



## Ernest C. Nanners, Jr.

July 2, 1939 - November 4, 2017

Ernest C. Nanners, Jr., age 78, of Buckhannon, died Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown. He was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania on July 2, 1939, a son of the late Ernest Charles Nanners, Sr. and Mary Baltascavage Nanners. He was united in marriage on May 24, 1963, to Dorothy Lucille Smith Nanners who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons: Kenneth C. Nanners and wife Stephanie of Wheeling, WV and Steven Brian Nanners and wife Jennifer of Buckhannon; seven grandchildren: Brett, Caroline, Benton, Madeline, Brady, Brian, and Patrick Nanners; and one sister, Elaine Brockman of Florida.

Mr. Nanners served in the United States Army. He was formerly employed at St. Joseph's Hospital from 1966 to 2008.

At the request of the deceased, the body will be cremated and there will be no services.

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Eleonora Martinez lit a candle in memory of Ernest C. Nanners, Jr.*



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**Eleonora Martinez** - March 27 at 09:16 PM

JR

“ *I always like Ernie, he was my partner for his sister Elaines wedding.*

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**Joanne Remez** - August 30, 2023 at 03:02 PM

SR

“ *Dr. Nanners, Stephanie and family, we just learned of your father's passing today. Mark and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark and Sally Ritz*



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**Sally Ritz** - November 10, 2017 at 11:05 AM

SH

“ *So very sorry to hear about Ernie. What a wonderful person he was. He will be greatly missed by many. Love and prayers to the entire Nanners family.  
Stephanie Sheets Haglund*

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**Stephanie Sheets Haglund** - November 09, 2017 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ To the entire Nanners family, my heart felt condolences. Ernie was the best in life, work, family, and friends. He welcomed me into st. Joe’s over 14 years ago. He taught me more than I ever learned in school. He was everything I could ever strive to be. A devoted husband and father, a world class anesthetist with the highest respect from the hospital and the community. I still go to work everyday and try to live up to his example and I still and will always hear his wisdom in my ear at certain parts of the day or during certain cases. Except for his family and those that worked closest with him, I don’t think the impact of his service to his community has been realized or recognized. Ernie started providing anesthesia 10 years before I was born. That’s a remarkable accomplishment let alone for it all to be in one place. I would love to see Ernie get the recognition at the hospital that he desires. Please contact me if I can help facilitate this in any way. Ernie was more than a coworker he was a friend and treated everyone like family and helped bring my family to life, being there for the birth of my son Brady. He has been missed since his retirement and will be missed even more so now. Go bless Ernie Nanners and god bless his family in their time of loss.



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**Jason Hosaflook** - November 09, 2017 at 03:10 PM

DG

“ Ernie was a jovial, caring and kind man. His commitment to family was unrivaled by any person. He was selfless in that way. He gave anything and everything he had to offer, to ensure the safety and success of his children and grandchildren. I know this because he and Lucille were like adoptive parents to me, and his sons like brothers. I will cherish the memories of being a part of their family.

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**Don Groves** - November 08, 2017 at 10:46 PM

CI

“ Lucille, sending our deepest condolences for you and entire Nanner's family. Ernie was an unforgettable and kind man. He was so very good to my step dad, Bill Ervin before, during and after his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Ernie will always remain in our hearts and memories. With love, Mary Ervin and Cindy Kotol

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**cindy** - November 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM

JR

“ A carrying and capable associate for many years who was able to bridge the chasm of other talent.

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**Joseph reed** - November 07, 2017 at 10:58 PM

SS

“ I worked with Ernie at Dr Black's office. I loved listening to his many stories. He talked of his family often. Ernie was so knowledgeable & so funny. He cared about everyone he met. His warm, welcoming spirit will be missed by many. I am grateful I had the opportunity to get to know him.  
Shelley Strader

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**shelley strader** - November 07, 2017 at 08:58 PM

SJ

“ Mrs Nanners, Kenny and Steve, we are saddened to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Scott & Elaine Jenkins** - November 07, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Dustin Eskew lit a candle in memory of Ernest C. Nanners, Jr.*



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**Dustin Eskew** - November 07, 2017 at 04:48 PM

HL

“ *Condolences and prayers from the Carl Brady family, Helen and Gail Brady.*

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**Helen Brady Long** - November 07, 2017 at 09:36 AM

RC

“ *My prayers go out to Lucille and family. Erie was a good friend, highly respected anesthetists, and one of the most likable men I ever knew. .It was a comfort to see him on the team that operated on my wife when she broke her hip.*

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**Robert Chamberlain** - November 06, 2017 at 02:01 PM

CH

“ *Steve and family, my heart breaks for you at the loss of your father. May you find peace and comfort from God above. Holding you and your family in prayer.*

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**Charlotte Heater** - November 06, 2017 at 09:58 AM

BB

“ 50 years my husband, children and I moved across the road from Ernie and Lucille. Ken and Steve were babies. The first time I met Ernie he walked over to our house to get their dog pan. Our dog, Smokey, had visited their house and apparently thought their dog had a better one than his so he carried it back back home. I later met Lucille which led to a wonderful friendship for over 50 years. They were both always there when we needed help. Most wonderful people that God created. Ernie will truly be missed by more friends than can be counted. Love and prayers to you Lucille, Ken, Steve and your families. I'll be over to see you soon.

