



## Nancy F. Buttemere

March 1, 2017

Nancy F. Buttemere, 79, of Lancaster, PA, died unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Born in Atlanta, GA, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Anne McMullen Fortson and the wife of Clive R. Buttemere with whom she celebrated 55 years of marriage last June.

Nancy graduated from Tift College, Forsyth, GA with a degree in Elementary Education and received her Master's in Religious Education from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. She and her husband were missionaries living in Costa Rica for 28 years, serving with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Using Spanish sign language, she taught the Bible to deaf children in the public schools of San Jose, Costa Rica. No matter where she lived, Nancy was fully vested in the lives of the people she served.

Over the years she loved hosting people in her home, and cooking for them brought her great joy. She had a way of making everyone feel special whenever they visited. She also enjoyed scrapbooking, especially pictures of her grandchildren, and working in her flower gardens.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children: daughter, Sharon, wife of Tom Sponsler, Lancaster, PA, daughter, Lynn, wife of Philip Jackson, son, Clay husband of Ruth Buttemere, both of Skopje, Macedonia, brother,

Roy Fortson of Atlanta, GA, her pride and joy twelve grandchildren: Andrew, Jessica, and Jordan; Annalisa, Gabe and Sam; and Caroline, Peter, Daniel, Ellie Kate, Luke, and Lydia. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Sam and Clay Fortson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Nancy's Funeral Service on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA. A viewing and visitation will be held from 3:00-3:45 p.m. A private family interment will be in Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Nancy's name may be made to the Benevolent Fund at Calvary Fellowship Homes, 520 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Cemetery Details

## Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East  
Greenfield Road  
Lancaster, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Calvary Church  
1051 Landis Valley Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601

## Service

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church  
1051 Landis Valley Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy F. Buttemere*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I will always remember Nancys beautiful smile and laugh. I was part of the small group she and her husband hosted at Lancaster Alliance Church about 7-10 years ago. I was saddened to hear of her death and I am praying for Clive and the whole family that she leaves behind. Daureen Heffner*

**Daureen Heffner** - March 15, 2017 at 11:04 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy & condolences at this difficult time. May God give you comfort & peace and we know Nancy is with the Lord. Love & Prayers Stan & Lorraine Kemery.*

**Stan & Lorraine Kemery** - March 14, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Nancy was a very influential woman. I was a young teenager when she and Clive came to pastor FBC of Kingsland, Georgia. She showed me my worth and value in Christ and opened my eyes to see a world that needs Christ! She loved me unconditionally and was full of grace and kindness of the Spirit. Family, I pray for God's comfort for you all!!! Heaven will be a sweet reunion day!!*

**janet wicker** - March 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

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“ *Sharon and I just recently had a chance to meet Clive and Nancy in an informal setting. It was so wonderful to hear about how the Lord has used them over the years. They have forwarded the kingdom of our Lord in significant ways. We will miss further interaction with Nancy.*

*Hal and Sharon Pettegrew*

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**Hal Pettegrew** - March 09, 2017 at 08:18 AM

JC

“ *Mrs. Buttemere was such a pleasure to know! We got to eat at that famous round table and enjoy sweet fellowship one evening with both she and Mr. Buttemere. Sometimes life seems too short to know all the great people that come into your life...heaven will be wonderful! What a testament that the family chose these words to succinctly describe her: She "served, lived and loved with all her heart". What more would anyone want to be said of them at the end of life? Thank you for being one more great example of His love in a world that is starving for it!*

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**Julie Casertano** - March 08, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *Tomislav Krstevski lit a candle in memory of Nancy F. Buttemere*



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**Tomislav Krstevski** - March 07, 2017 at 07:06 AM

JM

“ We are blessed by the legacy that Nancy Buttemere leaves, particularly through her son, Clay, and his wife Ruth and their children, and through her daughter, Lynn, and her husband Philip and their children. Nancy visited Macedonia several times with her husband Clive, and we are thankful for the opportunities to get to know her. She loved well, and faithfully served Jesus. We mourn the loss of Nancy, and at the same time rejoice that she is with Jesus now. Know of our love, prayers and thoughts for you all as you experience the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. With love from your friends in Macedonia - Jonathan and Emily, Sashko and Dafina, Aleksandar and Sandra, Zarko and Irena, and Mihajlo

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**Jonathan Mangels** - March 07, 2017 at 06:48 AM

CK

“ We remember fondly and with much love and appreciation your family. We are so sorry to hear about Nancy. In December of 1978 we arrived in CR for language study. We remember how loved your family was at the Cinco Esquinas church. We also attended there. We also remember the wonderful time we had at your home for a meal. I remember the beautiful table that had a lazy susan in the middle. Please know of our love and prayers for each of you. May God's love fill you.  
*Ben and Charlotte Kirby*

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**Charlotte Kirby** - March 06, 2017 at 08:36 PM

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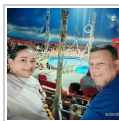
“ What a blessing it has been to know Nancy and Clive and share rich life experiences with them! The spiritual legacy which they have passed on through their children is one worth emulating. Nancy's sudden departure has left each of us in shock, but in our grieving we rejoice that she is with the Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully. Her laugh, her sense of humor, her devotion to Clive and her family, her faithful service to her Lord, and the warmth of her hospitality will warm our hearts even as we miss her. We truly love this family and share in their loss of this precious , dear one.

Phyllis And Cliff Randall - March 05, 2017 at 10:15 PM

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“ The Mulholland family consider it one of their highest privileges and fondest memories to have known the Buttemeres for 44 years. Our lives have been inter-woven in so many ways that we feel like relatives. Therefore, we grieve to lose Nancy from the circle, even while we rejoice that she is now with her and our Saviour. We hold the rest of you in prayer and will look for every opportunity to share our love.

Ann Mulholland - March 05, 2017 at 07:18 PM



Que Dios de mucha paz a la familia y sabemos que ella esta gozando de las bendiciones de Dios a sus hijos, paz a toda su familia y abrazos desde Costa Rica, tenemos bellos recuerdos que pasamos a su lado!!!

Javier Castillo Vargas - March 07, 2017 at 06:02 AM

MH

“ The thought of Nancy brings a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. She and her husband, Clive were such a blessing to me as we served as missionaries together in Costa Rica. She was always encouraging to me and a good role model. I could not have asked for a better friend. Even years later as we have not had as much contact, I have always had the assurance that I could call on Nancy or Clive in my time of need. Nancy was a very loving and kind person. I am grateful to God that I had the privilege to know her. I know she has been a blessing to Clive, her children, and her grandchildren. May each of you find the joy and strength that only God can give.

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**Mary Hendricks** - March 05, 2017 at 02:53 PM

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“ My wife, Dirce, and I thank the Lord so much for Nancy and Clive, and the privilege of serving with them for many years in Costa Rica with IMB. Nancy was responsible for our missionary orientation when we arrived our the mission field, and from the very beginning made us feel part of the family through her gracious, generous attitude. We are grateful for her life, family, and tremendous spiritual legacy. We are also VERY grateful for the sure hope that we have as believers of eternal life--and eternal joy! Family, we love you very much.

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**Roy Cooper** - March 04, 2017 at 03:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Anniversary Celebration



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**Eileen Fisher** - March 02, 2017 at 07:39 PM



*We were so honored to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with them at Ciro's Restaurant in 2011. Eileen & Karl*

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**Eileen L. Fisher** - March 03, 2017 at 09:37 AM