



Katherine "Kathy" Carpenter

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Katherine (Kathy) Landis Carpenter of Annapolis passed away peacefully at home on December 26, 2021, at the age of 77, having spent the preceding day in Parkton for a special Christmas celebration with her family. Born in Baltimore, MD on August 28, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Percy Illingworth and Katherine Hope Landis of St. Michaels and originally of Baltimore.

Kathy is survived by her beloved husband of 32 years, Richard (Dick) Lee Carpenter of Annapolis. She was preceded in death by her older brother, William Baird Landis, whom she adored, and is survived by his wife, Judith Landis of Parkton, MD, her nieces, Lori Landis of Middletown, MD and Claire Landis (Hans Leiterman) of Chicago, IL, and her step-daughter, Valerie Helsel (John) of Ridgely, MD.

Kathy attended high school in Baltimore, and graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's and a master's degree in early childhood-elementary education. After college, Kathy celebrated by taking a trip to Europe and Russia—which sparked a passion for travel that continued throughout her life and took her to many places in the U.S. and around the world.

Kathy taught at Kenilworth Elementary School in Bowie, MD for her entire career. Known as Miss Landis, she formed special bonds with hundreds of children, and loved when she would unexpectedly meet them later, and they would make a point of sharing updates on their lives. Kathy also served as an adjunct professor at Anne Arundel Community College for their daycare certification program.

Kathy loved being with people, playing mah-jongg and bridge, and planning and hosting get-togethers for family and friends. After retiring, Kathy devoted much of her time to volunteer work, supporting several organizations and serving on the boards of Friends of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra (FASO) and the South County Concert Association.



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The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Kathy's honor be sent to one of the following:

FASO

P.O. Box 1947

Annapolis, Md. 21401

South County Concert Association

P.O. Box 141

Harwood, Md 20776



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, May 14, 2022

 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401



Memorial Service


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 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM ET


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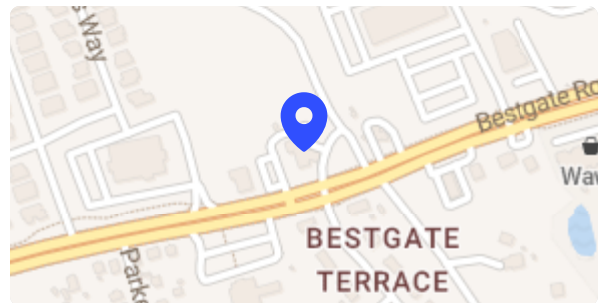


Reception

 **Saturday**, May 14, 2022

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

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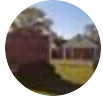




Tribute Wall

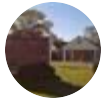
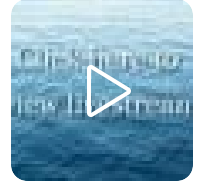
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Lasting Tributes shared a **Webcast Video**.

May 11 at 10:15 AM



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May 12 at 12:12 PM





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EM

Emily posted:

Remarks from Ginny Jones on Saturday, May 14 at Kathy's Service: Good morning! I'm Ginny Wheeler Jones. Kathy was my friend for a LONG time. We went to Western High School, an all girls public school in Baltimore together, so we've known each other since 1959—and the math says that's 62 years of friendship. One of my fondest memories from those high school days is that Kathy's parents were brave and kind enough to host an "after prom party" for some of us as we graduated in 1962. Kathy and I became better friends in later years. We worked on several Western reunions together. Several of us kept in close touch over the years. A group of 4 of us (Brenda Rahm Schwaab, Doreen Rothman Silber - neither of whom could be here in person today- Kathy and I) began gathering yearly for our own "mini reunions". With only 2 exceptions, those special gatherings continued for 27 years, including last October. In those outings, Kathy was always my roommate for our overnight adventures. Kathy was a multi-faceted friend, with many strengths:- She was a "real estate advisor"—Kathy loved Annapolis and was eager for Charlie and me to have a home in Annapolis! She knew the area well and had honest and helpful advice as we looked and chose a place. She loved our final choice—a condo at "Acton's Landing", the downtown site of the old hospital.- She was a "personal shopper"—Kathy loved going to "Estate Sales"! She often found Naval Academy items just "perfect" for us in our Annapolis home. Sometimes they were "secret" gifts she chose for one of us to give the other!- She was a "Social Director"—Kathy loved her social outings with friends in the Annapolis area. She introduced me to the "New Annapolitans" and their "Fun Lunch" group. We shared fun times at those lunches together, both of us making new friends at these events. Kathy also knew the best restaurants! The servers soon knew she loved lemons! She introduced us to "Carroll's Creek", perhaps her favorite restaurant. We met there often, including times with another Western High School friend, Pat Kehoe Tylander and husband, Ty (who are here today).-She was a "Hospitality and Celebrations Queen"—Kathy loved to entertain! She loved to cook and was great at collecting and especially sharing favorite recipes. Some of us have benefitted by getting a binder of her favorite recipes... definitely an item to treasure. As a fellow former elementary school teacher, I enjoyed that Kathy loved decorating and entertaining by various "themes". As you visited, you always knew what holiday it was! In connection with this...- Kathy was "a giver"—She loved sharing birthdays and special holidays, including providing thoughtful, GENEROUS and wonderful gifts. Like many of you, Charlie and I have many items from our birthday and holiday celebrations with her and Dick to continue to provide us with MANY fond memories of Kathy.- She was a "Care provider"—We all know that in recent years Kathy had been a loving care-giver to Dick... not always an easy task. However, Kathy has been there as a caring friend to me, and others, as we had health issues... and we are most grateful. We all miss Kathy greatly and have many fond memories of the wonderful, multiple aspects of her life. *However, the best memory of Kathy is simply as a best friend.

