



Nancy L. Earnest

December 28, 1944 - April 22, 2026

Nancy L. Earnest, 81, of Hamlet, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Northwest Health–Porter Hospital following an illness.

She was born on December 28, 1944, in Hamlet to the late Wilbur and Rachel (Taylor) Clemmons. Nancy was a lifelong resident of the Hamlet community, where she built a life centered on faith, family, and caring for others.

Nancy worked for many years as a home healthcare caregiver, a role that perfectly reflected her compassionate and selfless nature. She was a longtime attendee of Davis Wesleyan Church and lived her life as a faithful witness to the Lord, sharing her faith with kindness and sincerity—even in her final days with her healthcare providers.

Above all, Nancy absolutely adored her family. She was a deeply devoted and family-oriented woman who found her greatest joy in her children and grandchildren. Nancy ran an in-home day care for many years, where she lovingly cared for many children. Some still kept in touch with her many years later, a testimony to the impact she left on their lives. She especially cherished the time spent attending her grandchildren's sporting events and school activities, always present with encouragement, love, and pride.

Nancy had a warm and caring soul, paired with a wonderful sense of humor. She loved to laugh, joke, and bring smiles to those around her. She had a special love for children and a natural way of making others feel welcomed and cared for.

Creativity was also a big part of Nancy's life. She enjoyed needlepoint and

knitting, often crafting with care and love. She had a passion for drama and the arts, writing plays and participating in drama club, and she thoroughly enjoyed attending theatrical productions. In quieter moments, she found happiness in playing games, especially cards and dice, and she had a deep affection for animals.

She is survived by her loving children, Pam (Kevin) Thompson and Brian (Kassandra) Earnest; her cherished grandchildren, Kyle and Paige Thompson, and Alexis and Kinley Earnest; two sisters, Imogene Clemmons and Monica Dean; and one brother, Walt (Kathy) Clemmons. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Maizie and Willie.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Fletcher Cemetery.

The family would also like to ask you to please join our family for a pitch in dinner at the James Hardesty Davis Township Community Building/Hamlet Fire Station following the burial service.

Nancy will be remembered for her loving heart, her playful spirit, and the deep devotion she had for her family. Her legacy of kindness, faith, and love will live on in all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Fletcher Cemetery

700 E
Hamlet, IN 46532

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel
102 W. Davis Street
Hamlet, IN 46532
(574) 867-3321
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<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Burial

APR 27 (CT)

Fletcher Cemetery
700 E County Road 700 N
Hamlet, IN 46532
(574) 315-0922

Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Nancy L. Earnest.*



April 25 at 11:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy L. Earnest.*



April 25 at 07:20 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy L. Earnest.*

April 25 at 07:20 AM



“ *I met Nancy online 25 years ago. We played Spades almost daily and she became a good friend. She flew to Florida for my wedding in 2006. It was our only in person contact. I have considered her family and called her mom for so many years. May memories be for a blessing for family and friends at this time*


Susan Coburn - April 24 at 09:14 PM

 Carol Dowd

“ *Carol Dowd lit a candle in memory of Nancy L. Earnest*



Carol Dowd - April 24 at 09:54 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Carol Dowd - April 24 at 09:54 AM

JF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Nancy was such a sweet person*



joan fugate - April 24 at 06:52 AM

JS

“ *I will always remember Nancy as a kind and loyal person and it was my honor to have been her friend.*

Joyce Stoddard - April 23 at 05:55 PM

BA

“ *Deepest sympathy to Pam and Brian in the passing of your mother She was always so kind*

Barbara Abel - April 23 at 03:11 PM