



Harriett Hayden Keene

August 23, 1936 - August 14, 2021

Harriett Hayden Keene, 84, of Alexandria, VA passed away on August 14, 2021 at her residence in Alexandria, VA.

Harriett was born on August 23, 1936 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Pearl Cecilia (Quade) and Edward Howard Hayden. Harriett was part of a family of 8 children growing up in Abell, Maryland.

Harriett worked at Washington Gas prior to transitioning to homemaker and loving mother when she had children. She and her husband Ken (Donny) were avid international and domestic travelers, taking their children on many of their trips. At one point, after her husband's retirement they sold their house to travel for an entire year unencumbered. She also enjoyed painting, sewing, gardening, genealogy and had a knack for fixing things. Her chocolate multi-layered birthday cakes were always a highlight at birthday celebrations. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of the Basilica of St. Mary's in Alexandria, VA.

Harriett is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Kenneth Donald Keene, Sr. and also her sisters Clare Hight, Mary Wegley and brother Edward Hayden.

Harriett is survived by her children who all live nearby; Kenneth Keene, Jr. and his wife Jami, and Karen Pham and her husband Thai, grandchildren; Alexis Keene, Nathan Keene, Justin Pham, Annalise Pham, and Kaylin Pham, and sisters; Lois Noble Justice, Jean Kasharian, Joie Mattingly and Dottie Crowder Moore.

Harriett will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A graveside service to be officiated by Father Stephen Wyble will be on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery - Bushwood, MD

23080 Maddox Road
Bushwood, MD 20618

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harriett Hayden Keene*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Harriett Hayden Keene*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I have many great memories of being at Karen's house, with her parents, visiting, laughing, snacking... always a fun time. Harriet was a wonderful person, and so very sweet! I will miss her. Love and prayers to the entire family.*
Juli

Juli Lander - August 19, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Mary & Allen purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harriett Hayden Keene.*



Mary & Allen - August 19, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Harriet was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She will be sincerely missed.*
With much sympathy, New Alexandria Citizens Association

Joan Darrah - August 19, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Harriett Hayden Keene.*



August 19, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Harriett Hayden Keene.*



August 18, 2021 at 08:11 PM

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“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray.” Mrs. Keene and I must of listened to more than 20 versions of this song on YouTube. When we finally found a version by The Moffatts with a 1-hour loop NONSTOP, it became Mrs. Keene’s Jam. This song gave her an instant boost of energy when we did our strength training. Ironically, it also relaxed her when we would painted together, did breathing exercises and went on long car rides to Clarksville or Fairfax.

Until we meet again, Mrs. Keene, to play Go-Fish I will miss that sweet smile - - the kind that appears when there’s a pound cake, Krispy Kreme donut, vanilla ice cream or a cup of coffee in front of you.

Long, tight hug to you....Love, Bibi



Bibi - August 18, 2021 at 04:25 PM