



Nancy Poteat Compton

July 18, 1934 - September 14, 2023

Nancy Poteat Compton, 89, of Danville, passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Born in Caswell County, NC on July 18, 1934, she was a daughter of the late Fred Loftin and Nannie Louise Wood Poteat.

On June 26, 1954, she married the love of her life, Leon Desmond Compton. They first met on Craghead Street while she was an intern at a tobacco company. Nancy and Leon were married for over 67 years, until his death on October 16, 2021.

Nancy spent most of her life in the Kentuck Community and was a member of Kentuck Baptist Church. She was a Sunday School Teacher and also sang in the choir. Nancy graduated from Bartlett Yancey High School and attended the University of North Carolina Greensboro. She was a member of the Danville Wednesday Club, the Danville Art League and the Danville Museum of Fine Arts. She was also a Past President of the Kinston Art League (NC).

Nancy worked as a secretary at Chatham Hall, Woodlawn Academy and Hylton Hall before becoming a homemaker, which was the toughest of all. She was a gifted artist and some of her works will be on display at the service.

She is survived by her two sons, Jeffrey Desmond "J.D." Compton, Sr. and Richard Leon Compton (Amy); seven grandchildren, Cameron Compton (Sierra), Stephanie Butler, Ashley Butler, Zachary Alexander Compton (Olivia Adkins), Elizabeth Marie Compton, Alexandria Desmond Compton and Jeffrey Desmond Compton, Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Cole Thomas Compton and Luke Richard Compton and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Nancy was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie P. Oakley and Geneva P. Roberts and a brother, Earl L. Poteat.

A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Kentuck Baptist Church. A reception will follow the service. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main is respectfully serving the Compton family.

Cemetery Details

Prospect United Methodist Church

1900 US Hwy 158 West

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kentuck Baptist Church
1845 Kentuck Church Rd
Ringgold, VA

Reception Following the Service

SEP 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Ringgold, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Nancy, she will be missed she was a sweet lady. Prayers for the family.



Judy Brumfield & Girls - September 22, 2023 at 01:05 PM

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“ Dear Compton Family:
My sincere condolences to Mr. Jeffrey Compton and Mr. Richard Compton along with each of the family members and friends of Mrs. Nancy Poteat Compton. I am new to North Carolina, and the office in which I work in Yanceyville houses several artworks created by Mrs. Nancy Compton. I loved the artwork so much several months ago, I researched the creator with great admiration. It was with great sadness that I heard of her passing. After viewing the Tribute Photos, I can see what a loving beautiful lady she was. I was most impressed with her beautiful smile in each picture. From all I have read, it was a blessing to have known her. My thoughts and prayers go with each of you as you cherish each loving memory of this wonderful lady.
Michelle Branton

Michelle Branton - September 22, 2023 at 10:31 AM

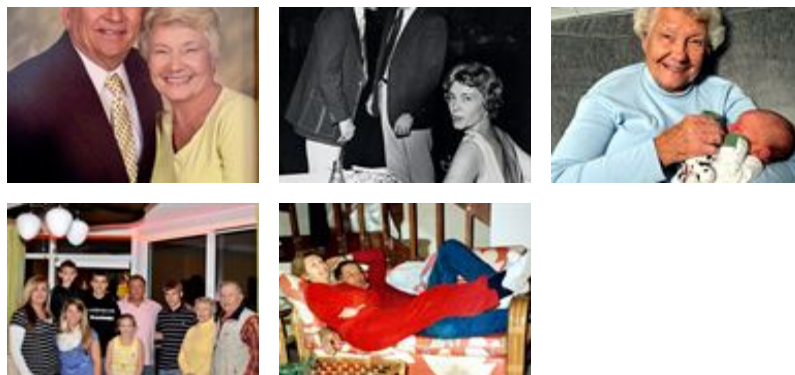
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“ I have so many wonderful memories of Nancy & Leon & the boys and many visits to Danville riding motor bikes and shooting hoops and spending weeks together vegging out and playing bridge at the beach. Nancy was beautiful in every way and had a wonderful sense of humor and energy to really live life. She and Leon had a spirit to bring out out a more relaxed and fun side of my own folks. My heart breaks to hear this news but it is very heart warming to know she is reunited with dear Leon and will experience life eternal. I loved her art and recall as a teenager she readily offered me Any of her beautiful paintings. I chose the painting of a tobacco field scene as it tied into our ancestry and appreciate it to this day. Sending Jeff & Richard and all the family lots of warm thoughts and prayers during this time of grief. We have all been truly blessed to have wonderful and caring parents like ours. God Bless, Stephen Tedder & the Tedder family❤️🙏✝️

Stephen Tedder, MD - September 20, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - September 16, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Poteat Compton.*



September 16, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Poteat Compton.

September 16, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She was a special lady. Thoughts and prayers to Jeff, Richard and the rest of the family!*

Beth Moshenek Buczkowski - September 16, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Poteat Compton.*



September 15, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathy goes out to the family,*

Nancy Lindsey Burris - September 15, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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“ *So Sorry to hear about Nancy, she was a really sweet lady. She will be missed.*



Ron & Donna Walker - September 15, 2023 at 07:00 PM