



## Nancy Lee Senter

January 18, 1926 - December 24, 2020

Nancy Lee Senter of Ironton, MO, formally of Hazelwood, MO passed away on December 24, 2020 at the Baptist Home at the age of 94 years, 11 months, 6 days. She was born on January 18, 1926 to James Elgin and Leatrice (Tims) Blanton. She was the first baby born in the new Arcadia Valley Catholic Missouri Hospital. Nancy went to school in Ironton and her freshman year was crowned homecoming queen. Nancy graduated High School in May 1944 and began working at her uncle's drug store in Ironton, the L Jane. She attended college for two years with the thoughts of becoming a home economics teacher.

Nancy taught school at the one room school the Cove School in Flatwoods and later at a two-room school in Belleview. Following her experiences as a teacher she went back to work at the store in Ironton. Much later she returned to retail, operating the Ozark Country Store in Lambert International Airport. Nancy married Ransom Talbert Senter on July 23, 1949. Shortly after that they moved to Woodson Terrace, MO and later to Hazelwood, MO (St. Louis). Talbert worked for Blackburn engineering and, McDonnell Douglas and retired from Boeing. Nancy & Talbert were longtime members of The First Baptist Church of Ferguson.

Besides family, Nancy's greatest passion was her yard and her flowers. She was a member of the Missouri Federated Garden Clubs for over five decades. She was one of the founders of the Sprig and Twig Garden Club in Berkeley, Missouri and served in various offices within that Club and at the state level.

She was a flower show judge and served on the judge's council for many years. Until this past summer, Nancy could be found in her yard weather permitting (and sometime weather not permitting) doing maintenance, upkeep, and beautification.

Nancy's other passion was helping others. Whether it was caring for her Aunt Becky who lived for nearly a decade in a nursing home thanks to Nancy's care, delivering meals on wheels with Talbert, being the "go to" babysitter and unofficial Grandma for a host of neighbors, relatives, and friends, or helping a longtime friend through her battle with cancer, she was always willing to go the extra mile and help in any way she could. "Neighbor Nancy" was loved by many; big and small, young and old.

The family would like to express deep thanks and appreciation to the staff at Serenity Hospice Services & The Baptist Home for everything that they did for her in the last few months.

Nancy is preceded in death by her mother and father, husband Talbert, brother James E. (Jim) Blanton, and his wife Alice (Rice) Blanton. Nancy is survived by her son David, his wife Amy and two grandchildren, Ethan and Emily.

There will be a private funeral service at Cole Family Funeral Home in Ironton MO and internment will be at Arcadia Valley Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Nancy's name to The Backstoppers, Inc. Information about The BackStoppers Inc. can be found at <https://backstoppers.org/how-we-help/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Lee Senter*

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August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *We have been so blessed in our lives by knowing your parents. Your mom was always the sweetest most soft spoken lady I have ever known. There has never been a week she didn't pop into my thoughts when seeing flowers in gardens or in natural areas. So enjoyed sewing items for her was such fun. Will be keeping your family in prayers.*

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**Karen and Denny Karner** - January 01, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ *I always enjoyed seeing Nancy's smiling face at church. Her sweet spirit always lightened my heart. It was obvious that she loved the Lord. What a privilage to meet Jesus face to have on Christmas Eve. Prayers for her family.*

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**Jacolyn Bursmeyer** - December 30, 2020 at 04:19 PM