



Nancy Jane Watkins Dowden

March 28, 1930 - January 14, 2016

Nancy Jane Watkins Dowden, 85, passed away Thursday, January 14 at Maple Park Village in Westfield, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, John A. and Lillian M. Tucker Watkins: an infant brother, John Watkins, Jr. and her husband, James Elmo Dowden.

She is survived by her daughter, Denise A. Dowden Browning, Noblesville; grandsons Anthony James Bailey, Noblesville; Justin Clay (Rachel) Bailey, Greenwood; Neil Jacob (Shawna) Bailey, Utah; two great grandchildren, Stella Faye and Colin James; cousin, Skip (Karen) Tucker, Center Grove.

Nancy was born March 28, 1930 and lived in Bloomfield most of her life. She graduated from Bloomfield High School and attended Lindenwood College and Indiana University and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. She married Elmo Dowden September 25, 1954 and gave birth to her daughter, Denise, in November 1955.

Nancy lived life to its fullest and made a positive impact in her family, church and community. The daughter of the former Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, Nancy loved being on the campaign trail when he ran for Governor. She was co-owner of two local newspapers, The Evening World and The Bloomfield News until they sold in 1979. She was an active member of the First Christian Church, Bloomfield, involved in the Democratic Party in Greene County, the

past president of Indiana Easter Seals, a volunteer at the Greene County Hospital in Linton, and a member of Tri Kappa.

Funeral services are to be held at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield Saturday, January 23, at 12:00 p.m. with calling one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Christian Church in Bloomfield or to a charity of choice.

Online condolences to the family are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

Bloomfield, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield
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Tribute Wall

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Estelle Dana - April 03, 2016 at 02:33 PM

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“ i miss you dearly my good friend!

Estelle Dana - April 03, 2016 at 02:15 PM

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“ Kay/Rich, Charles/Deb, Kevin/Susan, Lisa/Tim purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Nancy Jane Watkins Dowden.



Kay/Rich, Charles/Deb, Kevin/Susan, Lisa/Tim - January 21, 2016 at 10:50 PM

DH

“ Denny and Jan Holmgren purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Nancy Jane Watkins Dowden.



Denny and Jan Holmgren - January 20, 2016 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Bob and Karen Dowden, Kathy Dowden Crawford purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy Jane Watkins Dowden.*



Bob and Karen Dowden, Kathy Dowden Crawford - January 17, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Nancy Jane Watkins Dowden.*



January 15, 2016 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Denise and family, We always have thought a lot of Nancy and missed seeing her each Sunday when she moved to Indy. I enjoyed playing bridge with her also. Please accept our sympathy for your loss. May God comfort you during this time of loss, Kenneth and Betty Edwards*

Kenneth & Betty Edwards - January 15, 2016 at 05:35 PM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - January 15, 2016 at 03:09 PM