

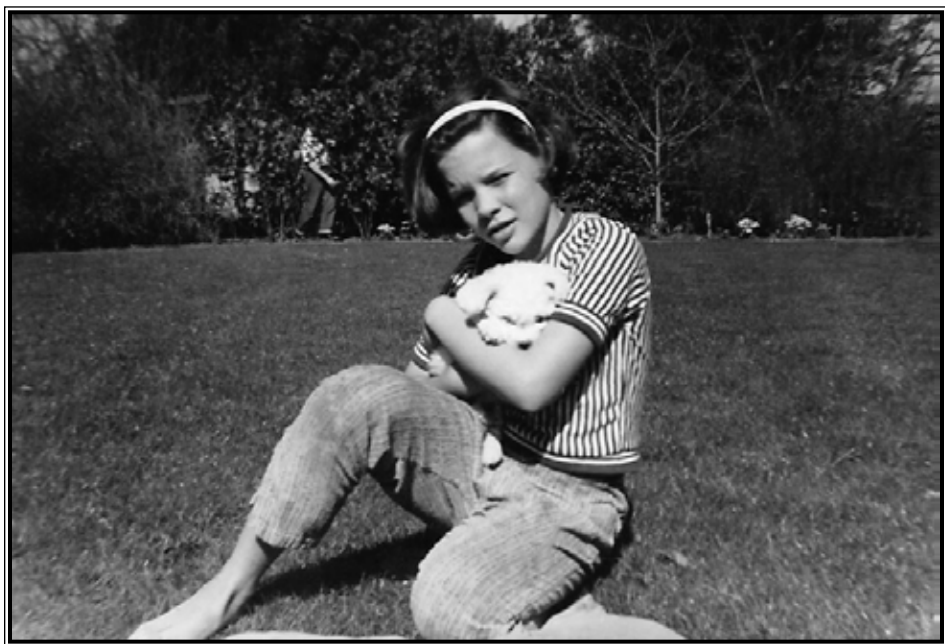


Nancy Jean Evans

December 2, 1949 - June 22, 2018

Celebrating the Life of
Nancy Jean Evans
Saturday, July 14, 2018 11:00 am
First United Methodist Church
Beaumont, Texas

Prelude	Janie Greenway
Greeting & Word of Grace	Reverend Silverio Sanchez
Hymn	“ <i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> ” UMH 302 Verses 1, 2, 3, 4
Psalm 150	
Opening Prayer	
Eulogy	Reverend Rick Frost
Personal Witness	Kim Steinhagen
Musical Offering	“ <i>River</i> ” by Joni Mitchell Performed by Ellie Evans
Scripture Readings	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Matthew 18:1-5
Message	Reverend Jon Stouffer
Prayer of Commendation and Thanksgiving	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Hymn	“ <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> ” UMH 92 Verses 1, 2, 4, 6
Benediction	
Postlude	Janie Greenway





Nancy Evans, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher and friend, passed away on June 22, 2018 in Beaumont, Texas. Nancy was born on December 2, 1949 near San Francisco, California. As an adult she and her husband Ken lived in Colorado, Arizona, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, yet she continued to hold a special love for California. She had especially fond memories of Sundays at the beach with her parents and sisters Charlene and Jenna as well as summer adventures with the family camper in tow.

Nancy always knew that she wanted to spend her career as an educator. At the University of California at Davis, where she met Ken, she majored in English and obtained her teaching credentials. Later, after her sons, Paul and Brian, were born she earned a master's in education from Arizona State University. She taught children of all ages, but frequently said that she most enjoyed teaching fourth graders. Nancy also found great pleasure in a teaching position that entailed driving a mobile art classroom to students in schools of all means throughout Mesa, Arizona.

In the summers, Nancy taught a basket weaving class at a ranch in the northern New Mexico desert. She, Ken and her sons spent at least a week there every year for years. These trips captured Nancy's love for both the arts and the outdoors. The whole family developed a lifelong connection with the area. Her son Brian chose to live nearby after finishing college and now lives in Albuquerque.

Nancy carried the appreciation her parents taught her for the outdoors forward to her sons. She and Ken planned family trips around long hikes and Paul and Brian spent more time in tents growing up than they did in hotel rooms.

After retiring from teaching, Nancy supported her husband Ken's career in academic administration, most recently in his role as president of Lamar University. As first lady of Lamar, Nancy transformed buildings and open spaces on campus through her efforts to advance public art. She also fostered constructive dialogue on complex issues in the salon she founded in her campus home. These projects reflect both her creativity and commitment to strengthening community connections.

Nancy devoted much of the rest of her time in retirement to her numerous passions: quilting, water color painting, literature, gardening, and music. Many of Nancy's closest friends shared one of these passions with her. The quilts and watercolors she created decorate her home and those of her sons. In addition to the backyards of the homes she lived in, the Lamar campus benefited from her skill as a master gardener. On her frequent trips to visit her son Paul and her grandchildren in St. Louis, she loved walking through the Missouri Botanical Garden.

