

NANCY ARLENE (RICE) BUCEY



Age 97, of Mt Lebanon, died at home surrounded by her family on August 17, 2023. She was born on February 7, 1926 in Pittsburgh to the late Russell and Arlene Rice. Cherished wife for 57 years to the late Wiley A. Bucey Jr.; and beloved companion of the late Gilbert C. Miller. Mother of Patricia B. Spencer (Jerry) of West Palm Beach, FL, Wiley A Bucey III (Janet) of Mt Lebanon, Curtis R. Bucey (Maura) of Stuart, FL, Wendy B Smith of Mt Lebanon, and the late infant Sally Curtis Bucey. Adored grammie of Kelly Hlavaty (Erik), Ryan Spencer, and Shannon Doran (Andrew), Jonathan Bucey (Bethany), Sally Bucey (Aziz Ali), and James Bucey, Keara, Braden, Colton, Blaise, and Dwyer Bucey, Stephanie Murphy (Christopher), Darcy and Jamie Smith. Great-grammie to Logan and Miles Hlavaty, and Margaret Wiley Bucey. Also survived by the loving family members of Gilbert Miller.

Nancy lived her entire life in Mount Lebanon, graduating from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1944 and Western Reserve University in 1948. After graduation, she entered the work force with Mellon Bank in downtown Pittsburgh—arranging executive travel and logistics. She would need this skill set when she met a handsome, young attorney by the water cooler, ultimately married him on December 16, 1950, and set off on the adventure of a lifetime together. She enthusiastically embraced the role of helpmate to her husband and mother to her four children. As a young mother, she returned to school to get a Masters of Education from the University of Pittsburgh. She worked as a short and long-term substitute for the Mt Lebanon School District. In later years, she worked alongside her husband as the office manager of the law firm, Bucey and Junker.

Nancy loved to travel and took her family on expertly planned camping trips across the continent. She brought the world to her family by welcoming international guests into her home through Pittsburgh Council for International Visitors (PCIV). Long-term guests arrived from over a dozen countries to be shown the best of Pittsburgh and the best of American culture. Many of these guests remained lifelong friends. Nancy and Wiley also were instrumental in caring for numerous individuals who needed an extra lift in life and these individuals became like family too.

Her Christian faith was the cornerstone of Nancy's life. She was a lifelong member of the Mount Lebanon Evangelical Church, serving in many capacities from Elder to handbell ringer to church bus driver. She mentored and encouraged many in the church and was a Christ-like example to her family and friends.

She will be remembered for her colorful outfits, homemade Christmas cards, her Perseids watch parties, her homemade applesauce, and her perfect smile.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held at Mt Lebanon Evangelical Church, 255 Washington Rd, Mt Lebanon at 2 pm on Sunday, August 20, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mt Lebanon Evangelical Church, Bucey Memorial Fund. Arrangements by **LAUGHLIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL**, www.laughlinfuneralhome.com.

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