



Nancy Y. Barley

April 11, 1936 - May 2, 2025

Nancy Y. Barley, 89 of Conestoga, formerly of Millersville passed away at home with family by her side, Friday morning, May 2, 2025. Born in Lancaster on April 11, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Willis H. and Pauline E. Strubel Brenneman. She was the dedicated wife to Harold M. Barley, Jr., who preceded her in death on November 17, 2002.

Nancy graduated from Penn Manor High School in 1954, she enjoyed attending her class reunions and staying in close contact with her classmates. Nancy attended the Reading Hospital School of Nursing. She was a caregiver for many family and friends throughout the years. She loved her job as a bus driver for Shultz Transportation, driving for over 36 years before retiring in 2016, at the age of 80. She loved the farm life in which she raised her children and made many memories with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Nancy was truly the hands and feet of Jesus, showing his love through her daily actions. As a grandmother, she appreciated the opportunities she was given to speak words of love, wisdom and God's word to her grandchildren. Nancy cared deeply that her grandchildren would spend eternity with her. She currently was attending Grace Community Church in Willow Street and was a former member of Stehman Memorial UM Church in Millersville. She had a true passion for music, playing organ for Stehman UM and Grace EC Church for many years, along with New Providence Mennonite Church.

Nancy was a humble and kind lady who always put others before her. She enjoyed scrapbooking and making greeting cards, watching the birds and reading when she was able.

The best Mama ever, Nancy will be deeply missed by her son, Harold M., III, husband of Anna M. Barley of Millersville; daughters, Deborah J. Frey of Willow Street, Patricia A., wife of John E. "Jack" Texter of East Petersburg, J. Christine, wife of John M. Ressler of Lancaster, Nancy L., wife of Michael E. Nissly of Washington Boro and Tammy L., wife of S. Kevin Bauman of Conestoga. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Chadd, Adam, Stephanie, Kyle, Heather, Jessica, Holly, Audrey, Ashlie, Austin, Erin, CJ, Kenny and Rebecca and 30 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Patsy L. Gerlach.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nancy's funeral service on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 11AM from the Grace Community Church, 212 Peach Bottom Road, Willow Street. Friends will be received at the church on Saturday from 10AM to 11AM. Private interment will be held in the Masonville Mennonite Cemetery, Washington Boro. Please omit flowers, memorial remembrances may be made in Nancy's memory to Grace Community Church.

Cemetery Details

Masonville Mennonite Cemetery

Washington Boro, PA 17582

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Community Church
212 Peach Bottom Road
Willow Street, PA 17584

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WR

“ William and Sharon Rote planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Y. Barley.

William and Sharon Rote - May 07, 2025 at 08:39 PM

WR

“ William and Sharon Rote purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Nancy Y. Barley.



William and Sharon Rote - May 07, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JS

“ Saddening to hear, but Her and Jun are together again. Hallelujah. What a Blessed mother and wife and friend she was. God Speed and condolences to the extended family. Clyde Shenk

John (Clyde) Shenk - May 04, 2025 at 02:42 PM

WM

“ Nancy Barley was very amazing lady. I drove school bus with her. She will be very much missed.



Wanda Moore - May 03, 2025 at 10:00 PM

DD

“ *The Barley farm was our 2nd home. Though the house was small and the family large, they always had room for us in their home and in their hearts. Nancy had a happy disposition, a great sense of humor and a heart of gold. She was always willing to help out her neighbors, family and friends. We will miss her, like we miss June and our own parents. One day we will see them all again in Heaven. What a glorious reunion that will be.*

Doreen Dickson - May 03, 2025 at 08:13 PM

AB

Hi Doreen! I don't know you but wanted to share that her grandson Kenny and I (his wife) bought her home in 2022 and have fully renovated it. I loved to see your comment because we hope to carry that legacy on by making people always feel welcome in this home❤️ We host a Bible study with 15-20 people at times, and it certainly gets crowded, but we make it work! We know how important community is and we're not going to let a house hold us back;)

Alyse Barley - May 04, 2025 at 01:13 AM

JS

Amen to that. Alyse, That's great! Sometime I get over to see Ken Witmer I would love to stop in and see the house again to reminisce.❤️ I spent many hours in there. 😊🙏

John (Clyde) Shenk - May 04, 2025 at 02:48 PM

BS

My father passed away on September 5th 1970 around the same time that Harold Jr had his accident in the tobacco should about a year after that I was Given the privilege to work on the Barley Farm and several years after that I worked with Harold Jr and Harold senior and Nancy on the farm I often remember many memories almost like it was my second home Nancy was always there to help assist with anything on the farm and I remember many great meals made by Nancy the Barleys are all Great Cooks,, Nancy was also a really great piano player not Steven's Church she played for me several times when I tried to send solas also she was our piano organized at our wedding when Marge and I got married,, many many happy memories God bless you is all and thank you for being there when I needed yours sincerely Barry Smith

Barry Smith - May 04, 2025 at 08:11 PM

BR

Nancy and I fist met while she still attended high school. Her sister; Patty would sometimes look after my brother and I at the Brenneman home on Manor Ave. Patty was a very good pianist. Nancy and I shared April birthdays, although she was a few days short of being ten years my elder. After Nancy married Harold she would take us along to pick-up potatoes in the summer. I do not remember the name of the other lady who went along with her? If my memory serves me correctly, Harold and Nancy had a 1957 Ford convertible at the time. I do remember the fun we boys had riding in that convertible to pick up potatoes. If you measure a persons life be the pleasant memories they leave behind with others, then I am sure Nancy measures high.

Bryan Reed - May 05, 2025 at 07:14 PM

AF

Whenever we would go over to see her she was always so talkative and happy

Audrey F. - May 06, 2025 at 08:01 PM