



Darlene Marie Keller

April 19, 1927 - February 14, 2015

Darlene Marie Keller, age 87 of La Plata, MD, died on February 14, 2015 at the Charles County Hospice House in Waldorf, MD.

Darlene was born at home in Opportunity, NE on April 19, 1927. She was the oldest of eight children and graduated from Butte High School in Butte, NE in 1943 at the age of 16. She taught for two years in one-room school houses (grades 1-8) in NE. On May 5, 1945, she married her childhood sweetheart, John A. Keller in Sheffield, AL. John A. Keller was a Pearl Harbor survivor who had a career of 32 years in the United States Coast Guard. Darlene travelled with him wherever the duty assignment occurred. She also worked for Colonial Williamsburg as an escort, guiding school children and special interest groups. Her last employment was with the Prince George's County School System from 1967-1989, working as a school secretary at Lyndon Hill Elementary School and Pointer Ridge Elementary School. She worked as a bookkeeper in a law office for her son and daughter-in-law.

She is the daughter of the late Dale Potts and the late Gladys Bellinger Potts. She is also predeceased by her husband, John Albert Keller and her siblings, Gerald Potts, Wilma Baldwin, Ramona Jean Potts, Polly Ann Potts, Fred Potts.

She is survived by her son, John Keller, Sr. and his wife Cecelia; her siblings,

Lester Potts and Sharon Potts; and her grandchildren, Elizabeth Keller and John Keller, Jr.

Friends received on Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 2-4 and 6-8PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646 and where Funeral Service will be on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11AM. Interment at a later date at the MD Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, MD.

Memorials are asked to the U.S. Coast Guard CWOA John A. Keller Scholarship Fund, 200 V Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

Cemetery Details

MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Friends Received

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Friends Received

FEB 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Marie Keller*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Darlene Marie Keller*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *John, Cecelia and Family:*

Darlene was indeed a "Top Shelf" lady in every respect. She always had a kind word even when times got tough. I will miss seeing her at our Sunday dinners in Golden Beach. I know my mother and Darlene are together now looking over us as we go on. I am so lucky to have known all the Kellers these many years.

*Love to all!
Mike O'Neill*

Mike O'Neill - February 19, 2015 at 11:41 AM

PF

“Darlene was a "Special Lady". we were very fortunate to have know her.

As sick as Darlene was, she still remembered her friends.

This past Christmas we receive the most beautiful Christmas letter letting everyone know the wonderful happenings going on in her family. It was such a lovely letter from a lovely mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Darlene loved her family and friends.

Pierina and Paul

pierina filice - February 19, 2015 at 10:09 AM

AS

“Darlene has been a beloved member of our family for nearly 35 years, and we have always looked forward to our frequent family gatherings and celebrations, where her graciousness and sense of humor were always evident.

We'll especially miss our traditional Easter celebrations, which she hosted for so many years - the highlight of which were her Easter egg hunts where we all revisited our childhoods for just a little while.

Yes, for all that she has meant to us over our many years of friendship, we will certainly miss her dearly.

Ann Marie and Mike

Ann Marie and Mike Sopchick - February 19, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ Although I haven't seen Darlene or her family since the early 60's when my family lived on 68th Avenue in Seat Pleasant, MD; I do have fond memories of her. I remember going to Vacation Bible School with the Keller family and seeing Mrs. Keller dressed very nice - always looking tall and slender to me and wearing a small hat on her head and gloves. She was a sweet lady and I'm so thankful for people like the Kellers who took the time to invite and transport me and others so that seeds could be planted towards salvation in my Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. If I was local, I'd attend the service but please know my prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends.

Bev Gillette - February 19, 2015 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ *John, Cecelia & family,
Please accept my sincere condolences, for the loss of your mother,
mother-in-law & grandmother. She was a grand-lady and I'm glad I
had the privilege to know and care for her, the past four & a half yrs.
She loved each of you dearly & spoke fondly of you often. She also
had great admiration for all of your accomplishments.
I feel like I have lost a member of my family. I will miss her very
much.
I'm glad that I went to visit with her on Thursday the 11th of Feb. I
asked her, if she could hear me to squeeze my hand. She squeezed
my hand with her thumb & I said, "I love you" & she mouthed back
to me in a very low whisper, "I love you"..
It brings much comfort to me, to know that she had the best care
possible, in the last few weeks of her life, from Hospice.
John, I know that she knows you were there by her side, that last
night. It does my heart good to know, she was not alone. Her
sweetheart called her home on Valentine's day. How appropriate &
wonderful, for her.
Prayers being sent your way.
With the fondest of memories,
Donna*

Donna Cyrus - February 18, 2015 at 10:35 PM

MI

“ *Mike sent a virtual gift in memory of Darlene
Marie Keller*



Mike - February 18, 2015 at 09:11 PM

AM

“ *Ann Marie sent a virtual gift in memory of Darlene Marie Keller*



Ann Marie - February 18, 2015 at 09:09 PM

AS

“ *Ann Marie Sopchick lit a candle in memory of Darlene Marie Keller*



Ann Marie Sopchick - February 18, 2015 at 09:07 PM

SO

“ *Sopchick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Darlene Marie Keller.*



Sopchick - February 18, 2015 at 09:02 PM

GM

“ *Gwen & Elbert Monroe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene Marie Keller.*



Gwen & Elbert Monroe - February 18, 2015 at 10:56 AM

CK

“ *Cecelia K. purchased the Dearest One Casket Insert for the family of Darlene Marie Keller.*



Cecelia K. - February 18, 2015 at 10:17 AM

CK

“ *Cecelia Keller purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Darlene Marie Keller.*



Cecelia Keller - February 18, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene Marie Keller.*



February 18, 2015 at 07:41 AM

PF

“ *Pierina Filice lit a candle in memory of Darlene Marie Keller*



Pierina Filice - February 17, 2015 at 05:22 PM

MF

“ *Mr. Mrs Paul Filice lit a candle in memory of Darlene Marie Keller*



Mr. Mrs Paul Filice - February 17, 2015 at 05:20 PM