



Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski

September 15, 1928 - April 27, 2023

Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski passed this life peacefully on April 27, 2023 at her home at Marshside Place in Nanjemoy, MD. Predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Theo Walter Karwasinski, and daughter Mary Gwynn Karwasinski Fuchs, she is survived by four daughters, Katherine (Mrs. George H.) Miles, Ann (Mrs. Terry) Page, Elizabeth (Mrs. William) Van Etten, Joan (Mrs. William D.) Zantzinger, and 12 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Born in Washington D.C., she lived most of her childhood in Bryantown, MD, first living with her grandparents at Boarman's Manor, later with her parents at Boarman's Rest. A country girl, she had many stories to tell about growing up in Bryantown and the people and animals in her life (she loved animals). She was an alumna of St. Mary's High School in Bryantown and Georgetown Visitation in Washington, D.C. where she developed many lifelong friendships. Returning to Charles County shortly after her marriage, she lived in Forest Park, Dentsville, La Plata, and finally at her much-loved farm on the Nanjemoy Creek.

Mary Ellen played an active role in the Charles County community for more than seventy years. She served as a correspondent for the Waldorf Leaf newspaper (later the Times Crescent), a 4-H club leader, a member of the Colonial Dames and the Charles County Garden Club. She reflected her

passion for the arts as a founding board member of the Mattawoman Creek Art Center. And as her children grew up she pursued a highly successful career, becoming one of the first women real estate brokers in Charles County and founder and president of Oxford Realty.

Mary Ellen will be remembered most, though, as a “people person.” She was devoted to supporting an extensive community of friends and neighbors. She took delight in helping a family find their perfect home, or an artist find an audience for their work. She took great joy in her family and will forever be “GaGa” to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, May 8 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at Raymond Funeral Home in La Plata, MD. Funeral Mass and burial will be on Tuesday May 9 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church and Cemetery, Bryantown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders or the Mattawoman Creek Art Center in Marbury, MD.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Bryantown Church Cemetery

13715 Notre Dame Place
Bryantown, MD 20617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
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Prayers

MAY 8. 7:30 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
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Mass

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic Church
13715 Notre Dame Place
Bryantown, MD 20617

Burial

MAY 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic Church
13715 Notre Dame Place
Bryantown, MD 20617

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *So many years of memories of Mary Ellen and Ted..Real estate, house sitting on that gorgeous land, Beau the crazy dog, club sandwiches from Scott's, treats I would bring, a simple lunch for my mom but most of all a treasured friendship. I am blessed to have her flowers and a piece of my heart is broken
She was such a grand, elegant and determined woman. So proud of herself when she broke out with the walker to go on a walk. I will miss my friend but glad she is at peace! I pray my prayers for you brought some comfort, much love to the family, you are blessed with so many memories, cherish them.*

Terri - May 08, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Godson, Leo Samokieszyn of Parma,Ohio. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski.*



Godson, Leo Samokieszyn of Parma,Ohio. - May 08, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski.*



May 07, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ *My prayers are with Kathy and her family.*



Maureen Lohndorf - May 07, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski.*



May 04, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Marian & Whitey Lilly purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski.*



Marian & Whitey Lilly - May 03, 2023 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Mary Ellen was a lovely and graceful lady, always with elegantly coiffed hair to be envied. We shared a love of flowers and birds and I was always touched by the way she complimented me on my articles on birds in the garden club's newsletter. She will be missed.*
Gloria Groeger

Gloria Groeger - May 02, 2023 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Mary Ellen: We shared wonderful phone chats, and delightful notes sent to one another. On a beautiful October day, we gathered for lunch at your home with 9 or more (it just grew). We were going to bring our own lunches-you would hear none of that and so we were treated to a wonderful lunch by you. How incredible your memory was on that day and the conversations just drifted easily for all. You will remain in my thoughts of how a wonderful and gracious lady befriended me some years ago. At that great banquet table where you sit and smile, and full of laughter is just the beginning my friend!*

Judy Norris - May 01, 2023 at 03:25 PM