



Stella Marjorie King MacDonal

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With profound sadness, the family of Stella Marjorie King MacDonald announces her passing of February 8, 2019 after a short, brave battle with leukemia. Stella will be lovingly remembered and cherished by her husband of 49 years, Scott, and her children, Elizabeth (Charles) and Laird (Heather). Stella will be forever remembered by her three precious grandchildren, the lights of her life, Bryce, Campbell, and Finley; by her brother Roger (Susan); and her nieces Emma (and daughter Teagan), Sarah (Ian); and countless friends. An immigrant from England, Stella raised her family in the wooded beauty of Harwood and enjoyed a meaningful career in the Anne Arundel County Public School system for over 30 years while also directing the financials for our family's small framing and art business in Annapolis. Driven by a lifelong passion for learning, she earned an Associate Degree from Anne Arundel Community College. She enjoyed reading, drawing, writing, practicing yoga, quilting, sewing, making photo albums, and playing with her grandchildren. She relished a good cup of tea. She loved music, fashion, gardening, travelling, watching British shows on PBS, doing logic puzzles and playing games. She was a caring wife, a forgiving mother, and a smiling, adoring Nanna. A private family Graveside Service in her honor will be held on February 18, 2019 at Bestgate Memorial Park. A Celebration of Life for Stella, our Bright Star, will be held on May 4, 2019. Memorial donations in memory of Stella may be made to the American Red Cross, <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>, the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation, <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/aacplfoundation>, (via Finley's neighborhood library in Severna Park), or Friends of School Within School in Washington, D.C., <https://fsws.ejoine.org/swsauction>, (Bryce and Campbell's elementary school).



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Stella Marjorie King arrived in the United States from England in 1967 as a young, bright-eyed 21-year old. She made the decision and the journey to travel across the ocean alone to work and explore life in Boston, Massachusetts. She knew no one in this country. But over the next five decades, she established roots here that will continue to grow and flourish. She is our matriarch and we are her progeny - a devoted husband, two loving children, three adoring grandchildren - all now woven into the tapestry of the American story. My mom is my hero, my life, and my inspiration. I can't imagine life without her, but I think about that confident young woman, stepping off the Queen Elizabeth 2, in her miniskirt and long, light brown hair, and I smile.



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DW

Deirdre Malone Westgate posted:

Dear Family of Stella Marjorie King MacDonald, In searching my ancestry, I discovered Stella, sadly too late to become acquainted with her, by virtue of her being named for her mother, Stella Marjorie King MacDonald. Stella Marjorie King MacDonald (mother) born in 1903 in Aden, was step-sister to my father, Martin Charles Malone, born 1906 in Cork, Eire. She was a great friend to my father when she looked after him in the early 1920's when he was a troubled teenager seeking to go to America. She hid him for a while in Southampton, then gave him enough money to get him started and an address of friends who would look after him. He finally settled in Williamsburg, Virginia in the early 1950's, and died in 1997. I myself was born in 1940, and am therefore the same generation as your dear Stella. My cousin Peter Malone, who resides in Bath, Somerset, England, has done extensive research attempting to locate information about our ancestors. It was Peter who discovered Stella's name, and who is keen, as am I, to be in touch with her American family. His own father, Leonard Malone, was named after Stella's grandfather Leonard Burrows King. If any one of you wishes to exchange emails in hopes of learning more about our shared families, both Peter and I would be very glad to engage in a correspondence. My name is Deirdre Malone Westgate, now residing in Normandy, but having grown up in Tidewater, Virginia, I have fond memories of the Chesapeake Bay: deirdre.westgate@hotmail.com. Peter Malone's email: info@petermaloneillustration.com. Sharing any photos of ancestors would be amazing. I include an email that Peter sent to Lasting Tributes, hoping it would be passed on to you: "A couple of days ago I entered the name Stella Marjorie King on Google. What came up was that same name with the addition of McDonald whose dates are 18th May 1946 to 8th February 2019. I believe that you dealt with the funeral arrangements. The Stella Marjorie King for whom I was looking was born 1903 at Aden (Yemen) to Martha Jane and Leonard Burrows King. After the death of Martha in 1907 at Poona (now Pune) L BK married my great grandmother Georgina Malone. There was no issue from this marriage but Georgina had six from her first marriage, all grown up by then. Stella married a Robert McDonald and died 2nd quarter 1946, a date that matches the birth of SMKMc (excuse my use of initials). I note from a local newspaper obituary for her that she came from England. I am therefore fairly sure that she was the granddaughter of Leonard Burrows King and daughter of Stella Marjorie King." We are very sad not to have discovered your dear Stella during her lifetime, but hope that we might make contact with you in her memory, and that of her Mum. Sincerely, Deirdre Malone Westgate Peter Malone

February 6 at 8:32 AM

CS

Carol Strigle posted:

Dear Scott and Family, I will always remember working with Stella in the Media Center at Arundel High School. Stella brightened each day with her quick wit, and we shared many a giggle together while working there. I was saddened to read of her passing today in the AARSPA Informer. Stella was truly a genuine, caring person. May she rest in peace. Carol Strigle Palm Coast, Florida

April 7 at 2:48 PM



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Christine E Curtis posted:

Stella was my joy when there was little joy in my life. I met her at the ad agency where we worked and we became quick friends. We laughed at the same things...sometimes to the point of rolling on the floor! We were young and silly. I admired her so for her independence and spunk. She seemed to have a focus to her life while I had no idea what I wanted. Although she knew nothing about American politics, she sat with me through Bobby Kennedy's funeral on "the telly." I will always remember her honesty, her devotion to family, and mostly her kindness towards everyone. Stella did not suffer fools gladly, however she was able to present her side with patience and class. I will always remember her easy hug and her infectious smile. Love you always, Stella - my star. With my forever admiration and affection, Christine Reed Curtis

March 21 at 2:10 PM



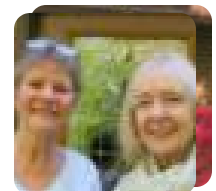
Christine Reed Curtis posted:

In the late sixties, Stella and I sat side by side watching Bobby Kennedy's funeral procession on TV. It was one of the only quiet times we had together - most of the crying we always did was from laughing so hard! Through all these years apart, every time I even hear the name "Stella" I smile outwardly at the fun times I had with her. Her laugh was contagious. A great gal in every way. I can think of no greater tribute to anyone than to say, "I wish I had been more like her." God Bless you all in your time of grief. Love, Christine Reed Curtis

February 24 at 5:12 AM



Elizabeth shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



February 16 at 9:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the MacDonald family.



February 15 at 1:50 PM



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February 14 at 11:19 AM



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Stella and Azaleas 2014



Stella and Martha 2014



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stella by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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