



Mary Helen Potter

June 13, 1931 - December 19, 2021

Mary Helen Potter, 90, of Waldorf, Maryland bravely returned home to her Lord and eternal loved ones on December 19, 2021. She passed peacefully in a splendor of abundant love surrounded by her extensive family. Mary Helen is survived by her five children: Donnie Potter of Hughesville, Joseph Potter of Bradenton, Florida, Valerie Simpson and her husband Arthur of Waldorf, Kevin Potter of Lexington, Virginia, and Kathleen Burch and her husband Philip of Hughesville; as well as her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The beautiful Mary Helen was born on June 13, 1931 to Leo and Violet Montgomery in Bryantown, Maryland. She is of an enduring 17th Century Charles County, Maryland family heritage. She is further survived by sisters, Rose Burroughs of Hollywood and Frances Card of Waldorf. Mary is preceded by her ex-spouse Lawrence; her parents; her brothers, Harry, Joseph and Bill Montgomery; and sisters, Ruth Ondrejack and Doris Stover. Mary Helen enjoyed a deep faith in Jesus Christ and loving devotion to Blessed Mary. She was a member of St. Peters Catholic Church in Waldorf for nearly 70 years.

Mary Helen graduated with honors from St. Mary's Notre Dame High School of Bryantown and was May Queen 1947. She excelled at sports and outdoor activities. An avid water enthusiast, Mary enjoyed fishing, crabbing, boating and water aerobics. Mary Helen was a master vegetable and flower gardener. She loved to cook, make MD stuffed ham, crab cakes, scrapple and

homemade ice cream. She enjoyed having crab picking, card playing and dinner parties with family and friends. Mary Helen had many varied interests. She loved animals, travelling Europe, going to Deep Creek Lake and Ocean City, exploring the U.S., "Sunday visiting", playing softball, going to baseball games, bowling, music, dancing, reading novels, classic movies, cross word puzzles, drawing her artwork, writing many thousands of personal cards, collecting antiques, art and porcelain figurines. She received her pilot's license from Maryland Airport and enjoyed flying her own Piper Cherokee and Beechcraft Bonanza planes.

A tireless worker of boundless quiet strength and noble character, Mary was a true self-made woman. She was the CFO and co-owner of Potter Heating and Electric and Lamar Partnership since 1956 while also raising a large family. Mom always put the needs of her family first, yet was ready to help any neighbor or be a grandmother to her grandchildren in every moment. She had a 'big heart too young for breaking'. Mary Helen was a sparkling light in an all too often dark world. She will be forever missed and yet she lives eternally with her Lord and in the many loving hearts of all who knew her.

Viewing Services will be held from 10am until Noon on Thursday December 30, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 13715 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown, Maryland 20617. Mass and graveside internment will directly follow. Pallbearers are Eric Potter, Mark Potter, Aidan Potter, Nicholas Simpson, Cody Burch, Josh O'Neil, Brady O'Neil, and Alec Honnold.

Mary Helen was esteemed for her generous giving and 'paying it forward'. The family humbly requests simple acts of selfless kindness be freely given to others in the name of Mary Helen, while any financial offerings be sent to the St. Mary's Notre Dame Alumni Association, 5510 Woodridge Drive Waldorf MD. 20601

May the Peace of Christ and God's Love be with you always.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Bryantown Church Cemetery

13715 Notre Dame Place
Bryantown, MD 20617

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Helen Potter*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Helen Potter*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.*



December 29, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.*



December 28, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.*



December 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.*



December 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.*



December 28, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.*



December 27, 2021 at 10:02 PM

BM

“ Especially to all Mary Helen's family:

Mary Helen was a dear sister-in-law and my friend. She was always so very kind to me from the first time we met, through my marriage to her brother, and beyond.

I will miss her presence in my life as will the rest of my and Joe's family.

Affectionately, Barbara Montgomery

Barbara R Montgomery - December 27, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ Donnie, Joe, Valerie, Kevin and Kathleen,

Condolences on the passing of your Mom, she was a beautiful person inside and out. Her strength and faith were remarkable. Rest In Peace Aunt Mary Helen.

Darlene Card Stalcup

Darlene Stalcup - December 25, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Potter.



December 24, 2021 at 09:00 PM

PE

“ Peggy purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Mary Helen Potter*.



Peggy - December 24, 2021 at 12:56 AM

YK

“ Your Loving Son, Kevin purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of *Mary Helen Potter*.



Your Loving Son, Kevin - December 23, 2021 at 09:22 PM

FC

“ Frank & Ingrid Culhane lit a candle in memory of *Mary Helen Potter*



Frank & Ingrid Culhane - December 23, 2021 at 03:57 PM