



Nancy Hayes Bass

October 23, 1950 - July 1, 2009

Nancy Naomi Hayes Bass

Nancy Naomi Hayes Bass passed away peacefully at her home in Hammond, LA, on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, surrounded by her family and friends and enveloped in the love she has shown to so many all of her life. Nancy was born in Baton Rouge, on October 23, 1950, to the late Rufus and Evelyn Hayes.

She positively influenced many area residents in her capacities as a teacher and children's ministry director and through her participation in community theater and other activities. Her true passion was her children and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of thirty five years, Carrol Bass; her devoted children, Rebecca Bass Seale and husband Mark, Christopher Carrol Bass and wife Judy, John Hayes Donnes and wife Genna, Michael Denver Bass and wife Elizabeth; nine precious grandchildren, Brady, Amber, Alexandra, Brett Carrol, Connor, Nancy Naomi, Rebekah, John Ross and Alexis. Nancy is also survived by her sisters, Della Hayes Hall, Dr. Evelyn K. Hayes and close family friend Helen Pope; brother-in-law, Frank Boyd, and two nephews, Rufus and Charles Boyd, along with extended family members. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond, on Sunday, July 5, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at First United Methodist Church of Hammond on Monday, July 6, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. until

the funeral services at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Rev. Joe Donakey. A private graveside service will follow.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Sterling Sightler, the Oncology Department of the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, and National Infusion for their professionalism and compassion.

Pallbearers for the service are Wayne Bickley, Frank Boyd, Brett Duncan, Richard Garner, Allan Lenhardt and Chris McRae.

In honor of Nancy's life and devotion to children, the family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be sent to the Nancy Hayes Bass Memorial Fund for children's ministries, C/O First United Methodist Church of Hammond, 2200 Rue Denise, Hammond, La 70403.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

Tribute Wall



“ *it was certainly a surprise to read about Nancy's death. Having lost a brother, Ricky, and sister, Tootie, and my mother, a know you are feeling the loss. She certainly grew to be a beautiful woman, inside and out. We have fond memories of the days of the Highland Riders and the great support of the Hayes family. Our prayers are with all of you.*

Lorraine Choppin and Family##imported-begin##Jessica Borstel##imported-end##

August 12, 2009 at 07:39 PM



“ *When we think of beautiful people we know, Nancy was always at the top of the list. She was full of love for everyone around her; her family, the theatre, and the children at FUMC. She will be missed by all of the people that she touched. But, we are all so much better for having had such a wonderful person in our life. May God comfort you during this time.##imported-begin##Lorraine Choppin LeBlanc##imported-end##*

July 07, 2009 at 08:32 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was a wonderful lady who touched so many lives. She was my daughter, Jennifer's, 3rd grade teacher. (Jennifer is now 24 years old and a mother of 2.) She also helped me tremendously when I decided to go back to school and become a teacher myself. (I have now been teaching for 12 years.) Although we have not seen her for many years since we moved away from the Hammond area in 1995, we will forever remember her and her sweet nature. Our deepest sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Laurent & Beth Lafargue##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 07:03 PM



“ I just heard about Nancy's death and was saddened by the news. Nancy was very special to me, as she was to a lot of people. She was one of the sweetest and most genuine people I knew. What stands out in my mind about Nancy is the way she was around children. It didn't take long to realize that she truly loved them. My daughter was in her 4th grade drama club and she talked about Ms. Bass all the time. She absolutely loved her.

I didn't realize until today that she was also a children's minister. I'm not surprised though. She has impacted so many people's lives and she will never be forgotten.

My deepest condolences to the entire family. You will continue to be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Shannon Lackey##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 03:28 PM



“ Nancy was such a radiant sunbeam of Christian living. What an inspiration to all of us !! She never gave up. The love she felt for her grandchildren she also showed to every child she came in contact with.

She is definetly in heaven smiling down on the rest of us and will be there with open arms when we arrive.

What a blessing it was to be in her presence and she will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family (her church family included).

Ann & Craig McGehee###imported-begin##Vicki Allen###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 12:57 PM



“ With Our Thoughts, Our Caring, And Our Deepest Sympathy.....

Words dont have the power to soothe our troubled hearts, for time alone can ease the pain that life sometimes imparts..... But may these words of sympathy help show you that we care, and may they somehow soften the sorrow you now bear.

From Esau Lolis, Sherita Lolis, and Mary Lolis- Riley###imported-begin##Ann & Craig McGehee###imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 08:39 PM



“ Hello John, Jenna & Family,

Destinee and I just read the obituaries and we are saddened by your loss.

Although we didn't know Ms. Nancy very well, each time we saw her she always had a smile on her face and kind words to say.

We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.

If there is anything we can do, for you during this time, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Regards,

*Vicki Monteleone & Destinee Fralick##imported-begin##Esau
Lolis##imported-end##*

July 05, 2009 at 07:51 PM



“ CB, Big Un and Michael, I am sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful person. I share in your grief.##imported-begin##Vicki Monteleone & Destinee Fralick##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 07:31 PM



“ John, Our sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. Carolyn and James Gilmore##imported-begin##Crawfish##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 06:28 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Carolyn Gilmore##imported-end##*

July 05, 2009 at 03:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Nancy, her family and all of her friends at this sad time. May your many great memories comfort you now and in the future.##imported-begin##Nelda Harper##imported-end##*

July 05, 2009 at 03:14 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy was one of a kind. She was the sweetest and most gracious person and will be missed by everyone. Lynn and Charley really summed it up in their note. She is now a beautiful angel in heaven.##imported-begin##Becky Kirk##imported-end##*

