



Nancy Bagby Rutland

October 15, 1932 - January 17, 2021

Asheville, N.C. – Nancy Bagby Rutland, 88, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the J.F. Keever Solace Center in Asheville following a period of declining health. She was born in Chicago, IL on October 15, 1932, and adopted by John and Marjorie Moore Bagby. Preceding her in death was her daughter, Anna Rutland Hoskins.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Frank Rutland; her daughter, Debbie Rutland Styles of Oostburg, WI; her son John Rutland of Asheville; her sister, Sally Bagby Davis of Lacey, WA; twin brothers, Dave Bagby of Tampa, FL and John Bagby of Mt. Prospect, IL; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be sorely missed by all her family and friends.

Nancy received a bachelor's degree in education from Northwestern University in 1954 and taught elementary school in Elmhurst, IL for two years. She and Frank moved to Asheville in 1956, later spent a few years in Morristown, TN, moved to Hingham, WI in 1975, to Cincinnati, OH in 1985 and back to Asheville in 1996. Her primary interest was antiques and crafts and she worked as an antique dealer most of her life. Nancy loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Canada, Africa, Australia, Europe and fifteen vacation and buying trips to the United Kingdom. She and Frank had fun digging for dinosaur bones in Montana with the Milwaukee Museum and loved mining for

precious stones in Franklin, NC. Most of all, she loved the mountains of western North Carolina – the views, the waterfalls and rides along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Her favorite hobby at home was knitting afghans, her most frequent gift to friends and family.

A private family service will be held at Givens Estates at a later date officiated by Rev. Ed Hillman, Ministries Director at Givens Estates.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Southern Highland Craft Guild at www.craftguild.org or P.O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28815 or to Givens Estates Resident Assistance Ministry, 2360 Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Bagby Rutland*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Nancy was always a gracious hostess to us cousins from the Harwell side of the family. She was a very strong person and we will miss her very much!*

Anna Harwell Watson

Anna Harwell Watson - January 21, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Jim and I have many fond memories of Aunt Nancy. She will be greatly missed. Heartfelt condolences to Frank, Deb, and John -- along with the rest of the family.*

Karen Daskawicz Davis - January 21, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Deb and her family. Our thoughts are with you. Kim and Alan Flanders*

Kim Flanders - January 20, 2021 at 10:42 AM