



Anne M. Childress

July 27, 1939 - September 23, 2020

Anne Matthews Childress, 81, passed away on September 23, 2020 at The Pines in Easton.

She was born on July 27, 1939, in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of the late William B. Matthews, Jr. of Baltimore and Louisa Bowen Matthews, of Church Hill, Md.

In 1960, at the age of 20, Anne graduated magna cum laude from Washington College with B.A. in English. Her grades were the highest ever on record and, in recognition of her achievement, the college created the George Washington Medal, making her its first recipient. During college she received many academic awards including the Alumni Medal for highest achievement, the B. Fox Medal, the J.C. Hildebrand medal, plus a medal from the Board of Visitors & Governors for achievement.

Anne's career in journalism started at the Baltimore News American leading to her eventual role writing many of the paper's film, theatre and opera reviews and as Women's Editor. During this time she met many noted actors on her trips to Europe's film festivals. While at the paper, she met and married a rising young photographer at the Baltimore Sun, Richard Childress. Though separated by divorce they remained very close friends until his death.

After leaving the News American Anne became a well known freelance writer for many years until her retirement. She was a voracious reader, excellent writer and enjoyed her bridge club.

Anne lived most of her adult life in her beloved Dickeyville, a unique historic village in Baltimore City. She held season tickets to the Baltimore Opera Company and Everyman Theatre, and enjoyed many performances with her friend and cousin Martha Rasin.

Mrs. Childress is survived by her brother, William B. Matthews, III, of Grasonville, MD, two nieces, Lillian Rachael Belanger of Womelsdorf, PA, and Anna Louisa Nguyen of Malden, MA, a nephew, Guthrie Bowen Matthews of Centreville, MD, many great nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins.

Services are private. For condolences please sign the online guestbook, visit www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Donations in Anne's memory can be sent to Washington College in Chestertown, MD or the Dickeyville Historic Association in Baltimore.

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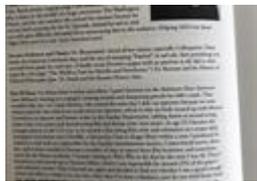


“ Bill, Rachael, Guthrie and Anna, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. I met Anne many years ago while spending time with your family and remember how impressed I was with her knowledge and story-telling. As a young aspiring Washington College English major, I appreciated the experiences she shared and held them as inspiration for what the world could be. My thoughts are with you as you mourn your loss and celebrate a life richly lived.

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