



## Mary Beth Reckeweg

August 3, 1943 - January 4, 2023

Mary Beth Reckeweg, 79, of La Plata, MD passed away the evening of January 4, 2023 in her home in La Plata, MD.

Mary Beth was born on August 3, 1943 in Washington, DC. She spent her formative years in the Nation's Capitol and Maryland Suburbs: graduating from Suitland High School, meeting her husband, Richard, and starting her family. The family moved to New Hampshire in 1971 where she welcomed her favorite child. In 1979 the family returned to the Mid-Atlantic region, settling in La Plata where she spent the remainder of her long life, heavily involved in her local community.

Her two main passions in life were Music and Children and she shared her love of music with so many young residents of Charles County. Mrs. Reckeweg, as she was known to the children, was a piano teacher for nearly 40 years, having taught multiple generations of some families. She was the music teacher at Christ Church Day School, the music teacher at Blessed Lambs Preschool, shared music with the children at La Plata United Methodist Church Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and was the accompanist and co-Director of the Port Tobacco Player's "Encore Kids". She was also a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, even after her daughters had aged out of the programs. Her musical legacy lives on through her children and through the hundreds of students she taught over the years.

In her later years she split her energy between her community involvement and her own grandchildren whom she took delight in spoiling. Everything she ever did in life was for the children.

Mary Beth is predeceased by her parents, the late John B. "Jack" Stone and the late Madelon "Virginia" Stone.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Richard Reckeweg; one son, John Reckeweg (Laura); daughters, Cheryl Reckeweg (David Bayles) and Michelle Bast (Gregory); brother, Peter Stone; sisters, Lynda Williamson, Kathi Dolder, and Sue Wiggins; and four grandchildren, Benjamin Bast, William Reckeweg, Nathaniel Bast, and Henry Reckeweg.

A viewing for Mary Beth will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Raymond Funeral Chapel in La Plata, MD. Her funeral service will take place at 11am on Friday, January 13, 2023 at La Plata United Methodist Church. Interment will immediately follow at the church cemetery in Dentsville, MD.

Memorial contributions in Mary Beth's name may be made to Hospice of Charles County (2505 Davis Rd., Waldorf, MD 20603).

Online condolences may be made on Mary Beth's Tribute Wall.

# Cemetery Details

## Dentsville Methodist Cemetery

East Charles Street  
La Plata, MD

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 12. 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

JAN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

La Plata United Methodist Church

3 Port Tobacco Rd.

La Plata, MD MD

<http://laplataumc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Beth Reckeweg*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Beth Reckeweg*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Having grown up at La Plata UMC, Mrs. Reckeweg was my (and countless other children's) first music teacher. She shared her love of Christ and of music with all of us, which became ingrained in us all, and helped to keep many of us tethered to the church, even in our high school years, because music is what brought so many of us together. There are several songs that will forever be associated (for me) with Mrs. Reckeweg, like "Pass it On," "Dominique," "Father Abraham," and "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord." She truly touched generations of children through her own music ministry at La Plata UMC through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Chapel Choir, Bell Choir, and Blessed Lambs Preschool. In my family, two generations were lucky enough to benefit from her teaching--I learned all of my Sunday School and VBS songs from her as a child, and all three of my children learned those songs and many more from her when they were at Blessed Lambs. She was selfless, always cheerful, always finding the bright side of any situation, and always welcoming. She will be sorely missed, but not forgotten, as she has lit that spark to get a fire going, so we can honor her memory and continue to pass it on. Much love to the Reckeweg family,*

*-Vicki (Talley) Kelly*

Vicki Kelly - January 13, 2023 at 01:15 PM



*She was my piano teacher, took me to VBS, and was my girl scout troop leader. Needless to say she had a profound impact on my life.*  
*Melanie Vass-Osterhouse*

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**Melanie Osterhouse** - March 16, 2023 at 04:05 PM

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“ *I'm going to miss my gym buddy. She was such a sunny presence at the La Plata Wellness Center, cheerfully doing her exercise routines. Prayers for Richard and the rest of her family.*  
*Beverlie Ludy*

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**Beverlie Ludy** - January 12, 2023 at 11:06 AM

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“ *We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mary Beth. She was absolutely fabulous with children and was instrumental in getting Nathan involved in theater. She was always so pleasant and will be greatly missed.*  
*The Daetwyler's*

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**Dean Daetwyler** - January 11, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Karen Gay** - January 11, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.*



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January 11, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *A perfect example of how much the children loved Mary Beth Reikewig is the picture of my granddaughter with the music teacher at Blessed Lambs Preschool, 2013.*



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**Karen Gay** - January 11, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Barbara and Richard LaNore purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.*



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**Barbara and Richard LaNore** - January 11, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.*



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January 11, 2023 at 01:43 PM

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“ Kathi/Pete, Eric, Jason, Crickett, & kids purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.



Kathi/Pete, Eric, Jason, Crickett, & kids - January 11, 2023 at 10:15 AM

VM

“ Valerie, John & everyone at JPozz Music purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.



Valerie, John & everyone at JPozz Music - January 10, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.



January 10, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.



January 10, 2023 at 07:05 AM

RL

“ *Romaine and Leslie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.*



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**Romaine and Leslie** - January 07, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Reckeweg.*



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January 07, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Mary Beth for their loss of a beautiful spirit and devoted mother. Gloria Groeger*

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**Gloria Groeger** - January 07, 2023 at 10:41 AM