



Mrs. Constance Messick Rathell

September 4, 1927 - January 22, 2021

Constance Rathell, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on January 22, 2021 at the age of 93 in Easton, MD from complications due to COVID-19.

Constance was born on September 4, 1927 in Easton. She was the daughter of Ethel and Frank Messick, and sister to Franklin Douglas. Over the course of her life, she lived in Easton, Queen Anne, Hillsboro and Skipton. She obtained a Bachelor's from Maryland State Teachers College and a Master's from the University of Maryland, both in Education. On April 2, 1948, she married Charles R. Rathell, Jr., and they had three sons together. She worked as a teacher for 27 years, primarily in middle schools, in Talbot, Queen Anne and Caroline counties.

During her life, Constance was quite the organ player, bridge enthusiast, seamstress, and travel lover (particularly Switzerland and Hawaii). She delighted in house and garden tours, as well as antiquing with her husband. More recently, she enjoyed Zoom calls with her granddaughters, Anne and Mary, and her great-granddaughter, Robin.

A private service was held for close family members last week. In lieu of flowers, donations in Constance's name can be made to the Talbot Humane Society.

Comments



“ Phil & Lois MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Constance Messick Rathell



Phil & Lois MacDonald - February 03 at 06:29 AM



“ Mrs Rathell was one of my teachers
She was a kind, interesting and thoughtful teacher. When I saw her again years later, she
Actually remembered me and the class I had with her as a teacher , it had been over
30 years
Since I last seen her. She still had her bright smile and warm voice

Mary Wood (Carolone County School Sys) - February 02 at 05:55 PM



“ A wonderful lady. She'll be missed by so many. Prayers for the family.



Sandy Walton - February 02 at 01:36 PM



“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Constance Messick Rathell



June Clark - February 01 at 10:09 PM



“ Mrs Rathell was one of my teachers at Centreville High School she always had a smile for you.RIP

June Clark

June Clark - February 01 at 10:12 PM



“Sweeting, the name that I gave you many many years ago, Doug the first grandchild and only grandson! The times that Kelley and I spent with you made a huge impact in our lives. I’ll always remember the lunches and dinners at the table with you and Pop Pop. Seeing you every day as a teenager helped shape me into the man that I became. Who would of known that my wife would have an English degree as well. She didn’t have the “yellow book” of English rules to tell me to cite many times. I always loved when I earned a good grade on an assignment and I rushed to tell you. Seeing your eyes light up and that big smile made me feel like I just won the Nobel prize. Sitting with you in your chair made time stand still. Your three great grandchildren Huxlee (your first), Sanger and Truitt Reynolds (named after pop pops middle name) have heard countless stories about you and the times we had at the farm. Those memories will never fade away! You’d be so proud of them, all straight-A students. Huxlee is even being reviewed for the Magnet (honors) program in two different areas. I know you’d love to see her play violin. Sanger is sharp as a tack and can ring out the answers to math problems quicker than I can type them in a calculator. Truitt is our man, he reminds me a lot of myself. You’d love to have a warm hug from his loving arms.

I’ll always remember hanging out with you, sitting on the sofa with one of your afghan blankets watching Lawrence Welk! As the ending song said, “until we meet again!”
Love you forever!

-Doug

Doug Rathell - February 01 at 09:16 PM



“Many years of fond memories were made with her, Doug and Kelley. There was a very special bond between them. Her five wonderful great grandchildren will enjoy hearing stories of those memories, as they did not have the same opportunity.

Joy Marshall - February 03 at 08:05 AM



“Doug, Kelley, Huxley, Sanger, Truitt, Evelyn, and Riley be comforted in knowing you have a piece of this special lady in you. My heart breaks knowing you were unable to spend time with her at the end. Until you meet again God bless you all.

Laurie Schnaitman - February 03 at 08:34 AM



“ I got to know Connie when she taught at Easton Middle School. She was a very kind and caring person and good for her students. Connie reached out to me as a young teacher with a lot of fellowship and wisdom. I was blessed in the LORD by getting to know her. My Love in CHRIST goes out to the family. Ken Evans



Ken Evans - February 01 at 12:15 PM



“ I had Mrs. Rathell in junior high in Denton. Always remember her as an excellent teacher. My condolences to her family.



Dan Towers - February 01 at 11:26 AM