



## Mary Arlene Cross

July 20, 1919 - May 12, 2013

Mary Arlene Cross, 93, of Waldorf, MD died peacefully on Mothers' Day, May 12, 2013, at Civista Medical Center in La Plata, MD surrounded by her family. Born July 20, 1919 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late LeMoine and Arlene Canter Wilkerson.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Samuel and Magdalene Wilkerson, who raised her on the family farm on Route 228 in Waldorf; her parents; her brothers, LeMoine Wilkerson Jr., Larry B. Wilkerson; her sister Kathlene Weaver; her husband Ralph Cross; and her daughter, Janet Davison and her husband Gordon.

She is survived by her son Kenneth Cross and his wife Anita of La Plata, MD; one daughter, Marlene Roe and her husband Randy of Nanjemoy; grandchildren, Wayne Cross of Florida, Tina America of Helen, Cullen Kowalski of Washington, DC, Damien Davison of South Carolina, and Travis Davison of Washington Grove, Maryland; great-grandchildren, Kara, Kirsten, Devin, and Tyler Davison, Katie, Kelsey, Kyle, and Keith Cross, Dymond Mulloy and Jessy Hoover as their surrogate great-grandmother, and many nieces and nephews.

Mary guided her family through life with unconditional love and wisdom. As a first grade teacher at Oxon Hill Elementary School and later at Rose Valley

Elementary School, both in Oxon Hill, she started night school while continuing to teach and graduated with a bachelor's degree at age 65. While completing the last of 31 years of service for the Prince George's School Board, she decided at age 70 to fulfill a life-long dream of having a home built on the family farm where she grew up in Waldorf, Maryland.

She was a talented lady with skills in fine cooking, crocheting, and organic gardening. Her gardens and deck overflowed with beautiful flowers, plants, and pots of growing seeds. With her love of arts and crafts she made many wonderful friends over the years at paint classes and went on to create several beautiful paintings that won blue ribbon awards. In later years, she moved into painting on glass and slate and created handmade bead crafts which were cherished by many.

She liked to plan for the future, always talking about what was to come in the following year. Planting seeds and waiting for them to sprout, taking a cutting or a piece of just about any flower or plant just to see if she could start a new root, her life was always about new beginnings.

Mary's family is grateful to her friend Kenny Kincaid for being such a faithful helper and companion, a guy she liked to say she had adopted. She had so many friends, too many to mention – but they know who they are and know they were loved.

She lives on in the hearts and minds of her family and friends through the ideas she thought, the words she spoke, and the actions she took.

A gathering will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013 from 5-8PM at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Additional visitation on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 10AM until time of Funeral Service at 11AM at Calvary United Methodist Church, 3235 Leonardtown Road,

Waldorf, MD 20601. Interment at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, MD

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Memorial Gardens

3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.  
Waldorf, MD 20601  
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

# Previous Events

## Gathering

**MAY 20.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Gathering

**MAY 21.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church  
3235 Leonardtown Road  
Waldorf, MD 20601

## Service

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MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church  
3235 Leonardtown Road  
Waldorf, MD 20601

## Burial

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MAY 21. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Memorial Gardens  
3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.  
Waldorf, MD 20601  
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Arlene Cross*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Arlene Cross*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Connie and Rodney Adachi lived next door to Ralph and Mary when we were young about 1960 - 65. I remember Ralph's garden. I visited Mary once when I was in my 20's in the 70's. She was very kind and smart.*

**Rodney Adachi** - September 10, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ *MARY AND RALPH WERE LIFETIME FRIENDS OF MY PARENTS PAUL AND HAZEL HARE. ALONG WITH BERT AND DORIS MC MAHON THEY SHARED MANY WONDERFUL TIMES TOGETHER WHILE RAISING THEIR FAMILIES AND IN LATER YEARS OF RETIREMENT. THE SIX OF THEM WERE LIKE THE THREE MUSKETEERS TIMES TWO. MARY WAS A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND OF MY MOM WHO WAS ALSO TEACHER. MARY I LIT A YELLOW CANDLE FOR YOU AS YOU ALWAYS BROUGHT SUCH SUNSHINE TO EVERYONE YOU MET. GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. FONDLY, MICHAEL AND PATRICIA HARE*



**MICHAEL HARE** - May 20, 2013 at 11:58 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Arlene Cross.



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May 20, 2013 at 10:18 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mary Arlene Cross.



