



## Nancy (Chambers) Lair

September 5, 1926 - December 25, 2019

Nancy Holroyd Chambers Lair, 93, of Bloomington died Wednesday morning at Stonecroft Health Campus. Born September 5, 1926 in Maben, West Virginia she was the only child of William Miller Chambers and Jennie Gore Chambers. Nancy received her Master of Science Degree from Columbia University and went on to teach Library Information Science and Humanities at Indiana University from 1975 until 1996. She was a long-time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Bloomington.

Nancy was preceded in death by both parents and her husband Earl Jack "John" Lair.

Nancy is survived by her son, Raymond Jay Lair (Michelle Lair), her four grandchildren (Joshua Lair, Sarah Johnson, William King II, and Rebekah Miller), and five great-grandchildren (Hayden, Justice, and Shelby Lair, and Rylin and Eliana Johnson).

Friends may visit on Monday, December 30, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Rd 37, Bloomington, IN 47401.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Mary Ann Macklin officiating.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

DEC 30. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Nancy Lair was one of my professors at Indiana University back in 1978-1979. She was a wonderful professor, always finding ways to challenge us and make us better reference librarians. I've thought of her often since then, frequently remembering something she taught me or just remembering what a kind, wonderful person she was.  
Carol A. Singer, class of 1979

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**Carol Singer** - March 19, 2020 at 04:13 PM

KO

“ Mrs. Lair was a wonderful teacher and a lovely lady. She was a great asset to the Library School. May she rest in peace.  
Kathy O'Leary  
Class of 1978

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**Kathleen M O'Leary** - January 21, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MH

“ I had Nancy as a teacher at Library School, and was blessed to later have her as a friend. I loved most of all sitting together with her and our cups of tea and listening to her share stories of her youth in the Southeastern U.S. when coal and timber reigned as kings. She was a special lady. Margaret Harter

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**Margaret Harter** - January 16, 2020 at 03:58 PM

DE

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Professor Lair's passing. I had the pleasure to have her as a professor while at Indiana Univ. in the late 1980's.

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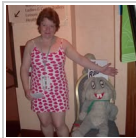
**David Ernsthansen** - January 15, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Kip Roberson lit a candle in memory of Nancy (Chambers) Lair*



**Kip Roberson** - January 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Ohmygosh. Nancy Lair was one of the sweetest, kindest people I've had the pleasure to know. She was patient with me and amused by my shenanigans when I was running around, doing library school, studying trumpet, and enjoying the beautiful city*

**Lisa Davidson** - January 14, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *I earned my MLS at IU in the mid-1980s and was fortunate to have Nancy Lair as a professor. She was friendly and kind as well as a good teacher. I've remembered her fondly all these years. Kind regards, Sue Medland*

**Sue Medland** - December 30, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ *Nancy was a wonderful storyteller and a great writer. Her stories of growing up in West Virginia were fascinating, and I hope they will be published. She enriched our writing group with her stories, her lovely sense of humor and her gentle commentary. We will all miss her.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Paula W. Sunderman*

**Paula W. Sunderman** - December 29, 2019 at 05:22 PM

MK

“ Nancy Lair was a very memorable part of my life as teacher, colleague, and friend. Ever kind and helpful, she was an inspiration to generations of students, and her principles will continue through professional librarians literally throughout the world. My deepest sympathy to her family and to her many friends as well!

*Mary Krutulis*

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**Mary Krutulis** - December 28, 2019 at 08:21 AM

RL

“ She was an amazing granny and great granny. She always made me smile and I felt so much love from her and my grandpa. I am missing her like crazy. I love you granny. Xoxo: Bekah

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**Rebekah Lair** - December 27, 2019 at 10:29 PM

CL

“ It was easy to see how much Nancy loved and cared for others throughout her whole life. I will miss her very much. Prayers for her and her family in this difficult time.



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**Clare** - December 27, 2019 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ Nancy’s enthusiasm for life showed in everything she did. Her love of a good story combined with her commitment to preparing future librarians, making her one of the best-loved faculty members in the School of Library and Information Science. One consequence of her valuing each student’s potential was that so many of them asked her for letters of reference; she was no doubt instrumental in many librarians getting their first professional positions. Nancy had the smallest office space on “faculty row” and her desk was always smothered in small pieces of paper – evidence of her famous saying, “I’ll just make a note of that.”

Nancy’s appreciation for the gifts that each of us brings was evident in her support and understanding for animals, too. She regaled generations of SLIS-ards with stories of the goats she and John raised and she always had a soft spot for the dog or cat in need. Her adoption of Jazz, the cat that the animal shelter had despaired of placing, is just one example.

We will miss Nancy’s gifts as a storyteller and liver of life. Her smile and enthusiasm have meant so much to so many.

Ralf Shaw

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Ralf Shaw - December 27, 2019 at 09:18 AM