Betty Burke - November 05, 2017 at 08:21 PM

BB

*I must add that Ernie and Lucille were the perfect neighbors to my husband Robert, our children, Mike, Randall, Pam and Debbie. We were all so blessed to have them in our life. God Bless Ernie and his beautiful, loving family. He is truly missed by all.*

Betty Burke - November 05, 2017 at 08:42 PM



*Lucille so sorry to hear about Ernie. Remember when we worked together at St. Joseph Hospital. This is my grandson Dustin ,you and Ernie got him his first outfit . Which was the WV Mountaineers. Love and Prayers for you and the family Kathy Eskew*

Dustin Eskew - November 07, 2017 at 05:00 PM

SG

“ lucille and boys very sorry for your lost. Ernie was a very nice guy. always enjoyed talking to him.

sue grubb - November 05, 2017 at 05:47 PM

NH

“ I also had the honor and privilege of working with Ernie for 30+ years. He was truly one of a kind, a loving caring family man and a good friend to others. He was so proud of those grandkids.....I told him they needed to name something after him at WVU as he has so many grandchildren there! He will be missed every day. Norma Haymond

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**Norma Haymond** - November 05, 2017 at 05:29 PM

GH

“ So sorry Lucille, he will be missed, prayers for you and the family.

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**Grace Harris** - November 05, 2017 at 02:55 PM

LC

“ We were so sorry to hear about Ernie. We worked with him at St. Joseph's for a number of years and he was such a sweet man, and so good to his patients. He was pretty good at cracking jokes too. He will be missed!  
Larry and Debbie Carpenter

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**Larry and Debbie Carpenter** - November 05, 2017 at 01:36 PM

LW

“ Ernie was a very wonderful man. He was fun to be around. He loved his family so much. I was saddened to hear of his passing. He will be missed.

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**Lana Jill Weese** - November 05, 2017 at 08:08 AM

BH

“ Lucille and family, I am so sorry for your loss, I also worked many years with Ern. He was a great guy, wealth of knowledge, well respected, took great care of his patients. He loved his family and spent most of his time talking of them and how proud his was of them. I will miss him. Love and prayers, Barb and Wes Hawkins

Barbara Hawkins - November 05, 2017 at 05:47 AM

CB

“ Lucille, so sorry for your loss. I am Evelyns twin Cindy. Letting you know my son Gary passed away too this past week, i'll never forget how nice you were to him when he was little and his sister was sick. Love always

cindy mchenry branson - November 05, 2017 at 04:40 AM

SO

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.

Sharon Ours - November 04, 2017 at 11:26 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Ernie at St. Joseph's Hospital for several years. A wonderful person.  
Kathy Long

Kathy Long - November 04, 2017 at 10:41 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear this Lucille my condolences to you and your family love to you your cousin carol McHenry (Bush) I am in Maryland with my daughter are you still in Buckhannon on ? 304-517-0359

caro mchenry bush - November 04, 2017 at 10:38 PM

SH

“ So sorry Lucille, Kenny & Steve! First Aunt Jean & now Earnie such sad times! Praying for peace & comfort!  
Sue Hoover

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**Sue Hoover** - November 04, 2017 at 10:30 PM

KB

“ Hey Ern! That's how I greeted him every Tuesday morning. Then we exchange the past week events and get our patients ready. Ernie always loved talking about his Grandkids and how he loved going out to eat with them and he was so proud of them. His face would glow when he talked about his sons.

To Lucille, Steve and Ken, you were his pride and joy. You have my deepest sympathy. What a good man he was. I will miss him. I hope they have Perogies in heaven. RIP Ern.



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**Karen Baum** - November 04, 2017 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ Too many memories to even count. Ernie was a warm hearted caring gentle man, always smiling. I would pass him in the hallway at St Joe's and he always had a greeting for you. R.I.P Ernie you will be missed by many.

