In Memory of

NANCY KAY WILSTACH
August 22, 1945 - June 2, 2026

Nancy Wilstach made her home in Montevallo, Alabama in 1979, the place where she and her loving husband of 47 years, Bill Plott, built a life and raised their family. Nancy attended the University of Montevallo, where she graduated with a degree in Business in 1984.

Anyone who knew Nancy knew she was a force to be reckoned with. Though she stood only five feet tall, her personality, convictions, and heart were larger than life. She was fiercely loving, wonderfully opinionated, and never afraid to speak her mind. Nancy believed deeply in standing up for what was right, seeking the truth, and helping those who needed a voice.

That passion shaped her lifelong career as a journalist in the newspaper industry. She brought intelligence, integrity, and persistence to her work, retiring from *The Birmingham News* in 2007 after a career dedicated to informing others. Her dogged determination made her the consummate reporter. Even officials who succumbed to her badgering for information left the encounter with total respect for her.

She was a devoted Catholic and longtime member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, her faith was the foundation of how she lived. She taught her children and grandchildren some of life's most important lessons: speak your mind, stand by your convictions, seek the truth, and always help those less fortunate.

Nancy's legacy will live on in the countless people she helped, the stories she told, the family she guided, and the community she strengthened. She leaves behind a reminder to all who loved her: be curious, be courageous, love fiercely, and never be afraid to stand up for what you believe.

The Montevallo Chamber would also like to add that Nancy had written several local personality articles over the last several years for the Chamber Chatter.