December 28 at 5:21 PM



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BH

Bill Van Houten posted:

Kathy was such a wonderful person! She and Dick added a much to Barbershop Convention weekends! To her family I send you my condolences! And love!

May 14 at 5:57 AM

MM

Marie And Mike Mcelroy posted:

Dearest Kathy, I miss you so. You and Dick were our Christmas buddies for over 20 years. You cared so much for our 3 children. You were so excited when our first child, Christine, was born over 3 weeks early on you birthday, August 28th! You were the greatest godmother to our second child, Theresa. You celebrated all important events with her. My youngest, Kevin , thanks you so much to caring for him while he attended the Naval Academy. You served him many meals while he recuperated on your sofa after his ankle injury. I miss our constant bridge games, our shopping trips, and our sunset boat rides both in Tampa and at your lake house in New York. What fun we had together at all family weddings. We had such a wonderful time with you and Dick at the wedding in Rome. Thanks for visiting Kathrin's parents in Germany! We love you and Dick, Mike and Marie and family.

May 10 at 2:59 PM

SE

Sally Ehrle posted:

There is much to say about Kathy, first she was a good friend to me and to many others. She sent musical on-line cards for every occasion and holiday. She loved friends to stop by and to relax with her and Dick. She loved her cats that provided comfort. She loved finding antiques and country items. She loved Christmas trees and decorating several of them in her house. She enjoyed collecting. She enjoyed trips. She enjoyed Dick's barbershop music and faithfully attended the conventions/competitions. She was a willing volunteer to music endeavors. And she greeted everyone with a big smile. I'm glad I knew Kathy Carpenter. She brightened my life.

March 22 at 3:10 PM

MD

Marilyn Doyle lit a candle in honor of Katherine.



February 14 at 10:09 PM



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AO

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Carpenter family.



January 3 at 11:26 AM

RK

Robin Kaluziensi lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

I am so saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. I had the pleasure of cooking for Kathy and her husband for 2 years. Her laughter made me smile. What a beautiful soul! She will surely be missed and her wonderful hugs!



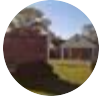
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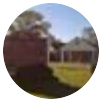
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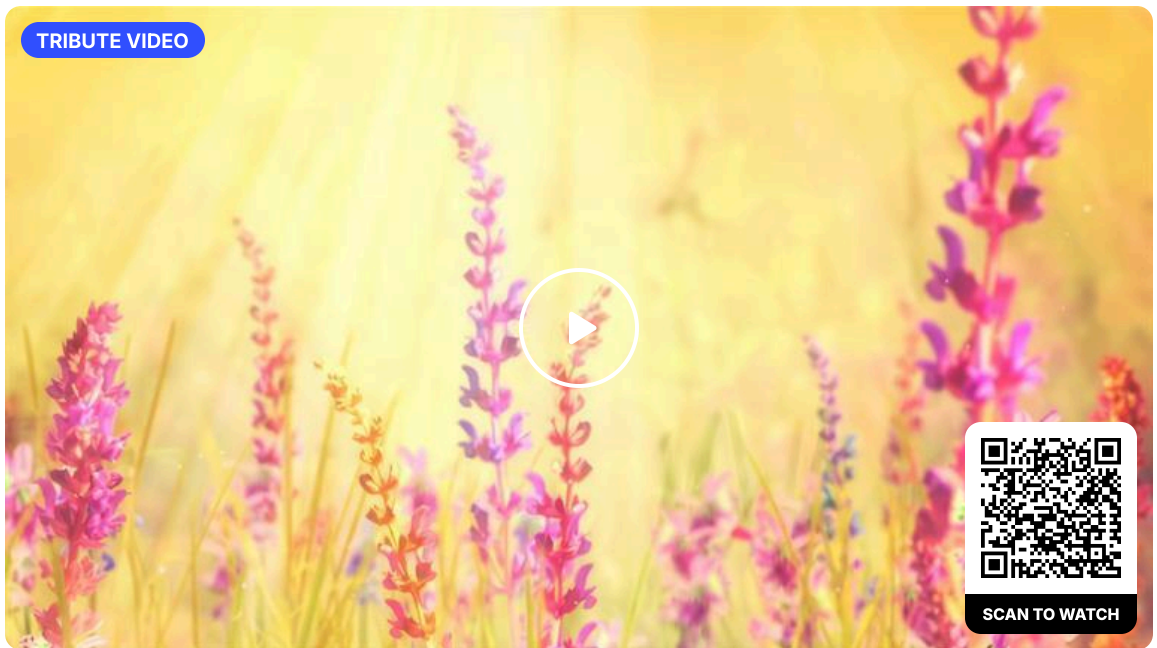
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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