



## Ann Downey Dowling

December 10, 1946 - February 10, 2026

Ann Downey Dowling of Rock Hall, MD passed away on February 10, 2026. She was 79.

She was born on December 10, 1946 in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of the late Joseph Strong Downey Sr. and Rebecca Parsons Downey.

She was a graduate of Rock Hall High School with the class of 1965 and went on to study at the Baltimore Business College. On March 15, 1969, she married her husband of 56 years, Larry Dowling, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestertown.

She worked as a secretary for Hogan's Agency before becoming the manager and owner of Downey's Restaurant, in Chestertown, for over 25 years. When she wasn't working at the restaurant, Ann enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, and quilting. She also loved to cook and spend time with her grandchildren. She was active with many local causes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Downey (1983), and two grandsons, Brady Kuechler (2010) and Daniel Swartz (2016).

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children: James Dowling (Laurie), Jodi Swartz, Betsy Deckelman (Bill), Laura Barry (Jason), and Sam

Dowling (Kate); grandchildren: Molly Dowling, Kathryn Micken (Matt), Suzanne Dowling, Jake Hickman (Hailey), Sam Hickman (Kaylene), Cora, Abigail, and Grant Barry, Colby Dowling (Dana), Macie Cannan, and Ava and Presley Dowling; great-grandchildren: Brooke and Allison Fithian, Addie, Alden, and Ollie Micken, Tatum and Grady Milburn, Austin and Keagan Kuechler, Mason Dowling, Lincoln Hickman, and Rhett Hickman; great-great-grandchild, Weston Fithian; and her brother, Joseph Downey (Millie). The family would also like to send a special thank you to her in-home caregivers.

Services will be held on Sunday, February 15 at 1:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation will be held one hour prior, from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment to follow in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company at P.O. Box 577 Rock Hall, MD 21661.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

FEB 15 (ET)

Wesley Chapel Cemetery  
6179 Rock Hall Rd  
Rock Hall, MD 21661

# Tribute Wall



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



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - February 12 at 09:02 AM

GW

*Good memories of conversations at the ball games many years ago. Our thoughts & prayers to the family*

**Gloria and Gene Wiest** - February 12 at 05:26 PM

JH

“ *Jack Heinefield lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



**Jack Heinefield** - March 05 at 02:37 PM

RK

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. Ann was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by many.*



**Ruth Kerr** - February 19 at 06:32 AM

KN

“ Kerry Nagle lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Kerry Nagle - February 16 at 09:26 AM

EP

“ Elsy Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



elsye porter - February 15 at 01:05 PM

TF

“ The Ruehrmund Family lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



The Ruehrmund Family - February 15 at 09:30 AM

CR

“ Betsy and family, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and sending positive vibes

Chrissy Reino - February 15 at 08:50 AM

DM

“ Ann loved her family first, but surely loved her sewing hobby and fabric, too. Making gifts for all she knew brought her so much happiness.

We remember her as a lovely smiling, enthusiastic, and caring woman.

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**Donna Mercer** - February 14 at 11:41 AM

SV

“ Sam And Vicki lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



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**Sam and Vicki** - February 14 at 11:13 AM

SV

We have been in conversation with Ron and Robin about his sister of what a great person Ann is know ing they will really miss her//sorry for their loss Vicki and Sam

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**Sam and Vicki** - February 14 at 11:18 AM

BG

“ Buzzy And April Gagalski lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



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**Buzzy and April Gagalski** - February 14 at 09:51 AM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**John M Larrimore** - February 14 at 08:48 AM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Connie Fithian** - February 13 at 10:33 PM

DR

“ *Doris & Lou Reedt lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Doris & Lou Reedt** - February 13 at 08:39 PM

RE

“ *Ron&Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Ron&Bonnie Edwards** - February 13 at 06:00 PM

LS

“ *What a nice lady. Ann was my neighbor on Lawton Avenue years ago and although I knew her prior to being her neighbor, I always knew her to be good natured and kind. I’m sorry to hear of her passing and send my condolences to all of her family and friends.*



**Liz Smith** - February 13 at 09:08 AM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



**Joan Hatcherson** - February 13 at 09:01 AM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



**Inez Thompson** - February 12 at 09:32 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



**Debbie Dalrymple** - February 12 at 08:45 PM

BN

“ *Barbie Nolan lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Barbie Nolan** - February 12 at 06:09 PM

LH

“ *Sorry to hear May she rest in peace and God bless her*

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**Linda Hamann** - February 12 at 05:38 PM

RK

“ *What a sweet person Ann was. She has a loving family just as kind as she. Our sincere condolences to her entire family.*



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**Rita and Eddie Kulley** - February 12 at 04:45 PM

CT

“ *Carroll & Carol Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Carroll & Carol Thompson** - February 12 at 04:30 PM

GC

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - February 12 at 04:14 PM

EF

“ *Elaine Fithian lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



Elaine Fithian - February 12 at 02:50 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