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May 20, 2013 at 09:51 AM



“ Patti and Patrick Gribble purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Arlene Cross.

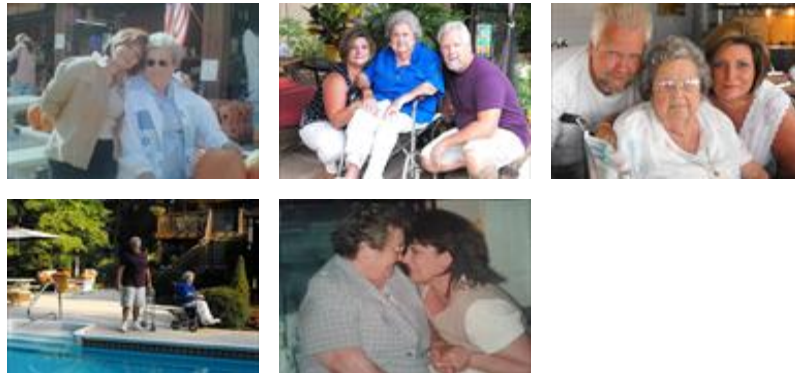


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**Patti and Patrick Gribble** - May 19, 2013 at 03:21 PM

Tina  
Cross  
America

“ 19 files added to the album *Grandma*



Tina Cross America - May 17, 2013 at 08:33 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Glenn Cross - May 17, 2013 at 07:41 AM



“ Michelle Allen lit a candle in memory of Mary Arlene Cross



Michelle Allen - May 17, 2013 at 07:08 AM

Tina  
Cross  
America

“ *Tina Cross America lit a candle in memory of  
Mary Arlene Cross*



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**Tina Cross America** - May 16, 2013 at 07:31 PM

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**CarlaMae Hash Harris** - May 16, 2013 at 06:42 PM

“ I have so many memories of Aunt Mary, but one that sticks out was when she lived in Oxon Hill, Md, She had so many flowers, and the garden that they had, plus the fruit trees, we loved to go pick fresh blackberries right off the vine. I have alot of childhood memories of Aunt Mary, her tutoring me for better grades in school. She was a mentor of mine, I loved her very much, In the past few years I would come in and she would want me to seat on her lap, and I would look at her and tell her that was not going to happen, she would just smile at me with love.. I seen her a couple of months ago, when Marlyn and Kenny brought her in she looked so beautiful, I could not believe it, she looked 20 years younger..

*I will miss you Aunt Mary, but I will always have alot of memories of you, I will keep my painted stones close to my heart for ever, and I will carry a lifetime of memories of you, I love you with all my heart.*

*God wanted you to come home, so Aunt Mary fly with the angels, Love you and we will see you again, forever in our hearts.*

*CarlaMae Hash Harris  
Richmond, Va*

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**CarlaMae Hash Harris** - May 16, 2013 at 06:29 PM

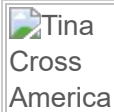
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“ At age 55 yrs. now, I still have wonderful, fond memories of my first grade teacher at Oxon Hill Elementary School, Mrs. Cross. Her classroom was always decorated perfectly for the season and the lessons we were learning at the time, and I will never forget the experience of watching new chicks hatching in our classroom in the Spring. My mother and I were lucky enough to visit Mrs. Cross in her home on April 19th of this year, it was meant to be that we were able to make that visit possible and we all laughed and shared wonderful memories and I was able to tell her what a GREAT teacher and person she was to me. Peace be with you now, Mrs. Cross.

*Love, Pat Pritchard*

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**Pat Pritchard** - May 16, 2013 at 10:03 AM

 Tina  
Cross  
America

*Thank you for sharing your memories of my Grandma. My favorite season is Spring because my Grandma's flowers and the memories of the baby chicks on Easter at her house. Thank you for making her feel special during your visit on April 19th.*

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**Tina Cross America** - May 17, 2013 at 08:40 AM