



## Dr. Nancy L. Arnez

July 6, 1928 - February 15, 2020

Nancy Elise Levi Arnez was born on July 6, 1928 in Baltimore, Maryland to parents Milton Emerson Levi and Ida Barbour Rusk Levi. She was the second of three children. Nancy Married Juan Jose Arnez.

A product of the Baltimore City Public School system, Nancy graduated from Fredrick Douglass Senior High School in 1946. She sought higher education at Morgan State University where she received her undergraduate degree. While at Morgan her and her two sisters Doris and Emily joined the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc in 1947. Later she earned her Master's degree and Doctoral degree from Columbia University in New York between 1954 and 1958.

Her career began in the Baltimore City Public School System working as an English teacher at Cherry Hill Junior High School. She taught at the school for fifteen years until she landed a job at her Alma mater Morgan State University where she took on the role as the Director of Student Teaching. She served as a faculty advisor to the Alpha Delta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. In 1968 she left Morgan to pursue a job as Associate Professor and Assistant Director of the Center for Inner City Studies at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. While there she began what amounted to prolific scholarly and artistic writing career. Nancy became well known through her over 180 publications including poems, scholarly articles, book chapters,

several books: book reviews and over two million dollars' worth of funded proposals.

In 1973, she acquired a position at Howard University in Washington D.C. as the Associate Dean later acting Dean of the School of Education.

Subsequently, she became chairman of the department of educational Leadership. After which she taught graduate studies in the department until her retirement in 1993.

Though extremely scholarly, Nancy was also a very creative person who helped to found an early childhood education program for National Follow through titled "The Cultural Linguistic Approach" this she did when she was teaching at the Center for Inner City Studies Northeastern Illinois University of Chicago.

Nancy's entire life was devoted to the education of African American children. Even as a member of various civic and educational associations, she never lost sight of her reason for being, which was to help children. In this pursuit, she received numerous educational and civic commendations.

Nancy sang in the choir at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore for about fifteen years following in the footsteps of her grandmother Janie Lucretis Rusk.

She departed this life for a better one on Saturday, February 15, 2020.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## viewing

FEB 24. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

FEB 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

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FEB 25. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Wesley AME Zion  
1860 Michigan Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20018

## Service

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FEB 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Nancy L. Arnez*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 22, 2020 at 08:38 AM