



## Jennie Lee Wagner

February 20, 1933 - February 15, 2023

Jennie Lee Wagner, 89, of 321 Hanley Circle, Danville, VA, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Bright Leaf Place, where she had been a resident for the past six weeks.

Jennie was born in Mountain City, TN on February 20, 1933, a daughter of the late Lee Roy Wagner and Florence Potter Wagner. She grew up in Tennessee where she graduated from Maryville College and went on to graduate from Appalachian State University where she obtained her Master Degree in education.

Jennie had a vast career in education that encompassed teaching and counseling in the Halifax County and Pittsylvania County School Systems. She was also the former principal of Brosville Elementary School and then went on to be the principal at Mount Herman Elementary School where she retired in 1995. After retirement she was a member of the Pittsylvania County Retired Teachers Association. In order to help others, receive the education that they needed Jennie was the benefactor for the Florence P. Wagner and Jennie Lee Wagner Scholarships through the Community Foundation.

She was also a member of Isaac Anderson Society of Maryville College, and a member of the Danville District Hermitage Guild. She worked for AARP as a driving instructor for the Safe Driving Program and she enjoyed volunteering

with the local hospital for many years.

Jennie was an active member of Brosville United Methodist Church, where she had held a variety of leadership positions within the church including, Sunday school teacher. She was also one of the founders for the Wenonda Gathering. In her spare time Jennie enjoyed interest that included, gardening, hiking, visiting the national parks, and reading.

On October 11, 2003 she married the late Richard Douglas Pennington.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Roy Luke and William "Billy" Wagner; her sisters, Mary Elizabeth and Nellie Wagner; one nephew; and one niece.

Survivors include, her step-daughters, Arlene Smoot and Donna Williams; sister-in-law, Carol McClanahan; one nephew, James Roy Wagner; two nieces, Peggy Brown and Norma Jean Ward; and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Brosville United Methodist Church with Pastor Intek Oh officiating. A private interment will be held at a later date at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Mountain City, TN.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial donations be made to Brosville United Methodist Church Building fund at 121 Long Circle, Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Wagner family.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

3385 Roan Creek Rd  
Mountain City, TN 37683

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Brosville United Methodist Church  
121 Long Circle  
Danville, VA 24541

## Memorial Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brosville United Methodist Church  
121 Long Circle  
Danville, VA 24541

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jennie Lee Wagner*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - February 28, 2023 at 08:25 AM

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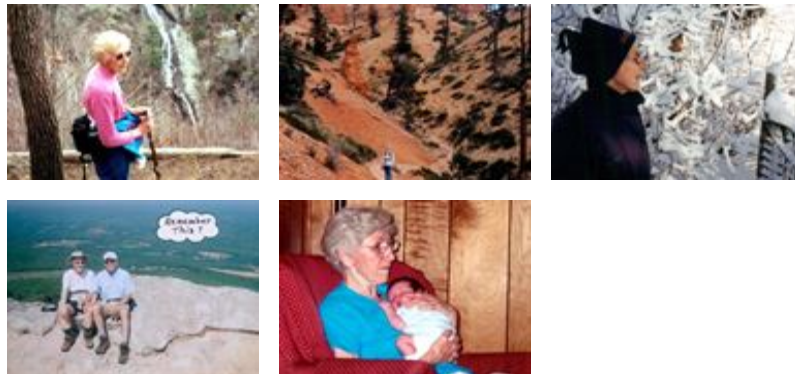
“ *Jennie was married to my Dad. They got married in 2003. They were wonderful for each other. They enjoyed hiking, yard work, going on trips, listening to blue grass music, etc, I will miss her.*

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**Arlene Smoot** - March 01, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *52 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - February 28, 2023 at 08:17 AM

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“ I was a student at Halifax County High School from 1960-1965. If memory serves me correctly, Miss Wagner was my English/American Literature teacher in 1963-1965. She may have been my guidance counselor also. I remember a very nice lady, tough but fair, and a good teacher. Good memories of her classes, even if she did work us hard.

*Carl Russell, HCHS Class of 1965*

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**Carl Russell** - February 27, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ Miss Wagner was my Guidance Counselor at Blairs Junior High School and later a neighbor in Surrey Hills. May she rest in God's Peace.

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**Suzanne Mundy** - February 24, 2023 at 11:26 AM



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - February 24, 2023 at 07:59 AM

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“ I enjoyed having Mrs. Wagner as a principal. I am a retired educator now. Her influence on others made a difference! Lifting the family up in prayer!



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**Christeen Knight** - February 22, 2023 at 01:42 PM

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“ She was always Miss Wagner to me. This woman could convince me to do whatever she needed. No was never a word I used around her and at the same time she never said no to my requests. She was a remarkable woman, set in her ways. The world could use a few more Miss Wagners.

**DARLENE LAW WATSON** - February 21, 2023 at 01:44 PM

PM

“ I came to know Jennie through Pittsylvania County Retired Teachers Association, an organization of which she was President for 8 years and grew its membership to its highest level. She was a wise lady, always keeping abreast of current issues affecting public education and educators. As a mentor and leader she has inspired many and contributed much to both students and teachers.

**Priscilla Merricks** - February 21, 2023 at 09:52 AM

BS

“ I had the pleasure of working for Ms. Wagner at Mount Hermon. She was a remarkable educator and a wonderful person. Her leadership was important to several generations of teachers and students. She was a blessing to many of us! My heartfelt condolences to her family.

**Beth Smith** - February 20, 2023 at 09:28 PM

DC

“ Mrs. Jennie Wagner was truly an inspiration and an advocate for those she served in schools. I had the opportunity to work under her leadership as a teacher. She taught me by example to stand for right even when you are standing alone. I enjoyed our conversations and visits. Rest in Peace Mrs. Wagner, your legacy will live on.

**Deloris Fitzgerald Crews** - February 20, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Deloris Fitzgerald Crews lit a candle in memory of Jennie Lee Wagner*



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**Deloris Fitzgerald Crews** - February 20, 2023 at 08:02 PM