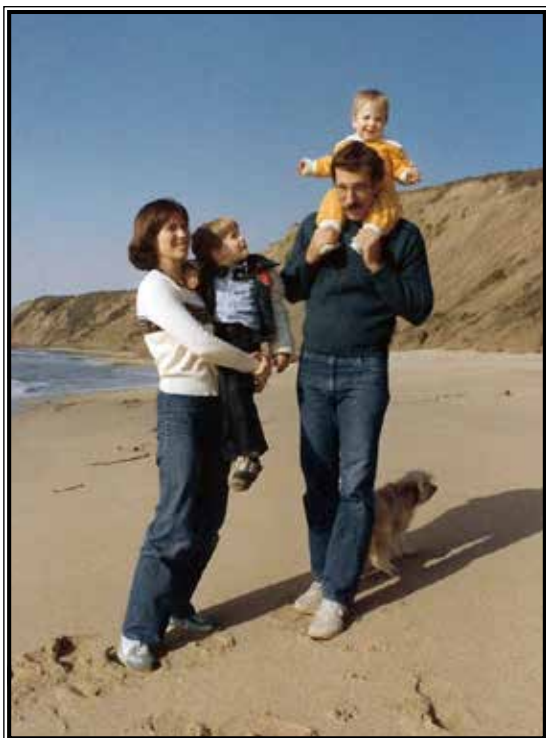
An avid reader, Nancy always had a book close at hand and read every word written by many of her favorite authors. She continually sought out the latest musical acts and the stereo in her home was typically tuned to her most recent find. She continued to attend live music performances up through the final weeks of her life.

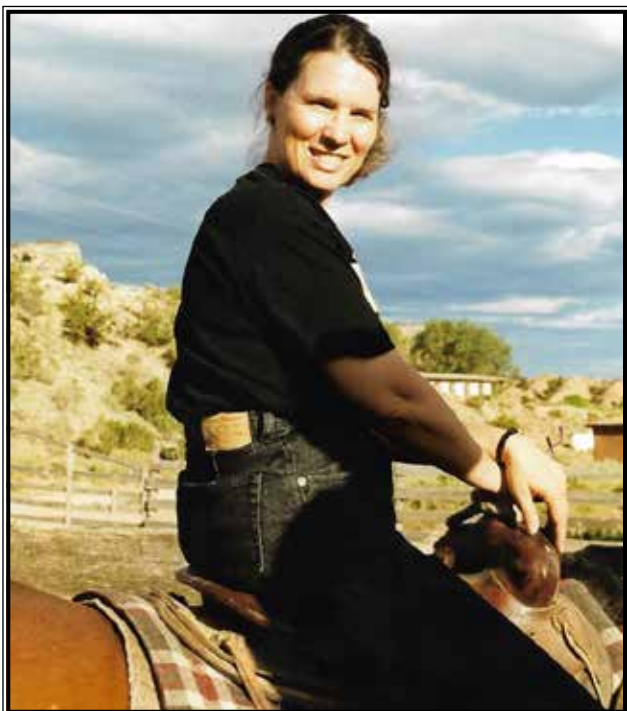
Above all else, Nancy loved her family. She is survived by her husband Ken Evans, her sisters Charlene Simmons and Jenna Caplette, her son Paul and her daughter-in-law Ellie Evans, her son Brian Evans and her future daughter-in-law Jess Pehr, and her three grandchildren, Thomas, Marion, and Peter, who were the joy of her life. She is and will be missed.

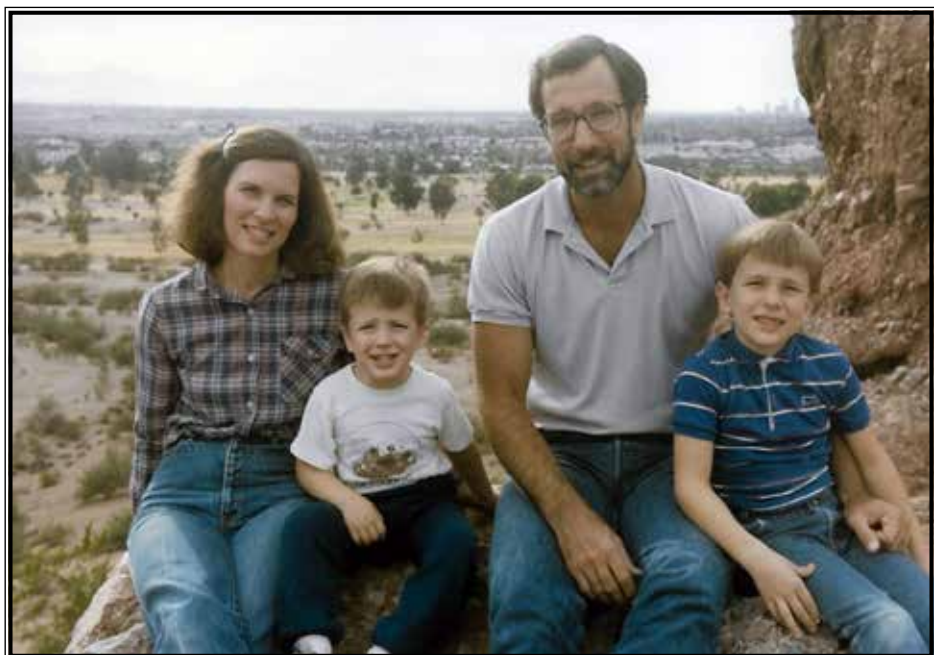
























Reception

Immediately following memorial service
on the eighth floor of Lamar University's
Mary and John Gray Library until 2:00 pm

Memorial Contributions

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