! I'm sure she will be missed very much from you guys, but the memories will keep her with you! I wanted to come in person to honor her but I couldn't make it! Hang in there and take care! Susan Tague

Susan Tague - July 13, 2020 at 11:25 AM

CM

“ Nancy was very kind to our young boys at the Blue River Pool.
Condolences -Corey & Nicole Murphy

Corey Murphy - July 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

KS

“ Jeff, Chris and Julie, I am so sorry. Your mom was such a classy lady and always fun to be around. I will miss her.



Kathy Sorrell - July 12, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JM

“ *Jan McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Nancy Julia Renner*



Jan McDaniel - July 12, 2020 at 09:53 AM

SL

“ *Nancy was always a good friend and teaching companion at Adult Basic Education. We shared a room and many laughs and tears with our students over the years. Starting in 2003, she and Jack would spend a week with us in Naples, FL for spring break. We had some great times and I will always treasure her memory. I will miss her very much. Susan Leonard*

Susan Leonard - July 11, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ *I had Mrs. Renner for French my Sophomore year in 1976-1977. Sweet lady. We wanted her back the next year.*

Joe B. - July 11, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Nancy Julia Renner.*



July 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MH

“ *Such a good person who positively impacted so many people. Chris and Julie, so sorry for your loss.*

Marc Hancock - July 10, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MB

“ *So very sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I have nothing but fond memories of her from first grade on to the last time I saw her. Always a smile, always interested, always engaged. Julie, Chris, Matt... my heart goes out to you. Hopefully her having lived a very full life will bring some level of comfort during this time. Prayers for you all.*

Michael Bond - July 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

PC

“ *Thinking of you Jeff, Chris and Julie. You are very lucky to have had your mother for so long. Offering my comfort to you knowing God will protect your hearts.*

The most recent fond memory of Nancy is seeing her at the pool and Jim fixed her a steak one year for her birthday. She raved on and on about it. She was a very special lady, so kind and warmhearted. I know she will be greatly missed.

Patti Catron - July 10, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nancy Julia Renner.*



July 10, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RR

“ I remember this sweet lady well, along with her late husband. They were both very caring. So sorry to read of her passing, but after reading the obituary she sure had a full life with lots of memories for her family.



Ron and Donna Ragan - July 10, 2020 at 12:58 PM

MM

“ Jeff, Chris and Julie, I am saddened to learn of your mom's passing. While I was very young when we lived on North Main, the memories of that time are still fresh. Your folks meant a lot to Mom and Dad. From the gatherings to the nicknames to community activities, I know they really enjoyed being around Nancy and Jack. Thinking of you.

Matt Morris - July 10, 2020 at 08:20 AM

BC

Chris, Jeff and Julie, so sorry for your loss. I lived on North 14th played at north end park. I went to Holland grand school and was in Chris class. Prayers and hugs to all. Always liked your mother and father. May God carry you. Bonnie Surber Coates

Bonnie Surber Coates - July 10, 2020 at 07:50 PM

JB

“ Judy Nichols Barber lit a candle in memory of Nancy Julia Renner



Judy Nichols Barber - July 10, 2020 at 07:23 AM

EW

“ Julie and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was a sweet lady and always so friendly. She will be missed in the community. May your memories help sustain you during this difficult time.

Edna Wheeler

Edna Wheeler - July 10, 2020 at 06:27 AM

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss of the matriarch of your family. Growing up she was such a role model to all young girls with her poise and demeanor and kind heart! I felt so lucky to be a part of her and Jack through my church family. She always showed love in her heart.

With highest regards Paula Muncy Timmons and family

Paula Timmons - July 10, 2020 at 05:50 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Julia Renner.



July 09, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nancy Julia Renner.



July 09, 2020 at 02:35 PM