

Nancy Kolb Bruce

March 6, 1956 – March 6, 2026

Nancy Kolb Bruce, 70, of Trussville, Alabama, formerly of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mathiston, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 6, 2026—her 70th birthday—surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Maben, Mississippi, to Wister Ezra Kolb and Nell Hubbard Kolb, the youngest of seven children.

Nancy graduated from Mathiston High School in 1974 and married Forest Hester “Bud” Bruce on June 5, 1976, beginning a partnership that lasted four months shy of fifty years. They raised three children—Kevin, Staci, and David—and were devoted members of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport for thirty years. Bud is a gem of a man, and together they were a formidable team—in parenting, in faith, and in life.

Nancy was funny, tough, and feisty. She didn’t wait for a plan. She was the plan. There were no participation trophies in the Bruce house. Her children took that lesson and ran with it, thriving and excelling throughout their formative years at every stop along the way. Nancy relished every one of her children’s accomplishments—not because of the accolades, but because her kids had earned them. She loved each of them in the way they needed to be loved.

The brightest season of her life began with the birth of her first grandchild in 2013. To her eight grandchildren, Nay Nay was a safe place, a warm place, and an endlessly fun place to be. She loved them a “bushel, a peck, and a hug around the neck.”

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, William Wister Kolb; and her sisters, Peggy Kolb Hartness, Sue Kolb Cook, and Geraldine “Gerri” Kolb Tenhet. She is survived by her husband, Forest Hester “Bud” Bruce; her children, Kevin Forest Bruce (Susan Pecquet) of Houston, Texas, Staci Marie Bruce of Birmingham, Alabama, and David Lee Bruce (Mary Amari) of Trussville, Alabama; eight grandchildren; her siblings, Lamar Kolb and Patricia Cochran; her sister-in-law, Linda Bruce Elmore; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

To read Nancy’s full life story, please visit:

<https://www.ofheupora.com/obituaries/nancy-bruce>



Order of Service

Congregational Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Obituary and Scripture

Pastor Rob Faulk

Family Memories

David Bruce

Kevin Bruce

Bud Bruce

Message of Hope

Pastor Rob Faulk

Congregational Hymn

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Benediction

Pastor Rob Faulk

A Life Remembered



Graveside/Committal Services

Blythe Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

Mathiston, Mississippi

Officiant

Pastor Rob Faulk

Memorials

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mathiston First Baptist Church. Donations can be made at the following link. Please select 'In Memory of Nancy Bruce' from the drop-down menu: <https://mathistonfbc.org/give>

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will follow the services today, starting at 1:30PM at Eupora Country Club.

Crawfish and burgers will be served,
and dress is casual.

All are invited to join in the celebration.



Professional Services Entrusted to

Oliver Funeral Home
1060 Veterans Memorial Boulevard
Eupora, Mississippi 39744
www.ofheupora.com

Celebration Service for the Homegoing of

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Memorial Services

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Eleven O'clock in the Morning
Mathiston First Baptist Church
Mathiston, Mississippi

Interment

Blythe Creek Cemetery
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