



## Martha Nooner Nelson

July 24, 1947 - March 3, 2021

Martha Nooner Nelson, 73, of Morrilton, died Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at home under Hospice care. She was born July 24, 1947 in Nashville, Tennessee, and was the last of three children of the late Earl and Ruby Sadler Nooner.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Stewart Paul Nelson, sister Joyce Moninger (Danny Kennedy) of Loveland, Colorado and brother Wayne (Jannie) Nooner of Nashville, Tennessee and a family of very close friends, Karen Cree, Rev. Larry Miller, Zoe Butler, her Taco Tuesday group Kathy Bryan, Alice Fleeman and Phyllis McKuin. She and her husband have lived in Morrilton for 47 years and she claimed this group as part of her extended family.

Martha was a Registered Nurse and a Case Manager Nurse. She attended Tennessee Tech and graduated in Memphis from the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Nursing the day after her wedding. She received her Master's Degree in Education from UCA in Conway.

Her nursing career included service in Memphis, Martin, Knoxville, Tennessee and Morrilton. She was a student teacher at UCA, a nurse and nurse recruiter at St. Anthony and later St. Vincent Hospital in Morrilton. As a Case Manager she worked in Arkansas and surrounding states for Systematic in Little Rock. When she moved to Morrilton with her husband who was working at Levi Strass in 1972, she gave him three years to move away. Four years later, after he had accepted a job in Memphis, she gave him five days to move back. She

had fallen in love with Morrilton and her close friends she made here. Martha became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Morrilton and served as the Upper Room adult Sunday School class teacher for many years with her husband and has attended Morrilton Christian Center during the COVID-19 period.

She was diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer in 2018 and with the wonderful help of Dr. Robert Wilkerson of Morrilton, Dr. Mariana Harrington of CARTI in Little Rock, and Dr. Amir Jazaeri of the MD Anderson Medical Center, she survived an additional three years. She expressed her gratitude for these and others that gave her encouragement along the way.

Following a private burial at Elmwood Cemetery on Friday a memorial service will be held 12 noon Saturday at Morrilton First United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1830 Highway 113  
Morrliton, AR 72110

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
201 S. Chestnut St.  
Morrliton, AR 72110

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Nooner Nelson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Stewart - Prayers and thoughts to you during this time.*



**janna harris** - March 05, 2021 at 11:26 AM



*So sorry lost, your family is in our prayers.* 🙏🙏🙏❤️😞

**lindell & Marie Roberts** - March 06, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *I worked with Martha at Systemedic. I haven't seen her for many years, but will miss her.*

*The few times I was with her and Stewart, I was awed at what a great team they were. Praying God comforts the Family.*

**Linda Davis** - March 05, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Mayor Nelson,  
I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your wife. She was such a sweet, caring, and compassionate lady. You and the rest of her extended Morrilton family will be in my prayers.*  
*Beth Fullerton*

**Beth Fullerton** - March 04, 2021 at 11:21 PM

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“ *My condolences and prayers for Stewart and the rest of the family. I'm glad I had an opportunity to know and work with Martha prior to her death.*

Reba Wingfield - March 04, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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*I wasn't really close to Martha but did attend church with her. I just know that you didn't have to be close to her to know that she was one of the sweetest people that you would ever meet! My prayers go out to her family! She will be missed!*

Paula Koontz - March 06, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Martha Nooner Nelson.*



March 04, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Nooner Nelson.*



March 04, 2021 at 04:47 PM