



## Nancy Bowman Rhoades

December 26, 1947 - February 16, 2025

Nancy Bowman Rhoades, 77, passed away unexpectedly on February 16, 2025, in Arlington, Virginia. Though her heart may have failed, she leaves behind a vibrant legacy filled with creativity, warmth, and joy.

Born on December 26, 1947, in Charleston, West Virginia, Nancy was a graduate of Charleston High School (CHS), where she was a majorette and played French horn in the concert band and trumpet in the marching band. A favorite memory was her appearance with the CHS marching band in the 38th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Nancy loved art, architecture, design, and fashion. She pursued her passion for aesthetics through a career in interior design and was affiliated with the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). She made homes in both Charlotte, North Carolina and Arlington, Virginia, cultivating friendships and community wherever she went. She was a member of Christ Church Charlotte and the Junior League and generously gave her time to various volunteer efforts.

With a knack for entertaining, Nancy enjoyed hosting friends and family with her stylish flair, whatever the occasion. In retirement, she embraced travel adventures across Europe and a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Egypt, immersing herself in diverse cultures with enthusiasm. Her love for bridge endured

throughout her life; she remained active in her local bridge club until her passing.

Nancy's bright smile, infectious laugh, inquisitive spirit, and storybook text messages will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her parents Donald and Florence (née Carroll) Bowman; and siblings Gary Bowman and Carol Sue Thomas. She is survived by her three daughters: Tracy Hoffman (Doug), Erika Rhoades-Wassel (Louis), and Ashley Estilow (Erich); four grandsons: Nathaniel Hoffman, Ethan Wassel, Samuel Estilow, and Jacob Estilow; her beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Grace; and an extended circle of friends and family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 12, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (2609 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22207), followed by a brunch reception.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Nancy's name to: Cavalier Rescue USA [<https://www.cavalierrescueusa.org/donate/>] or the Arlington Food Assistance Center [<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/arlington-food-assistance-center/general-donation-page>].

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
2609 North Glebe Road  
Arlington, VA 22207

# Tribute Wall

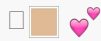
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Erika Rhoades - April 10, 2025 at 01:58 AM

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Vanessa Doyle - April 10, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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Erika Rhoades - April 09, 2025 at 09:29 PM

VT

Beautiful! ✨🕊️


Vanessa Thomas-Doyle - April 09, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JT

*Nancy was a big part in Vanessa's life. I heard so many special things about her aunt Nancy. You were a special lady who touched many life's , Heaven has one more angel.*

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**Janine Thomas** - April 09, 2025 at 11:15 PM

VT

“  Nancy wasn't merely my aunt; she was a best friend who enriched my life with our many beautiful talks and wisdom. I love you and you will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. #fancynancy Your spirt will forever be a part of me. Rest in peace.





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**Vanessa Thomas-Doyle** - April 09, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AC

*Dear Vanessa; Nancy was the little sister of my good friend Sue We grew up in Marmet WV up Curry Hollow . Nancy and I reconnected on FB several years ago. We enjoyed sharing memories. So sorry to hear of her passing. Sincere Sympathy. ANN ( Hodges) Crabtree Now of Shinnston WV.*

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**Ann Crabtree** - April 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM

RS

“ I remember Nancy talking to my girlfriend Vanessa, she was so loving and a joy to hear talk to her. Loving & caring she was truly an angel on earth. May she Rest in Peace, God Bless her soul.    

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**Raymond Sappington** - April 09, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ So happy to have these memories in Hawaii with my Aunite Nancy  
🌺 Love you and and give my grandma a big hug from my mom and  
I ♡♡



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**Jessica Doyle** - April 09, 2025 at 01:20 PM