



Nancy Bridges

November 28, 1951 - February 11, 2026

Nancy Bridges, 74, of Grand Prairie, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

She was born November 28, 1951, in Dallas, Texas, to the late Olan Dewey McMurry and Elizabeth Ann Heavin.

Nancy was a devoted educator, community leader, and lifelong advocate for public education. She leaves behind a legacy of service, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to children and families in Grand Prairie.

A proud product of Grand Prairie ISD, Nancy attended John Adams Middle School and graduated from Grand Prairie High School. Her dedication to the district spanned more than four decades. She retired from GPISD in June 2019 after 42 years of distinguished service. During her career, she served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director, ultimately retiring as Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations. Her leadership influenced countless students, educators, and programs throughout the district.

In June 2023, Nancy was sworn in as a GPISD Board Trustee, continuing her lifelong commitment to public education. She firmly believed education is foundational to every child's future and remained focused on student achievement, student safety, and career and college readiness.

Nancy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Texas. She later completed her Master's degree in Education and obtained her Mid-Management Certification from UNT. In addition to her work in K–12 education, she served as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington and supervised student teachers at Dallas Baptist University, mentoring the next generation of educators.

Her commitment to service extended well beyond the school district. Nancy was actively involved in numerous civic and community organizations. She served as President of Children First, Treasurer of Kids, INC., and President of the Grand Prairie Women's Sorority. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Grand Prairie, the Grand Prairie Police Academy Alumni Association, the Grand Prairie Woman's Club, and the Educator Preparation Program Advisory Board at Dallas Baptist University. She was also a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie.

Nancy found great joy in spending time with her family, traveling, and continuing her service on various boards and committees.

She is survived by her son, Russell Bridges, and his wife, Catherine Bridges; her grandson, Rusten Bridges; her brother, Steve McMurry and his wife, Liz McMurry; her sister, Julie Churchill; and many friends and extended family members.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Ronny Bridges, and her grandson, Rex Bridges.

The family will receive friends Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie. The funeral service will be held Monday, February 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of

Grand Prairie, 950 Mayfield Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052. Dr. Bill Skaar will officiate. Following the service, a private family burial will take place at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Children First of Grand Prairie in Nancy's name: 621 NW 6th Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050, or online at www.childrenfirstinc.org.

Arrangements are entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron King, Funeral Director.

Cemetery Details

Moore Memorial Gardens

1219 N. Davis Dr.
Arlington, TX 76012

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
950 Mayfield Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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950 Mayfield Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Nancy got me my first teaching job in Grand Prairie. She met me at Seguin Elementary and sit with me through the interview and tour of the school. She didn't have to put that extra time in but she did. I appreciated it so much. Later when I received an award from the district she was there to present it to me. It meant so much to me! She made a huge impact on my life and countless others. I will never forget her! My heartfelt sympathies go out to her family.
Brenda Murray-Cadena

Brenda Murray-Cadena - February 17 at 07:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Bridges.



February 14 at 06:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Bridges.

February 14 at 06:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Bridges.



February 13 at 05:12 PM

JW

“ Good Memories of Nancy Bridges

During 2004 – 2006 my granddaughters attended Crockett Elementary School where Nancy was principal. After a dangerous situation at a crosswalk on their way to school, Nancy arranged with the city to create a new sidewalk so that they could cross at a safer place without having to walk through tall wet grass.

In 2005, as they were preparing to go to school, their dog escaped from the fence and by the time they retrieved him, they were late for school. Taylor, who had graduated from elementary, took Brittney to school, explained why they were late, and began walking toward Arnold Middle School. Nancy quickly got in her car and caught up with Taylor to take her to Arnold. Taylor said that she was not supposed to get into cars with other people. Nancy immediately used her cell phone to call Jamie, who was preparing to come for Taylor. Nancy told her, “No. You stay and teach your class. I have this under control.” Nancy gave the phone to Taylor so she could hear from her mother that it was OK to ride with Mrs. Bridges. Nancy took her to school and explained the situation to the principal at Arnold.

When Jamie went to Crockett to thank Nancy for her extra efforts in taking care of the girls, Nancy said “Jamie, you are also one of mine! I take care of my kids, and I take care of my parents!”

I greatly appreciated Nancy’s attitude to take charge and accomplish whatever was needed to take care of her people.

Jim Wilson

Jim Wilson - February 13 at 01:01 PM

TD

“ Tom & Jennifer Dyar purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Nancy Bridges.



Tom & Jennifer Dyar - February 12 at 09:57 PM

LA

“ She was my 3rd grade teacher, she was ALS principal to my nieces and nephews, she knew The Sanchez Family very well, she was even with us during my Sister and Dad passing, she was loved by many cause she gave love back. You will be truly missed Mrs. Bridges. ❤️❤️

Linda Armstrong - February 12 at 05:02 PM

SJ

“ Susan J. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Nancy Bridges.



Susan J. - February 12 at 04:06 PM

BR

“ Bartt, Aaron and Roland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Bridges.



Bartt, Aaron and Roland - February 12 at 02:21 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Amanda Ferguson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nancy Bridges.*



Dan & Amanda Ferguson - February 12 at 07:49 AM