



Lane and Nancy Stokes

January 17, 1944 - March 16, 2026

STOKES. Lane Adams Stokes of Brookhaven Georgia, passed away from lung disease on January 16, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Pendley Stokes, his brother, Richard (Jane) of Juneau Alaska, and a cousin, Bryan (Gail) Stokes of Greer, SC. He was preceded in death by parents, Wesley Lane Stokes and Agnes Adams Stokes. He grew up in Wadley, Georgia, where he enjoyed hunting and fishing on the Ogeechee River. Lane graduated from Richmond Academy in Augusta. He received his Bachelor's degree and Master of Divinity degree from Emory University and served for several years as a UMC pastor. Later he received an MS degree from Georgia State University and became a Licensed Professional Counselor. Lane was an Air Force veteran, a long-distance runner, and a musician (trumpet.) He and his wife Nancy were members of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church and the Blazers Sunday School Class

STOKES. Nancy Christian Pendley Stokes of Brookhaven and Covington, Georgia, passed peacefully on March 16, 2026 while hospitalized from pneumonia. She was born in Atlanta and grew up in East Point, Georgia. Nancy graduated from Headland High School. She attended Wesleyan College and graduated from Georgia State University with an AB degree in history. She worked briefly in the Archives Building but eventually returned to her passion: teaching piano lessons. She began teaching students in her home when she was in high school and continued until fall of 2025 when her

health began to fail. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents: Martha Carmichael Christian and Berchard Bernard Christian. She is survived by first cousins: Carole Boyd Nation (Sid), Olin Boyd III (Jeanne), Janet Boyd (Bob Stevens), Howard Boyd (Kim), Judy Burtz, Cathy Carmichael Stilley (Richard), and Caren Carmichael.

On April 11, Nancy and Lane's ashes will be interred at the Columbarium of their church. A memorial service is planned for 1:00 on that date in the chapel of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. The service will be followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to PRUMC in their memory.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Tribute Wall

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“ With incredible sadness, I’m sharing my fond memories of Nancy and Lane.

I started taking piano lessons from Nancy almost 50 years ago! I learned so much from her and remember most of it to this day as I continue playing. Being at my lessons with her on Montrose Drive in East Point, GA, was a small refuge — some of my fondest childhood memories. She had a great sense of humor and patience.

I also took lessons from her in the late 1990s, and that’s when I met Lane, her husband. Now he had a great sense of humor! After my lessons, Lane and I would tell jokes (some off-color) and make Nancy’s face turn red.

I do miss those days. I wish we had kept in touch, but I’ll always keep the laughter and music we shared close to my heart. . Thank you, Carole, for reaching out to me about this sad, sad news.

Rest in peace, Nancy and Lane — you brought joy to this world.

Mike - April 06 at 02:15 PM

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“ Nancy was my piano teacher from the time I was four years old. She often said I was her youngest and most wiggly student. She played a major role in my life throughout childhood into my college years and as an adult she was my friend. I was able to spend a day with her several years ago and we of course did our favorite thing - sight reading piano duets while Lane videoed all of our mistakes and constant giggles. They were precious people who I adored and they will both be missed. Much love to family.



Jeannie Tuggle - March 24 at 08:25 AM