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**NANCY LEE BELL WAITS**

May 30, 1928 - August 15, 2020



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## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing  
times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave  
When life is done.

A loving wife, devoted friend and a wonderful mother would describe Nancy. But where she excelled was being a grandmother and great-grandmother. I know for a fact, she lived for the title of Ma'ma.

Nancy Lee Bell Waits passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2020 in her home in Little Rock, Arkansas with family at her side. She was 92 years old. She was born May 30, 1928 in Fort Smith Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Talmadge D. Bell and Pearl (Wood) Bell and her older brother, Richard Bell. She graduated from Fort Smith Northside and was forever an avid Grizzly fan!

On February 24, 1952, she married James A. Waits and remained married for 54 years until he passed away on May 23, 2006. They are now together again eating strawberry shortcake and calling the Arkansas Razorbacks!!!

She worked for Trane Central Heating and Air Conditioning for many years until retirement. Nancy was a member of Grace Church and though was no longer able to attend in person, she so enjoyed the Sunday morning services online. She loved the outdoors, camping years ago, climbing Pinnacle Mountain in a rain storm and most definitely floating the Buffalo River.

Nancy had many skills, but one that was near a dear to everyone was her baking. Her home on holidays was filled with the sweet aromas of cakes, cookies and homemade yeast rolls. She simply made it look easy and effortless.

She is survived by a daughter and son, Teresa Hester and Jeffrey Waits (Amita Patel); her granddaughter's, Megan Denney (Bobby "BJ" Denney) and Juniper Patel; and the loves of her life, her great grandchildren, Peyton Denney and Riley Denney. Nancy is also survived by many nieces and nephews throughout Arkansas, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and California.

Her family would like to also acknowledge the love and friendship of Jerry and Jan Brummett. They have been friends and family for over 60 years to all of us and they will never know what a blessing they are. Many thanks to the wonderful women who took care of her these last months and know her family is eternally grateful.

The Waits family will receive friends after the service at their home.