



Nancy Walker Alexander

October 31, 2025

Nancy Walker Alexander passed away on October 31, 2025, after a long illness, surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Murray and Mary Hamilton Goatley Walker of Springfield, Kentucky; and brother-in-law, Charlie King.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, David, her children, Michael (Martha) of Raleigh NC, Mary Anne (Scott) of Raleigh NC, and Brian (Ragan) of Floyd County VA; grandchildren Rebekkah, Jessica, Emma and Maxwell; her brother, James Murray Walker Jr. of Springfield KY; and sister, Ann King of Bardstown KY—her best friend and cherished Friday-morning phone companion.

Born in Springfield, Kentucky, she graduated from Western Kentucky University with majors in Biology and English (forever the “grammar police”). She married David in 1963, and they had their three children while living in Bowling Green Kentucky before moving to Blacksburg, Virginia, where she made a lifelong home.

She treasured her family, her church, and the countless friendships formed through activism and travel to more than 30 countries. Her joyful curiosity and deep respect for others guided her life and legacy.

A devoted member of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church since the 1970s, she served as Elder, Sunday School teacher, and leader in peace and justice ministries, earning the Presbyterian Women’s Lifetime Award in 2015. Her faith was simple and profound: “God is Love” (1 John 4:16) and “God is a verb.”

She dedicated her career to community service at Cooper House Campus Ministry and through local and international peace work, especially The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) and the Coalition for Justice in Central America. Her commitment to compassion and advocacy earned her recognition as Kiwanis “Layperson of the Year” (1994) and the AAUW “Community Leader” Award (1995).

Memorial donations may be made to Blacksburg Presbyterian Church's Shear Endowment for Peacemaking Education (<https://www.blacksburgpres.org/give>; please note "For Nancy Alexander" in the Memo section of the online form or personal check), CEDEPCA (USA) (<https://cedepca.org/en/donate/>), or the New River Land Trust (<https://www.newriverlandtrust.org/support-our-work-1>).

Services will occur at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg, VA, on November 22, 2025, at 11:00 am, and at the Springfield Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Kentucky, on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 11:00 am, followed by a reception.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
701 Church Street SE
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Memorial Service

JAN **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Springfield Presbyterian Church
140 E. Main St.
Springfield, KY 40069

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Dan and Jennifer Crume and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Walker Alexander.



Dan and Jennifer Crume and family - November 21, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BK

“ I will always remember how kind Nancy was to me when I was a rookie campus pastor at Cooper House, making all the mistakes that rookies make. She had that rare ability to combine gentleness with passion for those on the margins. I was blessed to be in ministry with her.

Bill King - November 21, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Walker Alexander.



November 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM

CC

“ Carol and Paul Cash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Walker Alexander.

Carol and Paul Cash - November 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM

WP

“ with much love, Phyllis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Walker Alexander.

with much love, Phyllis - November 17, 2025 at 10:29 AM

WP

“ with much love, Phyllis purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Nancy Walker Alexander.



with much love, Phyllis - November 17, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MM

“ Nancy Alexander was a kind and loving guide to me during my twenties and thirties. She was a model of Christian social activism and of Christian kindness and charity—to me and to all who encountered her. She was especially present and supportive of me when I came out, first to her and then to the leadership of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, during the early 1990s. Nancy was a living embodiment of her own motto, "God is a verb." I am forever grateful for everything she taught me. May she rest in eternal peace.

Marge Murray
member of BPC, 1983-2002

Marge Murray - November 16, 2025 at 08:58 PM

SA



Sandy - November 17, 2025 at 10:12 AM

K&

“ Kristina & Ilina purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy Walker Alexander.



Kristina & Ilina - November 16, 2025 at 08:56 AM

MM

“ Nancy was the kindest neighbor I have ever had in my life. A true gem in the world that was better because of her devotion to helping others.

Mary M - November 11, 2025 at 05:34 PM

PA

“ Nancy was such a truly special soul. Our deep friendship began in 1988, when we taught sixth-grade Sunday School together at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church.....a friendship that will continue forever!!!! Rest in peace, Dearst Sister!!!! My love is with your family!!!!

Phyllis T. Albritton - November 10, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Walker Alexander.



November 07, 2025 at 01:55 PM

KA

“ We are saddened to hear of Aunt Nancy's passing. I have fond memories of her during my visits to Blacksburg and when she attended my graduation in Florida. Our deepest condolences from the Alexander family in Zurich, Switzerland. *

Kern Alexander - November 06, 2025 at 04:45 AM

KI

“ Kernie, Natasha and Kern IV planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Walker Alexander.

Kernie, Natasha and Kern IV - November 06, 2025 at 04:40 AM

KI

“ Kernie, Natasha and Kern IV purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Walker Alexander.



Kernie, Natasha and Kern IV - November 06, 2025 at 04:40 AM