



Nancy Hoon Powell

October 27, 1937 - June 29, 2021

Nancy Hoon Powell, daughter of Merle R. Hoon and Marian H. Hoon, died Tuesday June 29, 2021, of oral cancer at her home at Heron Point, Chestertown, MD. Her husband William C. "Bill" Powell and brother Alexander "Sandy" Hoon predeceased her. She was 83.

Nancy Powell earned her BA in English from Wellesley College and her Masters from Harvard. She enjoyed her career as teacher at Springbrook, Kennedy, and Whitman High Schools as curriculum specialist; middle school coordinator; principal of Redland Middle School; and Magruder and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High Schools. She found the role of teacher and principal most rewarding.

Nancy and Bill lived in Bethesda for over 35 years. They came to Heron Point in 2013, a move they never regretted. Nancy loved gardening, reading, bridge, and WC classes. But above all, she was a news junkie.

Nancy and Bill lived an adventurous life. They hiked, tackled white water rapids, rode horseback at a Dude Ranch and even petted a whale. They enjoyed extensive traveling taking them all over the world.

They bought a small cabin in Lost River, WV, and fell in love with the area-- its people and its rich history. Nancy became deeply involved in East Hardy High

School, the Lost River Craft Cooperative (now the Lost River Artisans Marketplace), 4-H Camp, Heritage Weekend, and documenting the lives of many elderly residents, but her deepest commitment became her role as volunteer director of the Lost River Museum. Bill was at her side, photographing, videoing, designing the lighting and security systems, and being a docent to welcome visitors.

Nancy Powell leaves a large family including sister Margaret "Margot" Hoon Baker of Chestertown, MD; stepdaughter, Suzanne Powell Ikenberry and her family of Spotsylvania, VA; and legions of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Internment will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *“Miss Hoon” taught 7th & 8th grade English at Springbrook in 1960-1962. Loved her humor and patience with even the densest of students. If I'd had more teachers like her I might have considered teaching as a profession myself. So glad I went on an internet search after all these years. And what a great picture -- except for the grey hair and glasses, it's just how I remember her.* ”

LORRAINE RAMSDELL - November 06, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Nancy Hoon Powell* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Nancy Hoon Powell* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Nancy Hoon Powell* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ Nancy Hoon was the most transformative and influential teacher I ever had. It's been over fifty years since I sat in her English class, but I always try to imagine how she would have approached teaching writing courses online. What she taught me about writing was so good that even though I didn't understand much of it at the time, many years and one Ph.D program later little bells still go off in my head when I suddenly understand what she was really saying back in 1967. But what will always inspire me was her energy and enthusiastic approach to life, and she completely transformed my relationship with African culture. The world is a much sadder place without her.

Philippe Divine - October 18, 2021 at 11:42 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 02, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ RIP Nancy.

Frank Titus - July 01, 2021 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Nancy Hoon Powell*



Suzanne Jackson - June 30, 2021 at 12:21 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing! She hired me to be her administrative secretary at Magruder and I was honored to work with her and sad when she retired. If only I had remembered that she moved to Chestertown, I could have visited her there. I moved to Grasonville on the Eastern Shore when I retired and we were practically neighbors. Mrs. Powell was a lovely lady, bright and funny and always a gentle woman!*

Laura Sadler - June 30, 2021 at 11:54 AM