



## Nancy Lee Saunders Thayer

August 14, 1937 - September 23, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Ms. Nancy Lee Thayer.

Nancy Lee Saunders Thayer, 88, of Mt. Jackson, formerly of Annandale, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Shenandoah Place in New Market. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, September 30, at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg. Pastor Buzz Menhardt will officiate. Burial will follow in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Upperville, VA. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Thayer was born August 14, 1937, in Takoma Park, MD, daughter of the late Walter Elbert Saunders and Margaret Thelma Tavenner Saunders. She graduated in 1960 from Washington Missionary College with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and was employed for almost 30 years at the Shenandoah County Health Department. She was a member of the New Market Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Robert Thayer of Harrisonburg, Thomas E. Thayer and wife Lisa of Gore, and Andrew E. Thayer and wife Jen of Winchester; brother, Walter V. Saunders of Stephens City and granddaughter, Carmen Thayer of Winchester.

Pallbearers will be Robert, Thomas, and Andrew Thayer and Bobby, Ronnie and Brian Saunders.

Honorary pallbearer will be Mark Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shenandoah County Animal Shelter, 268 Landfill Road, Edinburg, VA 22824 or a Hospice of your choice.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Ivy Hill Cemetery

8584 John S Mosby Highway (Rt. 50)  
Upperville , VA 20184

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com  
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

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SEP **30**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Ivy Hill Cemetery  
8584 John S Mosby Highway (Rt. 50)  
Upperville , VA 20184

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Nancy and I worked together in Public Health for almost 30 years, she was always dedicated to her patients, doing whatever she could to attend to their needs. Nancy was cheerful and fun. And she could make the best Rhubarb Pies! She will be missed. Sincere condolences to her family. Lee Perkins

Lee Perkins - October 11, 2025 at 10:06 AM

SP

“ Ms. Nancy was a very dear friend of our Mom, Doris Sheer. They were in the same nursing class at CUC and remained dear friends throughout their lives. Every time we saw them together they were laughing about something. Very loudly! She was just a joyful, happy, wonderful person that just loved life, her boys and her Lord. What a blessing she has been to us all and until that day when the Lord calls her name we will remember her. She loved you boys so much and we are so very sorry for your loss. Know you are in our prayers and we will all see her soon...  
Susan (Sheer), Ron, Ben and Savannah Perkin

Susan Perkin - September 30, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ It is now the night before Ms. Nancy sleeps in Jesus... and we - those that love her, will celebrate her life well lived. Soon, the Arch Angel will blow the trumpet and your dearest Mother, along with those who fell asleep with the BLESSED HOPE, will be raised to EVERLASTING. May this give you comfort in your days ahead.  
With Deepest Sympathy-  
Perry & Keli Sheer Mace  
Seth, Zachary & Alexis Mace

Keli Mace - September 29, 2025 at 09:50 PM

LZ

“ Lindsay Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Lee Saunders Thayer.

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**Lindsay Z.** - September 29, 2025 at 09:39 PM

TT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.  
Sending our deepest condolences,  
  
The Gentiva Hospice Team

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**The Gentiva Hospice Team** - September 29, 2025 at 02:11 PM

TT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.  
Sending our deepest condolences,  
  
The Gentiva Hospice Team

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**The Gentiva Hospice Team** - September 29, 2025 at 02:01 PM

JO

“ Nancy and I were classmates in nursing school, so we have been friends for about 70 years. Nancy was a very special person, always kind and interested in so many things. I remember when she and Andy visited us in England. What an enjoyable time we had. Even though we didn't often get together in person we kept in touch via phone.  
Nancy will be greatly missed by all her friends.  
My condolences to Robbie, Tommy and Andy. She loved you boys.  
Sincerely, Joyce Ortner

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**Joyce Ortner** - September 28, 2025 at 11:39 AM

JR

“ Nancy Thayer BSN RN, we recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the profession of Nursing. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family.

*Northern Shenandoah Valley Nurse Honor Guard*

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**JACQUELINE L FIELDS BSN RN** - September 26, 2025 at 05:19 PM



*Truly an HONOR!*

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**Keli Mace** - September 29, 2025 at 09:52 PM

RR

“ Our deepest sympathy for family and friends of Nancy's. She was a blessing to get know and to sing to at Shenandoah Place. God Bless!

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**Randy and Anna Ruffner** - September 26, 2025 at 03:21 PM

GP

“ Tom and Lisa prayers for all of you I'm sure gonna miss seeing her when I come through new market she was my nurse at the health department and of course going to school with you guys she was a very kind person to all

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**Glenna putman** - September 25, 2025 at 05:33 PM

KC

“ *Kathy & Jason, Rollie & Roland Caton purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Nancy Lee Saunders Thayer.*



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**Kathy & Jason, Rollie & Roland Caton** - September 25, 2025  
at 03:56 PM

LE

“ *Andy, I am thinking of you and your family during this sad time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏*

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**Lynda Estep** - September 25, 2025 at 01:12 PM