



Ann Chance Butler

September 29, 1933 - July 1, 2022

Eleanor Ann Chance Butler, 88, of Easton, passed away on Friday, July 1, 2022, at UMSMC at Easton. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Ann was born on September 29, 1933, daughter of the late Morgan and Blanche Chance of Grasonville, MD. She graduated from Stevensville High School in 1951. Ann was quite the athlete, lettering in softball, fieldball, basketball and cheerleading. Upon graduation, she was employed by C & P Telephone Company as an operator.

In 1952, she married Calvin Eugene (Gene) Butler of Centreville. They raised four children (Claudia, Mike, Bill and Mitch) while living in Chestertown, Queenstown, and Hurlock before settling down in Easton in 1958. Ann and Gene had 64 wonderful years of marriage until his passing in 2016.

While raising their children, Ann also worked at Easton Tastee Freeze and Idlewild Elementary School before settling down as the receptionist at the Talbot County Health Department in Easton. She retired from there after over 20 years of service.

She was her children's biggest and # 1 sports fan. Whether it was field hockey, football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball or lacrosse, Ann was always there, supporting her kids and their teammates while always

being positive – old school! When her children graduated from Easton High School, she cheered on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Along with being a sports fan, Ann was a very energetic hostess for her Saturday night spaghetti dinners in the wintertime and her memorable pool parties in the summertime, especially her Fourth of July get-together. She also was a member of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Mary Circle and the Altar Guild. She and her husband traveled frequently, including to Niagara Falls and the Panama Canal.

After her husband retired, he ran for the Town Council and served for four years until the sudden passing of Mayor George Murphy. With Gene being president of the Town Council, he was handed the task of being mayor, which he handled for eight years. Ann was known as "The First Lady of Easton." She supported her husband and would always attend the Maryland Municipal League Convention in Ocean City, where her goal was to meet and get to know her new friends. Speaking of friends, in her later years, she was part of the "Golden Girls," where Ann and her many friends would meet at either Joe's Bagel Bakery or Panera Bread and solve the world's problems.

Ann is preceded in death by her husband Gene Butler, who passed away December 30, 2016, as well as her sisters, Jane Chance Legg (Jinx), Shirley Chance Morris (Jim), and brother William "Bunky" Chance (Delores).

Ann is survived by: her four children, Claudia Knox (Wally) of Trappe, Mike Butler (Brenda) of Cordova, Bill Butler (Linda) of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Mitch Butler (Linda) of Easton; her grandchildren Chad, Heather, Jason, Matt, Ryan, Jennifer, Corey, Courtney, Chris, Kyle, Logan, Brian, Conner and Nate; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law (Ruth Tabler and Evelyn Berry); a brother-in-law (Dan Tabler); and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Saturday, July 9, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton, starting at 10 AM. Service will be at 11 AM with burial to follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Easton.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Dixon House, where Ann was residing since March of 2022, and the staff at St. Mark's Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Dixon House or St. Mark's Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

New Spring Hill

Aurora Street
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 07, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Ann Chance Butler*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ann Chance Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ann Chance Butler*

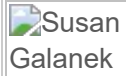
January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.*



Dennis Mitchell - July 10, 2022 at 07:12 AM



“ *Ann kept us on our toes at the health department. What a fun, spirited woman! Sending love and prayers.*

Susan Galanek - July 09, 2022 at 05:43 PM

MA

“ *Mark and I were so saddened to hear of Ann's passing. She truly was the "First Lady of Easton" and a wonderful friend and neighbor. I'm so glad we had a chance to stop in and chat with her when we were up there in September for Mark's high school reunion. Our hearts go out to all the family at this sad time of loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mark & Jeanie Aydelotte - July 08, 2022 at 04:31 PM

CP

“ *Carol Prettyman lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Carol Prettyman - July 08, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Norma Lee Todd lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Norma Lee Todd - July 07, 2022 at 09:40 PM

BH

“ Beverly S Hahn lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Beverly S Hahn - July 07, 2022 at 06:55 PM

DB

“ Debbie Bell lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Debbie Bell - July 07, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ann Chance Butler.



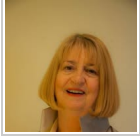
July 06, 2022 at 10:52 PM

LW

“ Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - July 06, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ With deepest sympathy to all of you. Ann was such a delight, always a twinkle in her eyes, a smile, and a funny story!! Her pride in and love of her family are legendary! May you be comforted by “ Precious Memories”, and knowing that you are in thoughts and prayers of many.
Condolences,
Anne Ryan Neary



Anne Ryan - July 06, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Lynn&John Ludwig lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Lynn&John Ludwig - July 06, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ Tim & June Van Horn lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Tim & June Van Horn - July 06, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ 87 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 06, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Tim & Laura Bishop - July 06, 2022 at 01:29 PM



Our thoughts and prayers to The family of Ms. Ann. Such a sweet and kind woman. Tim & Laura Bishop

Tim & Laura Bishop - July 06, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Caron West lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



caron West - July 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Doug Pierson - July 06, 2022 at 10:16 AM

BT

“ *Send prayers to the butler family. We were friends with Gene and Ann for many years*

betty todd - July 06, 2022 at 10:14 AM

AD

“ *Amy And Donnie Dulin lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Amy and Donnie Dulin - July 06, 2022 at 10:13 AM

BS

“ *Becky Sarni lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Becky Sarni - July 06, 2022 at 10:10 AM

