



## Nannette "Nancy" Riley Gaylor

May 28, 1933 - May 27, 2015

Services for Nannette Gaylor, 81, of Tyler, Texas will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Gaylor passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Tyler, Texas.

She was born May 28, 1933 in Mulberry, Arkansas to Clifford and Atha McLin Riley.

Nancy was formerly a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, a Master Gardener and active in Heifer International. She graduated from Van Buren High School and the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Nancy retired from the National Labor Relations Board in 2003.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Paul, Robert and John; son, Tom Gaylor and a granddaughter, Amber Enge.

She is survived by a son, Craig Gaylor and wife Debbie of Bullard, Texas; daughters, Cary Magill of Shoreline, Washington and Julie Hendrickson of St. Louis, Missouri; a sister, Nadean Bell of Saginaw, Texas; a grandson, Riley Kimble and a great grandson, William Enge.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heifer International

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,

*Nancy's leaving has left an emptiness in my life; but also memories of beautiful times spent with her and the family she shared with me. May we always remain close and loving on in honor of the best friend I ever had.*

*Lloyd*

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**Lloyd Eoff** - June 07, 2015 at 07:02 PM

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“ *To call Nancy a gracious, loving lady is by far the biggest understatement anyone could make. If she couldn't be doing something for someone her life was not complete. Gardening was her love but people were her passion. To know her was to become an immediate member of "her" family. She cherished her family and had so much pride in them. They were blessed to be her real family. Nancy, you will be missed.*

*Love and eternal peace,  
Donna and Don Bennett*

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**Donna Bennett** - June 05, 2015 at 11:41 AM

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“ I will always think of Nancy as one of the kindest, most gracious people I have ever known. When we met I was a young man with a tumultuous life, and I'd never had an adult friend before. I didn't know what she wanted from me, but I knew there must be something. No one could be so nice, and so welcoming and friendly unless they wanted something from me. It turned out that Nancy wanted to be my friend, and to love me. What a rare and wonderful gift!

Nancy came to a performance of mine just before Christmas when I was a singer in college. It was a renaissance themed Madrigal Dinner, complete with costumes, a roast boar's head, and a programme written in olde English calligraphy. Soon after, at Christmastime, she presented me with a large flat gift that I thought was a book. I unwrapped it, and found the madrigal dinner program lacquered to a board, the edges of the program and placard were burnt, distressed, sawn, and sanded to make it appear ancient. She had made me a thoughtful, cherished keepsake. It must have taken her hours.

And I remember being back in Arkansas after moving away a few years later. I went to play tennis with Nancy and my dad. And I thought well, I'll take it easy on these older folks because I'm young and fast. And Nancy's so nice she'll not be highly competitive... Wrong! Wrong, wrong, wrong. Nancy was at the net every time I looked up and returning my volleys faster than I could volley them. She ran me right into the ground, and I'm pretty sure it was me who finally suggested that we call it a day in between my exhausted pants. I had the feeling she could have kept going another hour. Dad said yep. She could!

Much love to you, family. My thanks to you all, and to Nancy, for being my friend.

With all my love,  
Jason Eoff

**Jason Eoff** - June 02, 2015 at 01:37 AM