



Nancy Faye Whitehurst

June 17, 1946 - March 7, 2024

Nancy Faye Oldham Whitehurst was born June 17, 1946, in Marlin, Texas to Faye Madella Landis and Johnnie Benjamin Oldham. It was quite an intensive 9 months for Faye for she had to be on complete bedrest for 9 months to carry Nancy to full term. Nancy spent her entire childhood in one house and in one town, Rockdale, Texas.

Her father Johnnie Benjamin Oldham was born March 5, 1895, in Bremond, Texas. He died November 4, 1972, in Waco, Texas at the age of 77 from pneumonia.

Nancy's mother Faye Madella Landis was born October 10, 1903, in Antlers, Indian Territory, before Oklahoma was a state. After a long battle with breast cancer, she fell asleep in Christ at the age of 84 on December 9, 1987, at home with her beloved daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, in Houston, Texas.

Johnnie and Faye were married December 10, 1932, in Texas when Faye was 29 and Johnnie was 37. They were married for 14 years before they had Nancy. They lost several babies, not quite making it to full term. Johnnie owned a dry-cleaning company, Star Cleaners, located beneath the Southwestern Bell company's office where Faye worked as operator (later chief operator). This is where they met.

Nancy remembered playing in his store as a small child. Her Aunt Billie Jean Clements would tell how at 5 years old she'd sell coat hangers to him she collected at her house not knowing he was already doing their dry cleaning for free. She said Papa gave her a whoopin for that when he found out.

Sometimes Nancy had Faye hoppin. One day, When Nancy was just four years old, Faye received a phone call:

"Do you know where Nancy is?"

"Yes she's playing in her room"

"No, she's down here on Main Street selling your magazines for 5 cents each ...and people are buying them!"

Nancy had taken the broomstick and used its handle to push up the hinged latch high up on the door so she could get out of the house. She was always a natural born saleswoman!

The Landis Family come from a long line of the faithful. Lucy Sophronia Lothlen, who married Edwin Hamilton Landis, was the first in the family to be baptized as a Christadelphian. The family always talked about how strong of a woman of faith Lucy Landis was. She had a tenacious spirit. Lucy was baptized in the 1880s, post-Civil War. A man on horseback rode into town and handed her a Christadelphian book. She was the only adult who could read in her immediate family, thanks to her frontier Doctor father who taught her well. She developed a strong conviction for The Word of Truth!

The famous story in the family is she would follow her husband Edwin who was plowing in the field and knowing she had his attention for that span of time would read that Christadelphian book and the Bible to him. His reply to her was, "Woman, leave me alone, I'm working". Her and Yahweh worked on his heart and when WW1 hit and he saw prophecy being fulfilled with The

Jews he was ready to commit his life to Yahweh and was baptized in the 1920s. It took that long to work on his heart but it came to fruition!

Their eldest son Charles Henry Landis was born in Gatesville, Texas on August 19, 1877, and his future wife, Isabel McCarty, was born in Prescott, Arkansas on March 17, 1885. They married on January 15, 1901, in Antlers, Indian Territory, which is where they met as their families were neighbors. They had 10 children over the span of 23 years, including Faye Medella and Billie Jean. Papaw Charlie fell asleep in Christ on July 24, 1951, in Rockdale, Texas at the age of 73 and Mamaw Isabel fell asleep in Christ on September 15, 1969, in Houston, Texas at the age of 84. Both are buried in Rockdale awaiting the joyful return of Christ as well as many of their children and grandchildren!

Nancy married Edwin Fortman in 1964 and they had one son together, Kerry Keith Fortman born on June 6, 1965. Neal adopted him in 1975. Kerry died on March 13, 1986 in Guadalupe, Texas in a car accident at the age of 20. He is buried in Rockdale.

Nancy married Peter Larson (Lars) Lundahl on August 10, 1972 in Austin, Texas and they divorced July 25, 1975.

After Baptism into Christ, Nancy married Neal Alan Whitehurst on December 17, 1975, at the Wilshire Ecclesial Hall in Houston, Texas.

Neal divorced Nancy in 1996 which lasted 23 years. During this time Neal suffered spiritual leprosy which was finally healed as the result of their grandsons' baptisms and the healing effect from the love of the brethren. When he was aware of his state and repentant, Yahweh cleansed him through the power of His Word. Neal petitioned Nancy for forgiveness which she

granted saying that “Love covers a multitude of sin”. Neal & Nancy were reconciled and remarried on July 21, 2021.

Nancy suffered greatly during the last two years but particularly during the last seven months, cooperating with her doctors and their investigations into her health problems looking for causes and cures, for which they found none. While in this condition Nancy remained loyal to her faith and her love for her natural and spiritual families, attending Memorial Meetings when physically possible, never complaining or asking for anything that was not needful. She continued to prepare dishes for Ecclesial functions which came at a considerable cost to the status of her health. She was faithful until the very end and the expressions of her love remained intact.

Neal and Nancy had one child together, a daughter, Isabel Elaine Whitehurst born May 25, 1977, in Houston, Texas, which Nancy named after her beloved Grandmother who always asked her Grandchildren to keep her name going. Isabel married Timothy James Luff on January 17, 1997, in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. They divorced on September 13, 2023, in Houston, Texas. They have two sons, Nathan Alan James Luff born March 26, 1998 and Micah David Gabriel Luff born February 1, 2001 both in Houston, Texas. They were the apples of her eye and joy of her heart! Nathan married Vanessa Crisma Ayala December 21, 2022 in Texas.

Nancy fell asleep on March 7, 2024, and was baptized for 48 years. We look forward to being with Nancy again when the Lord gathers his children at the resurrection of the dead.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Brother Ken Langston officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Rockdale. A visitation will be 12:00 - 1:00 pm on Saturday at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

250 S. Pear Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Nancy Faye Whitehurst.*



March 14, 2024 at 10:40 PM



“ *Darrell K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Faye Whitehurst.*

Darrell K. - March 14, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Faye Whitehurst.*



March 13, 2024 at 10:39 PM