NP

“ I am so sorry for the family’s loss. Keeping all of you in prayers and peaceful healing. Much love, Noelle and family



noelle filion powell - July 06, 2022 at 09:52 AM

BT

“ Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Betsy Dulin Truitt - July 06, 2022 at 09:52 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 06, 2022 at 09:10 AM

RS

“ Ruth A. Smith lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Ruth A. Smith - July 06, 2022 at 08:33 AM

EL

“ Sending hugs and prayers to the entire Butler family. Ann was a wonderful person whom everyone who knew her, loved her. We are honored to have known her, we loved her generosity, sense of humor and love of her family/friends and sports. Ann was full of life and a spitfire. Thinking of you all! The Dickson Family



Ellen - July 06, 2022 at 08:27 AM

RM

“ Rick Morris lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Rick Morris - July 06, 2022 at 08:05 AM

RM

Claudia, Mike, Bill. Mitch and the rest of the family: I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. I did not know Mrs. Butler personally. She had to be a great lady, because she has a great family. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Butler family. Mike, you are not only grieving the loss of your Mom, but also the loss of Brenda's Mom. God Bless you and your family.

Rick Morris - (Class of 1973)

Rick Morris - July 06, 2022 at 08:19 AM

TL

“ *Trudy Leager lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Trudy Leager - July 06, 2022 at 07:53 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Agnes Blades - July 06, 2022 at 07:48 AM

LM

“ *Lynn McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Lynn McGinnis - July 06, 2022 at 06:49 AM

PF

“ *As i grew up across the street from the Butler family, I knew Mrs. Butler for many years. Her tribute said she was "First Lady" of Easton for the 8 years her husband was the Mayor, but she was definitely Howard Street's first lady for many decades beyond that. It just won't seem the same without her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of her extended family.*



Phil Foster - July 06, 2022 at 02:51 AM

VD

“ Valerie Dobson lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Valerie Dobson - July 05, 2022 at 11:15 PM

RD

“ Ritchie Dulin lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Ritchie Dulin - July 05, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JC

“ So many great childhood memories because of “Miss Ann & Mr. Gene!” Sincere sympathy to the whole Butler family. We were blessed to have grown up in a town like Easton, with an “extended family” of our parents & their friends who served in Easton’s Volunteer Fire Department, AND folks like your mom (& dad) who shared their own experience with athletics to help teach a whole generation of kids how to put forth their best efforts and how to be team players. You were lucky to have grown up with such a mom. And your friends’ lives were better because of her presence in our lives. She’ll be sorely missed...and fondly remembered.



Jim Chance - July 05, 2022 at 10:01 PM

BM

“ *Bill Murdoch lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Bill Murdoch - July 05, 2022 at 09:19 PM

BM

I know everyone in the fire dept will miss you Miss Anne. I guess the comfort we have is that you have gone to join "Geno"

Bill Murdoch - July 05, 2022 at 09:25 PM

BN

“ *Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - July 05, 2022 at 09:00 PM

MW

“ *I will really miss her at the Dixon House. We would chat a little each time I visited mom and she told me - with a little pat on mom's leg - that she would keep mom straight. A wonderful lady and I know you will miss her but you have so many great memories to always cherish. Prayers to all! Marti Wright*

Marti Wright - July 05, 2022 at 08:51 PM

RK

“ Ronnie And Kevin Knopp lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Ronnie and Kevin Knopp - July 05, 2022 at 08:47 PM

DC

“ Sending much love to the Butler family! I will miss seeing Mrs. Butler on Facebook and the cute little private messages she used to send me. She always ADORED her family, and I know she is watching down on all of you! Great lady!!!

Donna Healy Clem

Donna Healy Clem - July 05, 2022 at 08:25 PM

EG

“ Elizabeth Green lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler



Elizabeth green - July 05, 2022 at 08:14 PM

WP

“ We have so many memories of good times with the Butlers. Softball games & pool parties to name a few. Our deepest sympathy to all of the family.



Wigs & Pam - July 05, 2022 at 08:13 PM

BJ

“ *Billy JJ And Jared lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Billy JJ and Jared - July 05, 2022 at 08:12 PM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Jim Ewing - July 05, 2022 at 08:00 PM

KK

“ *Kelly Knopp lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Kelly Knopp - July 05, 2022 at 04:46 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



June Clark - July 05, 2022 at 03:58 PM

CL

“ *Howard Street won't be the same. Here's to many years of great memories. Mom & Mr. Herbie will keep the neighborhood running! We will miss you terribly. Love, The Lanes (Jack, Pauline & Carolyn)* ❤️❤️



Carolyn Lane - July 05, 2022 at 03:49 PM

RG

“ F



Robyn Gannon - July 05, 2022 at 03:18 PM

RG

Sweet Lady ❤️

Robyn Gannon - July 05, 2022 at 03:20 PM

DP

A wonderful lady who loved her boys and family. Thoughts and prayers with a load of memories!!

Daniel Pletzer - July 06, 2022 at 08:55 AM

BW

“ *Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Chance Butler*



Bob & Sheila Willis - July 05, 2022 at 02:41 PM

NA

Sending our love and prayers to all of the Butlers. We have lost our wonderful friend of over 50 years. She will be dearly missed, but we will cherish all the memories we share.

NancyFitzgerald - July 06, 2022 at 10:55 AM