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**Joetta burroughs** - November 04, 2017 at 08:36 PM

ST

“ This section of the Obituary states, share a memory, I thought , 40+ years .... pick a memory, impossible , the ornery tricks Ern was famous for he was indeed the master, the many times he went the extra mile for many patients, the calming effect he had on patients and nervous new employees so frightened of making a mistake in the operating room ... or the time he was instrumental in saving My Mother’s life ... yes that would be the most special and unforgettable, but the smiles and laughter this man created are too numerous to count and indeed legendary, I am so thankful he and his wonderful family crossed my life path ... love and prayers for you Lucille, Ken, and Steve and your sweet families at this most difficult time .

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**Suzi Talbott** - November 04, 2017 at 08:23 PM

DK

“ Today we lost a legend in this town,  
Ernest Nanners.  
He was not only a father, husband, grandfather, and a hell of a guy.  
But, he was also my buddy.  
Ernie and Lucille are like my grandma and grandpa, and I look at them that way too.  
With Lucille he gave us, in my opinion, the best family in Buckhannon.  
Actually, let me rephrase that, the best family in the United States of America.  
He raised such amazing children that are carrying out his legacy,  
and his grandchildren are doing the same.

I honestly believe that Ernie and Lucille are the legends of Buckhannon, and I am glad to have the privilege to know the whole family.

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**derya khan** - November 04, 2017 at 05:50 PM

TP

“ *Ernie was a great person and wonderful to work with. He always kept us laughing!*

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**Traci Payne** - November 04, 2017 at 05:07 PM

JS

“ *To all who love Ernie, my most sincere sympathies. First met Ernie in 1967, would always describe him as a "good guy" with a smile that just made you want to smile in return. RIP*

*Janet Reeder Stump*

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**Janet Stump** - November 04, 2017 at 05:05 PM

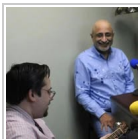
DW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Dennis Willett** - November 04, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Ernie was my best friend. He and Lucille treated me like family. I will never forget his smile and his kindness towards me and others. I will miss him tremendously.  
I loved my brother.*

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**Ali Khan** - November 04, 2017 at 04:54 PM

LB

“ Ernie was truly one of the kindest souls I have had the pleasure to know! He was wonderful to work with but also a great friend to have. His smile was contagious! He was one of a kind and will be so missed! Deepest sympathy to his family. 🙏 Lisa Bennett

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**Lisa Bennett** - November 04, 2017 at 04:53 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of the Chief. Ernie was a great mentor to me in my early years as a CRNA at St Joseph's. I still today quote some of his words of wisdom.  
I remember one Christmas Ernie and I worked on building a six sided play table in his garage for my boys. When it was finished I came and picked it up on Christmas Eve and took it home. When I tried to get it through the outside doors I discovered we had not considered it had to fit through a door....so on Christmas Eve I was cutting the legs off of the table to get it in. The table was a great hit, even if it did end up being a little shorter than Ernie and I had planned.  
After his retirement from St. Joseph's I stopped many times at Dr Black's office to see him. I was always met with a great smile and handshake. Ernie kept me up to date about his Grandchildren and their many accomplishments, he was so proud!  
“The Chief” will be missed by all!  
Chet Wamsley

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**chet wamsley** - November 04, 2017 at 04:31 PM

MP

To the Nanners family, I met Ernie while working on his Anesthesia machines at St Joe. He always made me feel comfortable and relaxed while working on a his life saving equipment ! Ernie had a way with people to make them feel like family! So sorry for you loss !!!!!

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**Michael Pritt** - November 08, 2017 at 11:00 AM

 Libby Stingo

“ *Ernie was so much more than a CRNA. He cared for his patients as a nurse. I will never forget his care for me as a patient, not a nurse or an employee, but as a patient.*

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**Libby Stingo** - November 04, 2017 at 04:17 PM

SS

*I got to know Ernie when I started working in the OR, he was always very kind and had a nice smile. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Sharon Stackpole** - November 04, 2017 at 08:10 PM

CD

*I got to know Ernie working with him at Dr Blacks he was a pleasure to work with and to talk to . We have truly missed him the last couple of months when he wasn't able to come to work. I am very sorry to hear about his passing please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers tonight Cathy Dean*

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**Cathy Dean** - November 05, 2017 at 12:12 AM

MW

*Lucille, Kenny & Steve - Pam and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. I have fond memories of working with Ernie and you at Dr. Black's many years ago. The other memories are of the swim meets we spent watching our kids and yours win, occasionally lose and often setting records in the many pools. One of them stood for many years until it was broken just three or four years ago. Our thoughts are with you during this tough time. I am sounding "Taps" at Holy Rosary this Saturday and Sunday, and I will mention Ernie's name as part of my presentation. God bless.*

*Mike & Pam Wilson*

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**Mike Wilson** - November 06, 2017 at 07:04 PM