



## Mary "Nanny" West

December 5, 1932 - October 13, 2021

Mary " Nanny" Nowlin West, 88, of Spartanburg, SC, went home to be with her Lord on October 13, 2021, in Spartanburg, SC, after a period of declining health joining her late husband Donovan West.

Mary was born in Danville, Va. on December 5, 1932, the daughter of the late Eulas Aubrey and Ella Bowers Nowlin. She was a graduate of the former Schoolfield High School, class of 1951. On October 4, 1952, Mary married her high school sweetheart Don West. Mary followed Don to many cities in the southeast supporting his textile career including Danville, Abbeville, Greensboro, Spartanburg, Fort Mill, and Thomaston, before settling in Spartanburg upon his retirement to be close to her children and grandchildren.

Mary was an avid "antiquer". At each stop, she set up antique shops, including one in Warm Springs, Ga. She made many lasting friendships in each town along the way. She was the ultimate family matriarch and Sunday dinners at her home we always a treat for family and friends. Family, friends and strangers alike were always welcome in her home and at her table.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Janine Fleming (Charles), her daughter-in-law Drucilla West, grandchildren Brent W. Fleming ( Melissa), Ella Ashley Fleming Stephens ( Brandon), Donovan S. West III (fiancé Melina), Ande Joan West, and great grandchildren Charles Patrick and Emmie Lucia Fleming, and

Jack Herbert and Maisie West Stephens. She is also survived by her sister Patsy Lowery (Lindy). She was predeceased by two sons, Donovan S. West, Jr. and Richard "Andy" West, and siblings Jack Nowlin, Eva Landrum, Ruby Adkins and Peggy Adkins.

Mary was a member of Cannons Campground United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Spartanburg Regional Hospice 686 Jeff Davis Dr. Spartanburg, SC 29303.

Funeral services will be conducted on October 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel. Interment will follow at the Danville Memorial Gardens

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM - 1:45 prior. The family will receive friends after the service at 101 Willow Ct. Ringgold, Virginia.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes is serving the West family.

# Cemetery Details

## Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary "Nanny" West*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - October 20, 2021 at 10:26 AM

BS

“ *Janine, so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a beautiful person and Very caring of others. I will always remember the good times we had together.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family.*

*Betty Shelnutt*

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**Betty Shelnutt** - October 20, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *180 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - October 20, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CH

“ *Patsy and the Nowlin family,*

*Joe and I send our sympathy to each of you for your great loss. Patsy, I remember how close you were to all of your family, especially Mary since she was the closest in age to you. We will be thinking of you during this time of grief and keep all of you in our prayers.*

*Much love and sympathy,  
Carolyn and Joe Hardy*

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**Carolyn Hardy** - October 20, 2021 at 08:44 AM

FR

“ We hate to hear of the passing of Mary and I really hate I didn't stay in touch. I go back to the days of their house on Chapman Street in Greensboro NC. As a teenager I got to hang around Don and Andy and spent a lot more time with Andy in the early years. Mary was always a gracious host and not really sure how many meals I enjoyed in her home. Never a negative word from her about me being around and I felt more at home at her house than I did my own. Not to say her boys and I were angels but I always feared getting on her unhappy side and especially Big Don or Mr. West.

*I spent many a Christmas with the family up in Danville at various houses. I wasn't there for presents or the family meal I was just there to be around folks i really cared a lot about. She created that loving environment for her children and even children that were not hers. I missed Andy's arrangements altogether and found out by email. I attended a tribute to life for Donovan and the services for Mr. West.*

*All gone way too soon but I am always reminded when I hear songs from the 70's playing on the radio. It takes me back to sneaking out of the house on Chapman and sliding down the tree and heading to Danville to see Uncle Willis and his crew. It reminds me of many things and it was a happy hazy time to me. It is amazing I survived it actually!!!*

*My prayers go out to her family and friends and this lovely woman's memory will carry on for eternity.*

*Much Love Mary West*

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**Fred REDMON** - October 18, 2021 at 03:02 PM

MD

“ I am sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I remember her from the days at the Callands Festival where I would spoil her and Patsy - giving them a prime space inside the little Clerk's Office, and some of those times they were kept warm by a fire in this old historic building. May the family find comfort by the many prayers of her family and circle of friends.

Mack Doss - October 17, 2021 at 01:41 PM

LY

“ I loved Nanny. She was just like a mom to me and nanny to my children. So sweet. My prayers for all the family. Love Lydia (Lelah) Collins

lydia - October 17, 2021 at 08:32 AM

DF

“ Donna Francis and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary "Nanny" West.



Donna Francis and Family - October 16, 2021 at 02:55 PM

TD

“ She was a wonderful lady! Always made you laugh. Pretty sure Jamie's name could have been listed with the other grandchildren ( she treated her like one )... Mary will be greatly missed .

Tammy Davis - October 15, 2021 at 05:03 PM

AH

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers at this time! I loved and will miss sweet Mary! She was so beautiful in every way! Love to you all! Ansie

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**Ansie Hatchette** - October 15, 2021 at 03:34 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you now and the many days ahead.

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**Debra & Jacob Chapman** - October 15, 2021 at 03:20 PM