



Nancy Sattazahn Hoff

November 26, 1924 - August 26, 2024

On Monday, August 26, 2024, Nancy (“Nan”) Sattazahn Hoff, loving widow, caring mother, and respected retired teacher departed this life at the age of ninety-nine. Born to Margaret and Lloyd Sattazahn on November 26, 1924, Nancy lived her entire life in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Lebanon High School, Nancy attended Lebanon Valley College during the war years, graduating in 1946. Her biology professors wished for her to go on to medical school, but she chose to marry a handsome Buckeye veteran recently returned from the south Pacific, Frederick Lewis Hoff, and start a family. They were very happily married for fifty-one years. Nancy and Fred had two children: a son, Frederick Lewis II, and a daughter Harriet Elizabeth.

Both Nancy and her elder sister, Elizabeth (“Libby”) were skilled musicians. Nan played both keyboards and the violin and could play either “by ear”. In the days long before streaming, the Sattazahn sisters filled their home with music, Libby on piano and Nan on

violin.

Nancy grew up in the Sattazahn family church community, Salem E.U.B, which later became Salem U.M. when the denominations merged. She was active in choir and Chancel Guild. In later years, she and Fred, who had come from a Presbyterian background, changed to attending St. Andrews Presbyterian.

Nancy was a long-time member of the Lebanon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Women's Club of Lebanon. Organizations of which Nancy was a member quickly realized that it was to their advantage to appoint (and retain) Nancy as program chairman. Her wide range of both interests and contacts assured that the programs that she arranged would be not only entertaining but also interesting and informative.

After her children had left the nest, and partly at the suggestion of her brother-in-law James Davis, Nan became involved in elementary school teaching. Initially working as a substitute, she became certified and moved into full-time teaching. She spent many years teaching fifth grade at Fredericksburg Elementary in the Northern Lebanon School District. Her teaching methods were both effective and unusual, regularly involving "special projects" that engaged her students. She took the work seriously, frequently working into the wee hours on lesson plans. One icy winter morning she flipped her

Volkswagen on the way to school. When the first responders extracted her from her suspended position, her one wish was to get to class. In Lebanon County it is not difficult to find those who still remember their year in "Mrs. Hoff's class" with fondness and warmth. When she retired after twenty years, Fredericksburg Elementary retired her "Classroom 25" number.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Lewis Hoff, her sister, Elizabeth Sattazahn Davis, and her parents, Margaret ("Margie") Shroff and Lloyd Abling Sattazahn.

She is survived by her daughter, Harriet Hoff Bramble of Lincoln University, PA, her son Frederick

Lewis Hoff II of New Braunfels, TX, and her grandson, Mark William Abbott of Atglen, PA.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nancy's memorial service on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 11 AM from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 600 S. 12th Street, Lebanon, PA where family and friends will be received following the service. Interment will be made in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

235 Maple St.
Lebanon, PA 17046

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
600 S. 12th St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Hoff was my 5th grade teacher, and what an awesome person to guide us into our future. I hope I can touch others lives like she touched ours!*

Donna Wenger Eberly - April 14, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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“ *With deepest sympathy. Nancy was a life long member of Lebanon Chapter NSDAR. Nancy held various offices including Chapter Regent. She will be missed.
Bonnie L. Loy, Regent Lebanon Chapter NSDAR*



Bonnie L. Loy - November 24, 2024 at 09:09 PM