



Nancy Dodson McDowell

April 15, 1939 - June 10, 2025

Nancy Dodson McDowell, 86, of Ringgold passed away on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, after a decline in health for the past five years.

Born in Pittsylvania County, VA on April 15, 1939, she was the eldest daughter of the late John C. Dodson, Jr., and Thelma Slayton Dodson.

On December 1, 1957, Nancy married Warren R. McDowell, the love of her life. They had a wonderful marriage filled with love and laughter and they supported each other through life's ups and downs. Nancy's whole face would light up whenever Warren walked into the room. Theirs is an eternal love that knows no bounds.

Nancy had an outgoing personality which was a great asset at her job as the manager and photographer of the Sears Portrait Studio. She could get a smile out of a cranky child or adult too for that matter. Her own smile was contagious as was her laughter. She sparked joy in everyone she met and always had a kind word for them.

As a soprano singer with a beautiful voice, Nancy often sang in the choir at Kentuck Baptist Church where she and Warren were members for many years. Some of her favorite things to do were sitting with Warren in the sunroom he built for her; going riding with him along the Blue Ridge Parkway;

and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was a voracious reader and enjoyed all types of books. A country girl at heart she loved her home, farm, and family.

Nancy is survived by Warren R. McDowell, her husband of 67 years, and her five children, Melissa Alvarez (Jorge)(D), Vincent McDowell, Brian McDowell (Johanna), Eric McDowell, Scott McDowell (Kassandra), seven grandchildren, Jordan Alvarez, Jason Alvarez, Justin Alvarez, Ben McDowell, Brian McDowell, William McDowell, Mollie Johnson, and two great grandchildren, Julian Johnson and Josie Johnson, and a brother, John C. Dodson, III. She was predeceased by a sister, Joanne Cates.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the McDowell family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Marie Cumbo sent a virtual gift in memory of Nancy Dodson McDowell



Marie Cumbo - June 14, 2025 at 05:09 PM

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Rest in peace Nancy. Fun times as kids. Prayers for your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and John. Marie

Marie Cumbo - June 14, 2025 at 05:15 PM

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Melissa and Vincent, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mom from church when I was young, I always thought she had the sweetest smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless and Keep You and give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.
Deborah Doss

Deborah Doss - June 15, 2025 at 07:02 PM

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So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. Such a sweet person. I know she will be missed.

Debbie R Smoak - June 25, 2025 at 04:59 PM