

NANCY MOHRBACHER LISTON

“Everything happens for a reason! If it’s meant to be, it will be!”



Nancy (Mohrbacher) Liston was born May 5, 1945, near Unionville in her grandparents’ home to the late Henry and Zelma Mohrbacher. She was the oldest of four, including a sister, Sue Ann Evans, and brothers, John Mohrbacher and Mark Mohrbacher. Nancy was a 1963 graduate of Freedom Area High school and married Edward “Chuck” Liston of Hookstown. Together, they raised their family in Willowmere Park in Unionville, in a little house right below her parents. Nancy and Chuck’s children—Crystal Liston Westover, Chucky Liston, and Craig Liston—also graduated from Freedom Area High School.

While in high school, Nancy was a member of the Sr. Tri-Hi-Y Club, Future Nurses, Future Homemakers of America, and the Shawnee Yearbook Staff. After graduation, Nancy attended the Ambridge Area Public Schools, earning her diploma as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She was employed at Rochester Hospital and later at the Beaver Valley Geriatric Center, where she retired after 28 years of dedicated service.

Nancy was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Although diagnosed with a rare connective tissue disorder called Ehlers Danlos, Nancy never focused on herself, but rather always selflessly focused on serving and meeting the needs of others. As a faithful member of the Unionville Methodist Church, she was involved with many activities of the church. Her heart was committed to the Compassionate Care Ministry, coordinating the donation efforts of the food and clothing pantry. Through the years, Nancy made sure that countless families received assistance, particularly during Thanksgiving and Christmas. She was always concerned about the needs of others, and in 2005, she humbly received recognition as the Community Person of the Year.

Away from work and her ministry at the church, Nancy kept busy with her family life and various interests. She sold Avon and was recognized in 2013 for 30 years of

dedicated service; taught ceramics in her basement for many years; did flower arrangements for many weddings; and also was the “manager” behind her son Chucky’s D.J. gig.

Nancy took pride in her community and spearheaded a committee and effort to have a new Veterans' memorial Roll of Honor dedicated to the local heroes who served in American conflicts and wars. The Roll of Honor is located at the corner of the intersection of Route 68 and Glen Eden Road in New Sewickley Township. Nancy also adopted the cleanup and beautification of Burns Cemetery on Burns Road in New Sewickley Township. She always said she wanted to be buried there so that she could look down on the village of Unionville where she spent her entire life. Nancy got her wish and was laid to rest there in July 2013, and maintenance of the cemetery is kept up by her son, Craig Liston.

Nancy was a wonderful and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. She is greatly missed by her family and all those she touched in her short 68 years here with us.