Jo Ann Edwards - February 12 at 02:34 PM

RO

“ *RJ Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



RJ Kristi Osborn - February 12 at 02:10 PM

SC

“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Sharon Crew - February 12 at 12:42 PM

GW

“ Gloria And Gene Wiest sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Gloria and Gene Wiest - February 12 at 12:24 PM

PM

“ Peggy And Moe lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Peggy and Moe - February 12 at 11:22 AM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Denny and Judy Hickman - February 12 at 10:29 AM

DH

*Prayers to the family.*

**Denny and Judy Hickman** - February 12 at 10:30 AM

DG

“ *Deepest sympathy to all the family.*



**Donna Gibbons-Neff** - February 12 at 10:07 AM

MC

“ *Mary Lou Christian lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



**Mary Lou Christian** - February 12 at 09:51 AM

MC

*We are so sorry, Mom Mom Ann was a blessing to all of us. Sending our love and prayers, Mary Lou, Autumn and Brandon*

**Mary Lou Christian** - February 12 at 09:52 AM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



**Todd and Diane Smith** - February 12 at 09:28 AM

RM

“ *My sincere Condolences to Jimmy, Jodi and the entire Downey and Dowling Families. Thoughts and Prayers go out to all of you. Randy Moore*

Randy Moore - February 12 at 08:59 AM

KS

“ *Karen Stanavich lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



Karen Stanavich - February 12 at 08:45 AM

WA

“ *So sorry to hear this. Hugs and prayers to all from afar I am in Az. Such a sweet caring cousin.*

Wendy Parsons Abbott - February 12 at 08:41 AM

LB

“ *Laura Brilz lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



Laura Brilz - February 12 at 08:36 AM

ME

“ *Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Mary Ann Edwards** - February 12 at 08:21 AM

LP

“ *Leah Plato lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Leah Plato** - February 12 at 08:20 AM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Ann. Condolences to the Dowling family.*

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**Cliff Wilson** - February 12 at 08:20 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Marie Usilton** - February 12 at 04:34 AM

SB

“ Lots of wonderful memories of Mrs Ann during my childhood. Such a sweet lady. Can see her smile and hear her laugh. Family is in my thoughts and prayers. Stephanie (Rodney) Blizzard.



stephanie blizzard - February 11 at 10:17 PM

DN

“ Debbie Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Debbie Nickerson - February 11 at 10:16 PM

DR

“ Doris & Lou Reedt lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Doris & Lou Reedt - February 11 at 09:36 PM

KC

“ Karen Clark lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Karen Clark - February 11 at 09:02 PM

LW

“ *Linda Wachowiz sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Linda Wachowiz** - February 11 at 08:12 PM

DH

“ *Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Donna Hollingsworth** - February 11 at 08:04 PM

EL

“ *Eric/Donna Legg lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Eric/Donna Legg** - February 11 at 07:52 PM

LF

“ *Linda J Foote lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Linda J Foote** - February 11 at 07:42 PM

BC

“ *Ann and I worked together at Hogans Agency many years ago and we had so many laughs. She was wonderful to work with and a great friend. I will always cherish my many good memories with her. I love you Ann. Sending hugs to the whole family.*

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**Bonnie Chaires** - February 11 at 07:37 PM

BC

“ *Barry And Nancy Conner lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Barry and Nancy Conner** - February 11 at 07:13 PM

BC

*My Dear Old Friend ,I am having trouble writing this through my tears . We have been friends since childhood and oh what a wonderful childhood we had .Growing up in Rock Hall truly was the best place on earth . Climbing trees riding bicycles going swimming just trying to keep up with our brothers ,who were best friends too. What great adventures we did have just plan old good fun.You always had a big old smile on your face just so much fun to be with .We all are going to miss you.This is not goodbye but till we meet again .*

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**Barry and Nancy Conner** - February 11 at 07:41 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Mast lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Sherry Mast** - February 11 at 06:57 PM

AP

“ Amy R Priddy lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Amy R Priddy - February 11 at 06:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Downey Dowling.



February 11 at 06:32 PM

RM

“ Sending hugs and prayers to her family.  
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Robin Merchant - February 11 at 06:22 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Donna Hollett - February 11 at 06:16 PM

EH

“ Ed And Shelley Hillyer lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Ed and Shelley Hillyer - February 11 at 05:09 PM

AH

“ Anita Hayes lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Anita Hayes - February 11 at 04:38 PM

RJ

“ Robin Joiner lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



Robin Joiner - February 11 at 04:37 PM

JU

“ JuneYeager lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling



JuneYeager - February 11 at 04:28 PM

KB

“ *Kaye & Barney Barnes lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Kaye & Barney Barnes** - February 11 at 04:19 PM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Ann Downey Dowling*



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**Chris & Vivian Nordhoff** - February 11 at 03:53 PM