



## Mrs. Nancy McGrath Anthony

July 2, 1916 - March 22, 2015

Nancy McGrath Anthony died peacefully Sunday, March 22, 2015 at Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville, NC.

Nancy was born in Milwaukee Wisconsin on July 2, 1916 to Anne Miller Holden and George Whitmore Holden. Nancy attended the Lake School for Girls and Downer Seminary and graduated from Pine Manor Junior College in Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1936. After a year at the University of Chicago, she moved to New York City where she met her future husband Robert Warren ("Bob") Anthony, Jr. Bob and Nancy were married in Milwaukee in 1940. They lived in the New York City area where their three children were born. In 1949, Nancy and Bob moved to Madison, Wisconsin, and with an intermediate stop in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, moved to Asheville, North Carolina in 1962.

Bob Anthony, who predeceased Nancy in 1990, was Manager of Ivey's of Asheville for many years before opening his own store, Anthony's of Asheville in 1971. Through all their moves, both Bob and Nancy were active in church and community affairs.

In Asheville, Nancy was active in the Junior League, Colonial Dames, The French Broad River Garden Club as well as being a devoted member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. She served on the Altar Guild, was

President of the Women of Trinity, and a member of the Vestry. She was the first woman elected Senior Warden in the Parish's history. She also served on the resident boards of Crowfields Condominiums and the Deerfield Retirement Center.

In all her community activities, Nancy was known for her leadership and organizational skills. She was valued by her friends for her generosity, understanding and loyalty.

From her childhood in Milwaukee, through her life in Asheville, Nancy was grateful for her many enduring friendships. She planted a rose garden wherever she lived, tending the flowers no matter the obstacles; whether the harsh weather of South Dakota or the deer in Biltmore Forest. Nancy loved dining and dancing with her husband Bob, entertaining friends, literature, fine art and most especially the opera. As late as her 91st year, she continued her annual trips to New York City to see Broadway shows and attend the Metropolitan Opera.

Nancy was a loving but firm parent to her children when they were young and a wonderful friend and confidant as they grew older. She will be missed.

Nancy is survived by her three children: Robert Wolcott ("Tony") Anthony of Richmond, VA; Anne Anthony Burnett and her husband Mark of Richmond; Deborah Anthony Dodge and her husband Jeff of Camden, Maine and her grandchildren, William Alexander Burnett and Catherine Burnett Peple both of Richmond, and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville, Saturday, April 11, at 2:00 PM followed by a reception and private interment at the church. A second reception will be held at 2:00PM in the Health Care Chapel at Deerfield Retirement Community, Sunday, April 12, 2015. Memorial gifts may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church or Saint Giles Chapel,

Deerfield.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Memorial Gardens

60 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.trinityasheville.org/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 11 (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
60 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Nancy McGrath Anthony*



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 10, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ *Mrs. Nancy McGrath Anthony*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Judith B. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Nancy McGrath Anthony.*

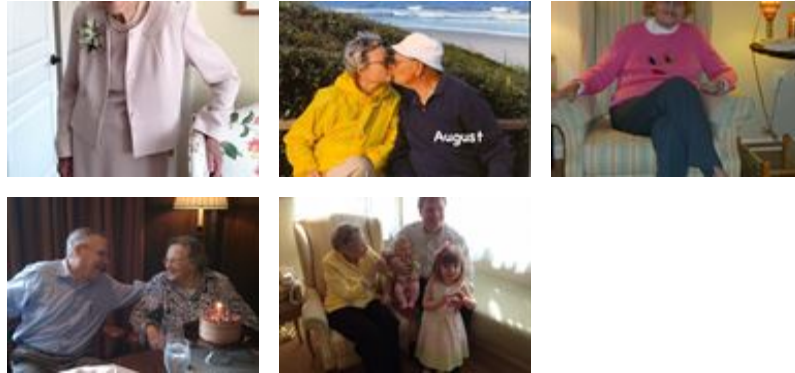


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**Judith B.** - April 09, 2015 at 06:06 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 09, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“ *To the Anthony Family,*

*On behalf of Pine Manor College, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of our alumna, Nancy. Your family will remain in our thoughts.*

*Pine Manor College Alumnae Association  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts*

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**Elizabeth Blum** - April 06, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ *I've known and loved Nancy and her family since they moved to Asheville and joined Trinity Church many years ago. Our families and children happily grew up together and engaged in similar activities throughout the years.*

*Succeeding generations of Anthonys and Coltons continue to be good friends.*

*Nancy will be greatly missed and very fondly remembered.*

*Marie W. Colton*

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**Marie Colton** - March 27, 2015 at 12:11 PM

MH

“ *I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side  
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts  
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.  
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck  
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each  
other.*

*Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone!"*

*Gone where?*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast  
hull and spar as she was when she left my side  
and, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her  
destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me, not in her.*

*And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"*

*And that is dying...*

*-Henry Van Dyke*

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**Morris Funeral Home** - March 27, 2015 at 09:33 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - March 27, 2015 at 08:27 AM

PB

“ I was so sorry to get Deb's email that Mrs. Anthony had passed away. I remember her and Bob so well. Too many memories to count. Tony, Annie and my dear friend Debbie, I'm thinking about you all.

Love,

*Pam Benes*

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**Pam Benes** - March 26, 2015 at 05:00 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - March 24, 2015 at 01:12 PM