July 05, 2009 at 02:54 PM



“ *Carrol: We were very saddened to hear that Nancy has passed on. She was a true role model for all of us and a reminder that it is only how we love and care for others here that is important. We know your family will have a hole in your heart, but know that she is resting in lasting peace. With much sympathy, Beth and Larry##imported-begin##Judy Vice##imported-end##*

July 05, 2009 at 02:10 PM



“ Carroll, our hearts go out to you and your family. Nancy was an inspiration to many with her big smile and gentle attitude. I know GOD has a special need for her in his Kingdom. May GOD bless you all.##imported-begin##Larry and Beth Gray##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 01:25 PM



“ JOHN- THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR YOUR LOSS.##imported-begin##Carol Bauerle Earnest and Bruce Earnest##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 09:18 AM



“ Thank you Mrs. Bass, you taught our children well. May you rest in peace knowing that you were an inspiration to all who you've taught and known.##imported-begin##ROBERT HELMS##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 07:59 AM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Nancy's passing. We will always remember her bright beautiful smile and gentle nature.##imported-begin##RKB##imported-end##

July 04, 2009 at 08:27 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Erin & Jim Rabalais##imported-end##

July 04, 2009 at 05:48 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Earl & Iedieth Ray Levingston##imported-end##*

July 03, 2009 at 06:10 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Gordon and Eloise Anderson##imported-end##*

July 03, 2009 at 06:00 PM



“ Dearest Carroll and family,

I am deeply saddened at the loss of Nancy. She was a beautiful person - inside and out. Her presence will be missed in many ways, however; I believe that in many ways her presence will remain with us. For such a spirit as Nancy is too large to contain. She is truly capable of transcending, diffusing, and infusing the spirits of others with her infinite love.

I want to share two quotes from George Leonard, a man devoted to studying the human experience. I heard him speaking on line about the subject of holography. To put it simply, he said, "You are in the universe, and the universe is in you." I also love the following quote: "At the heart of each of us, whatever our imperfections, there exists a silent pulse of perfect rhythm. . . which is absolutely individual and unique, and yet which connects us to everything in the universe." As difficult as it must be for you right now, may you find peace and comfort in knowing that you are still connected.

I am sorry that Charley and I will not be there in person to honor Nancy's life. We have made plans with family and will be out of town. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I feel blessed and honored to have known Nancy.##imported-begin##Sharon Newell Aycock##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 05:53 PM



“ Carol,
My heart is sad.
Nancy was a darling.
I was online and stumbled over notice. Lynne and I are going out of town on the fourth for about a week.
As I told you before, I only spoke with you two about once a year but always thought so highly of you two.
Nancy was so special. A smile only matched by the size of her heart and the kindness of her soul.
My heart goes out to you.
Your friend,
Charley Vance###imported-begin##Lynne Vance###imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ I was thinking about Nancy last week while attending a national conference for teachers. My thoughts were of exemplary people I have known in the educational system, and Nancy was at the top of the list!

We had just moved to Ponchatoula, and Nancy welcomed my daughter (a 3rd grader at the time) at D.C. Reeves with open, friendly arms. My eyes well up with tears when I think about Nancy's loving arms around my Megan, and Megan smiling up at her. Nancy encouraged Megan to try out for the drama club. She gave Megan the opportunity to experience theatre, which Megan carried on to high school as the president of her theatre club for two years.

I was also fortunate to know Nancy personally through family ties. She was a beautiful, warm, friendly lady whom I considered a friend. Nancy was a woman of intelligence and poise. She loved life and people unconditionally.

I will remember Nancy in this light, and feel lucky and blessed to have known her.

My deepest condolences go out to her family. There was always a sparkle in Nancy's eyes when she spoke of her family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Charley Vance##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 03:15 PM

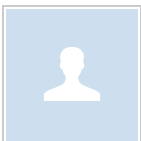


“ Evelyn,

Just wanted to say that you and yours are on my heart and in my prayers. I hurt when friends hurt. May God's special peace be yours in the days ahead.

Sharon##imported-begin##Sara and Walt Garrett##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 02:06 PM



“ Your family will be in our prayers. She will be missed at the First United Methodist Church. She did so much for the children of our church.

Stormy & Denise Lee##imported-begin##Sharon Browning##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 11:43 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this very difficult time. Always remembered will be Nancy's personified grace and dedication to not only her children, but also the children at FUMC and in the Hammond community.##imported-begin##Denise Lee##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 07:35 AM



“ We met Nancy through SLU and saw her many, many times at the community theatre and other local events. Such a lovely and vital person in our community--she will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Donna and Bill Foster##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 07:30 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathy to you all. You are in my heart and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Linda##imported-begin##Ken and Cindy Benitez##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 10:54 PM



“ *Michael,*

My prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Potsey##imported-begin##Linda Garrett##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 10:13 PM



“ *##imported-begin##warren "Potsey" Louque##imported-end##*

July 02, 2009 at 04:31 PM



“ *I am so sorry--she was a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Sandi Lucas##imported-end##*

July 02, 2009 at 01:38 PM



“ Our love is with you today and always. Nancy will be forever in our hearts.

Love

Olympia

Alex

Kathy

George###imported-begin##Denelle Cowart###imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 12:33 PM



“ The entire Nancy Bass family is in our thoughts and our prayers as you transition through this most difficult time. We love her so very much and will miss her terribly. If there is anything that we can do for you, now or down the road, please let us know.

All our love,

The Petrolia's###imported-begin##kathleen Bordelon###imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 09:58 AM



“ ###imported-begin##Debi Petrolia & Family###imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 08:49 AM