



## Nancy Austin Lopez

April 29, 1935 - February 13, 2024

Nancy A. Lopez, 88, of Pinehurst and formerly Virginia Beach, VA, passed away peacefully at St. Anne's Mead in Southfield, MI on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Nancy was born April 29, 1935 in Watertown, MA to Raymond and Marjorie Crowell. She graduated from Watertown High School in June of 1952 and soon after her family moved to Long Beach, CA. In later years she attended Bible College in Scotland and took Religion and Psychology classes at Tidewater Community College.

Nancy married Oscar Lopez on August 4, 1956, her loving husband of 59 years before his passing. Together they had three children. She is preceded in death by her late son Gary Lopez of Virginia Beach, VA. She is survived by her sister Beverly Mohulski of Fresno, CA; her daughters Sandra Boynton of Berkley, MI and Janet Lopez of Durham, NC; two grandchildren Sean (Denise) Price, and Amber (Trey) Strickland of NC; and three great grandchildren, Aden, Trey and Jackson.

Nancy began her career in California as stenographer at Douglas Aircraft working in the Engineering Dept. for the Nuclear Propulsion Group. After her husband transferred to Virginia she worked as an Executive Assistant at Sears and Robuck and at Larasan Realty which became one of the largest

real estate companies in Hampton Roads. When Oscar retired, she contracted with Kelly Services so they had more freedom to travel. Throughout Oscar's military career her family traveled the US coast to coast and had two tours of duty in Scotland where they spent summers touring Great Britain and Europe. Nancy and Oscar were fortunate to explore 35 countries together.

Nancy taught Sunday School and was very involved in her church where they made many life-long friends. She also gave her time volunteering many years at Birthright Organization along with Meals on Wheels and counseled patients at Virginia Beach General Hospital and for her church. She loved animals, especially horses as her father was in a calvary regiment during WWI and an accomplished horseman who often rode in parades and equestrian events. She enjoyed music, took organ lessons and painting classes and had a very active social life entertaining their many friends. She was a devoted parent giving her children and grandchildren the opportunity to experience countless castles, museums, art institutes, historic landmarks, botanical gardens, the opera, ballet, musicals, both Disney properties, many zoos and parks. Not to mention providing lessons for piano, violin, ballet, horseback riding, singing, ceramics and so much more. Nancy wanted to be sure her children and grandchildren were able to enjoy all the cultural experiences she was able to. Nancy's family were all truly blessed and she will be dearly remembered by many.

A memorial service will be held at a later date this Spring at Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA where she'll be placed next to her husband. Contributions in Nancy's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).