



Faye McPherson Nelson

September 26, 1940 - March 6, 2019

Ms. Faye McPherson Nelson, 78, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at her residence, after a brief illness.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Greensboro with Rev. Mark Sandlin officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

Faye was born on September 26, 1940 in Columbus County, daughter of the late Jack and Katie Godwin McPherson. She graduated from Williams Township High School, Columbus County. She was formerly a cosmetic instructor in Charlotte and was the owner of "At The Ritz" costume rental store. She was a loving mother, a doting grandmother, a cherished sister and loyal friend.

Faye's ownership of "At The Ritz" provided the opportunity to share her creative talents with thousands of loyal customers, many of whom became treasured friends. Her innate ability to quickly match a customer's personality with the perfect costume, dress, or accoutrement was a talent which only a select few have ever equaled, and fewer have ever surpassed. Faye's discerning eye and flair for the dramatic was recognized by fashionistas across the country and led to employment in theatre, on the silver screen and along fashion runways around the world.

As talented as she was in her professional career, she was even more gifted in her personal life. Faye possessed the ability to make anyone smile thru a whimsical persona which valued pleasure over practicality, spontaneity over structure and friends over the foolhardy. She was a renaissance woman who enjoyed the giants of literature, the virtuosos of opera and was forever seeking to strengthen her spirituality. Among her favorite pastimes was enjoying the sunset at Lake Waccamaw while captivating her friends and family as a masterful storyteller. Gardening was a lifelong passion with a purpose, going back to her days working on a farm as a child. To her granddaughter Anna Bea, Nana was a great doctor whose home remedies will be sorely missed, as they always outperformed medicines of the conventional sort. She was not a great driver. Survivors include two daughters, Faye N. Harville and husband Bobby and Samantha N. Martin and husband J.D. all of Greensboro; sister, Linda McPherson Simmons of Columbus County; granddaughter Anna Bea Harville.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her siblings, Lucille Strickland, Jeffrey McPherson, Perry McPherson, Corina Smith and Harry McPherson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Greensboro Urban Ministries. 305 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27406.

Forbis and Dick, N. Elm Chapel is serving the Nelson family. Online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com.

Events

MAR 16 **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
501 South Mendenhall St, Greensboro, NC, US

MAR 16 **Reception of Friends** 03:00PM
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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Forbis & Dick Funeral Service - March 14 at 03:46 PM



“ Teresa Depperschmidt purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Faye McPherson Nelson.



Teresa Depperschmidt - March 14 at 04:32 PM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Forbis & Dick Funeral Service - March 14 at 01:52 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Faye McPherson Nelson.



March 13 at 09:03 AM



“ I met Faye on a film shoot in 1998. I was a college student studying costume design and she quickly pulled me into her spell! What a wonderful, creative, generous person! Faye made a big impact on me and taught me many things. I cherish our times together. Love, Dixon

Dixon Reynolds - March 12 at 10:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Faye McPherson Nelson.



March 12 at 07:46 PM



“ I met your Mom as she used our trim to design the outfits for the Casual Living fashion show in Chicago, she was an amazing woman, what a free spirit, I was so sad to hear of her sudden passing, I too lost my mom a few weeks ago, it is truly one of the hardest things I think you will ever go through. Hold tight to your wonderful memories and know how much she loved life! She touched so many with her creative talents! And wonderful laugh! Will surely miss you Faye. Godspeed

Diane Camooso - March 12 at 03:55 PM



“ Faye did the clothes for our Casual Living fashion show in Chicago. Although the outfits were great the best part was working with Faye. She was creative, funny and had a great smile. Always enjoyed my time with her. We will miss you lady. Norman Hamilton

Norman Hamilton - March 12 at 08:26 AM



“ So terribly sorry for your loss. Please know that your family will be in our thoughts & prayers...

The Alberty Family

Brian Alberty - March 11 at 11:11 AM



“ Bill Steck lit a candle in memory of Faye McPherson Nelson



Bill Steck - March 09 at 08:34 PM



“ My prayers go out to you both Fifi anf Sam and to your family. I was so blessed to have your Mom as my dear friend for almost 35 years. She was such an inspiration to all who knew her. She helped me understand what living a judgement free life is. What a precious gift she was.

David C. Snipes Jr - March 09 at 07:30 PM



“ FiFi and Sam...my heart hurts for us all...I loved your Mother because she was the original "free spirit." I just talked to her last week and I haven't been able to comprehend that I can't talk to her again! My prayers for us all for peace and healing. Love. Penny Martin

Penny G. Martin - March 09 at 07:06 PM