



## Dianne Joyce Kasten

January 23, 1948 - April 30, 2016

Dianne Joyce Kasten, 68 of Waldorf, Maryland, died April 30, 2016 in Arlington, VA.

Dianne was a library media specialist for 35 years with the Prince George's County Board of Education. She graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971 and with a Master's in Library Science from the University of Maryland in 1974. She taught elementary school in Annandale, Virginia from 1971-1973 and then in Prince George's County from 1974-2012. She was nominated Prince George's Teacher of the Year in 2010 and winner of My Favorite Teacher Award in 2011. She enjoyed time with Facebook, daily breakfast at Panera, riding in a convertible on a nice day, and traveling with her husband and dining out daily at local restaurants. She was an avid reader and hosted a book club and was a long-time member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomfret where she served as a Eucharistic minister.

She was the daughter of Henry Buczynski and Sophie Gaca Buczynski.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Paul Kasten; her daughter Elizabeth; her son Gregory and his wife Isabel; her brother Henry "Hank" Buczynski and wife Kathi; her nephew, Eric; her niece Andrea; and many cousins.

Friends received on Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM with Wake Service at 7PM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall. Friends will also be received on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 10AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 11AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomfret, Maryland. Interment in the church cemetery.

Memorials are requested to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, American Heart Association Building, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery**

4590 St. Joseph's Way  
Pomfret, MD 20675  
<http://stjoepomfret.weconnect.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dianne Joyce Kasten*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Dianne Joyce Kasten*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

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“ I am so saddened by the passing of Dianne. She was the media specialist at Valley View Elementary School in Oxon Hill, Maryland for a number of years. Dianne was a vibrant, bubbly and very optimistic person with a sunny disposition. Each morning she would greet the students with warmth and enthusiasm as they entered the building to start their day. Her library was a favorite place in the school for many of them. One parent relayed to me that his son ( who is no in college) had recently been reminiscing about sitting on Mrs. Kasten's lap as she helped him with his reading. That is how she was with her students.

*Dianne was also a very accommodating and gracious hostess. She readily volunteered her lovely home to host our staff parties at Christmas and at the end of the year. She and Paul made sure we were comfortable and had fun - and we did! She was witty and funny. I will miss her Christmas letters updating us on the latest family events and adventures.*

*Dianne is beloved by her students and will be remembered by them for her kindness and for the many ways she enriched their lives. I will always appreciate Dianne for all these qualities and for the truly lovely person she was. She had joy in her life with her family and her many interests. My prayers are with Paul, Elizabeth, Greg and Isabel and the rest of the family.*

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**inez Sadler** - May 06, 2016 at 07:58 PM

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“ Dianne and I had become friends over the past several years through our love of Panera. Then she invited me to join her book club. She actually knew my mother first from many years ago at the school where they both worked. After my mother no longer worked at the school, they both frequented Ranch House in Oxon Hill till it closed. Anyway, Dianne and I were becoming closer friends and enjoyed talking at Panera, meeting for lunch, and just visiting. I will miss my time with her, her red BMW convertible and straw hat, her passion for books, and her kind, gentle manner. While she lived a good life, she left this life too soon. There was so much she and her dear Paul planned to do. My life was enriched by knowing you Dianne.

Sue Novotny - May 05, 2016 at 03:13 PM

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“ Brian, Sandy & Danielle Smith purchased the Arri ve in Style for the family of Dianne Joyce Kasten.



Brian, Sandy & Danielle Smith - May 04, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dianne Joyce Kasten.



May 04, 2016 at 12:46 PM