



Nancy Jane Gross

August 15, 1948 - June 28, 2025

Nancy Jane Gross, 76, of Sparland entered the presence of the Lord on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Nancy was born Aug. 15, 1948, in Harrisburg, Pa. She married James B. Gross on Aug. 31, 1969, at the United Methodist Church in Cleona, Pa. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughters, Tami (and Mark) Tiller of Huntington, W. Va., and Mindy (and Brock) Elsasser of Sparland; and her four grandchildren, Zac, Nic, Henry, and Leila.

Nancy was a devoted teacher at Dallas Independent School District in Dallas, Texas, Christian Heritage in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Peoria Christian School in Peoria, and Sunbury Christian Academy in Northumberland, Pa., where she later became the Administrator. While teaching, she was honored as one of 19 teachers to be awarded the Excellence in Teaching by The Perot Foundation.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She enjoyed

spending time with loved ones.

Nancy became a Christian as a teen when she responded to an altar call. Throughout her life, her faith remained very important to her. She was often found spending time outside with her devotions.

The Lord was so important to her, she unknowingly spent her last minutes with a Bible in her hand enjoying the sun until the Lord called her home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at LaPrairie United Presbyterian Church in Sparland.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BO

“ I remember Nancy as a very good friend and more importantly as my sister in Christ. We had many funny memories when we were connected with SCA. Pastor, I am praying for strength for you and your family. I am truly saddened by the news. God bless each of you. 🙏

Betty Onions - January 30 at 05:24 PM

AG

“ Mrs. Gross was the administrator at SCA during my elementary and early middle school years, and left a profound impact on myself and many other students. She cared deeply for us all, and it showed. I still remember during my senior year of high school they published the honor society inductees in the local paper. A little bit later, a card arrived from Mrs. Nancy Gross, with a cutout of that article and a handwritten letter of congratulations and encouragement for future endeavors. That's the kind of person who cared deeply for her students, and someone many looked up to.

Alex Gessner - July 04, 2025 at 10:45 PM

SZ

“ Nancy was my third grade teacher at PCS... I'll never forget her voice, her tiny short body, and the times tables placed on the wall. Mrs. Gross, you'll always and have always had a place in my heart. I love knowing that you're teaching everyone up there in heaven right now next to Jesus. You will always be remembered and never ever forgotten.

Shana Zimmerman-Addis - July 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CK

“ Condolences to the family! Memories of her laugh, recipes/dishes from Texas and the fireplace she created in Hagy’s family room!!!
Looking forward to that great “reunion day” with our Lord and Savior!!!! 🌸 Love and prayers,
Chris Kern

Chris Kern - July 02, 2025 at 09:15 PM

AN

“ Brock and Mindy, We are praying for your family during this time.
Love, Brad and Crissy Stephens

Anonymous - July 02, 2025 at 05:40 PM

LJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, Josh and Jill - July 02, 2025 at 05:35 PM

AN

“ Mindy, Deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your mom. We are all thinking of you during this time.

Anonymous - July 02, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JK

“ Dearest Mindy, Brock, and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Janet and Mike Kirkton - July 02, 2025 at 10:39 AM

RB

“ To such a passionate teacher and role model: Rejoice with our Savior! Sending prayers for the family 🙏

Robin Bachelor - July 02, 2025 at 09:49 AM

RH

“ I will never forget what a special woman Nancy was. She was so strong and loving. I will always remember the multiple overnights and play dates together as small children. I loved your mom's famous Chicken Noodle Soup with hard boiled eggs! She will be greatly missed.

Rena HeinoKester - July 01, 2025 at 05:37 PM

AN

“ Nancy Jane Gross

Anonymous - July 01, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DM

“ Sending love and prayers to you Jim and your family. Nancy will always be in my heart.

Denny & Cathy Byers Mowery - July 01, 2025 at 02:43 PM

KB

“ Our sympathy hardly expresses our feelings at the loss of a dear friend. We pray for Gods peace and comfort for the family. Hold on to the memories.

Karen, Denny, Karol, Bill - July 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM

BA

“ I am so sorry for your loss Jim. I can never forget the time we spent together with both of you when you were here in India. Thinking of you in this most difficult time.

Bhavna Arora - July 01, 2025 at 01:26 PM

SP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs Gross' passing. The Gross family holds a special place in my heart, spending so much time together growing up left lasting memories. She will be missed. Prayers for you, Mr Gross, Mindy and Tami as you grieve this loss.

Sasha Peterson - July 01, 2025 at 12:52 PM

AG

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Nancy Jane Gross - July 01, 2025 at 12:22 PM