



Jean Cooksey Raby

May 20, 1924 - October 29, 2015

Jean Cooksey Raby, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister

Jean Cooksey Raby, 91, of Indian Head, MD, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2015, at Hospice House of Charles County surrounded by her loving family.

Jean born in La Plata, MD, to Douglas and Natalie Cooksey on May 20, 1924, grew up in a household of sisters in the Spring Hill area, and graduated from Sacred Heart High School. She attended secretarial school in Washington, DC and worked during World War II at the Naval Powder Factory in Indian Head. In 1944 she married Kenneth Raby and they danced through life together for 65 years. Along with her husband's family, they operated local automotive businesses and a movie theater.

The mother of eight children, Jean was involved in school and church activities and was a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. She and Kenneth belonged to the Indian Head Businessman's Association and the Democratic Club of Charles County. Jean was an insurance agency office manager, held a real estate license, and was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. In the early 70's she became Deputy Register of Wills for Charles County retiring after 20 years. She loved and honored her heritage which ran deep in Charles County and in her beloved state of

Maryland.

Jean spent her retirement reading about local history and researching the genealogy of her Cooksey and Radcliff families, and enjoying time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Throughout their lives, she and Kenneth enjoyed traveling with siblings up and down the east coast and visiting their children and grandchildren out of state. She enjoyed socializing with a close group of friends Margaret Corcoran, Gertrude Wright, and Alma Metcalf known as the “golden girls”.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; great-granddaughters, Rachel Griffin and Bryce Griffin; sisters, Shirley Hodge, Eleanor Albrittain and Mary (Duckie) Nairn; and her special cousin, Audrey Armsworthy.

She is survived by her children, Karen (Kay) Campbell, Leda Kress (Mike), Kenneth Raby Jr., Daniel Raby (Carol), Stanley Raby, Douglas Raby, Mary Beth Frazier (J.D.) and Gemma Colford (Michael); 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Also her sisters Elaine Foster and Alice (Sweetie) Sinsel; brother-in-law, Byrd Raby; sisters-in-law Vila Zverina and Wanda Elliott; and a host of loving family and friends who will miss her.

Family and friends will be received on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm with a Wake Service at 7PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel in La Plata, MD. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 10am at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Indian Head with interment immediately following at St. Charles Cemetery.

A donation in Jean's name to the Hospice House of Charles County or to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, 1435 Cronhill Dr., Owings Mills, MD 21117, would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Cemetery

Strauss Avenue
Glymont (Indian Head), MD

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Viewing

NOV 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake Service

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church
30 Mattingly Avenue
Indian Head, MD 20640

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy J Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jean Cooksey Raby* ”



Nancy J Taylor - December 12, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *Jean Cooksey Raby* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Jean Cooksey Raby* ”

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Cooksey Raby.* ”



November 05, 2015 at 10:46 AM

CK

“ Children of Orlena & Romie Kendrick purchased the *Glorious Grace Bouquet* for the family of Jean Cooksey Raby.



Children of Orlena & Romie Kendrick - November 05, 2015 at 09:21 AM

LD

“ Love, Carl, Joyce, Kelly, and Lauren Diedrich purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Jean Cooksey Raby.



Love, Carl, Joyce, Kelly, and Lauren Diedrich - November 05, 2015 at 08:34 AM

TM

“ I grew up going to school with Mary Beth and knew her sisters and brothers. I am very sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the following days. Mrs Raby was a very nice person and I remember being at her home a lot when I was younger. My condolences, Theresa Morgan

Theresa Morgan - November 04, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jean Cooksey Raby.



November 04, 2015 at 04:15 PM

CC

“ Charles Carpenter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jean Cooksey Raby.



Charles Carpenter - November 04, 2015 at 04:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean Cooksey Raby.



November 03, 2015 at 09:50 PM

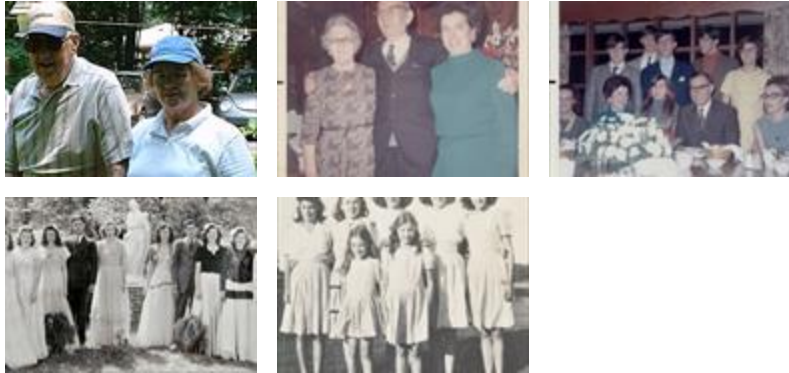
TJ

“ My parents had some great friends during their life time that we six as children got to know, love and respect. Mrs Raby was one of my favorite people ever. My family sends our sincerest condolences to her family and know the void she has left is huge. I know Kenneth and Jean are now reunited and Dad is getting a laugh with one of his great stories.

Tom Jameson - November 03, 2015 at 08:06 PM

TJ

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Tom Jameson - November 03, 2015 at 08:02 PM

RR

“ *So sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Jean & Kenneth both. Our family couldn't have ask for 2 of the greatest people to be in our lives for so many years. I can only say that I look at your family as my family. I know they are all chatting together now and will forever be in our hearts. Prayers and God Bless you all. Jean will be missed in so many ways. I my self have 50 + years of memories of such great people.*

Robin (Luckett) Robinson - November 03, 2015 at 07:39 PM

DP

“ *Sending condolences to your family on the loss of your Mother. Especially to my friend Mary Beth Frazier.*

Darlene Purcell - November 03, 2015 at 05:59 PM