



Ann Hollingsworth McLain

January 12, 1920 - December 3, 2014

Ann Hollingsworth McLain, widow of Joseph H. McLain and First Lady of Washington College from 1973-1981, passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at Heron Point in Chestertown. She was 94.

Mrs. McLain was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Vickers Hollingsworth, Sr., in Church Hill in Queen Anne's County, MD, in 1920. She was educated in public schools there, before following in her brothers' footsteps and entering Washington College in 1936 at the age of sixteen.

While in college she majored in mathematics, played field hockey and basketball for four years, was recognized for being meritorious in scholarship, and served as secretary and president of the Girls' Intercollegiate Athletic Association, treasurer and vice-president of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and secretary and president of the YWCA chapter.

After her graduation in 1940, Mrs. McLain moved to Baltimore, staying at the Girls' Friendly, a downtown boarding house affiliated with the Episcopal Church. She worked at the Calvert Distillery in Relay, calculating taxes due on the whiskey to be shipped to various states.

She and her husband were married at St. Luke's Church in Church Hill in 1941. The reception was held at the Queen Anne's County farm that has been

owned by her family since 1668. The couple settled in Baltimore.

In 1946 Dr. and Mrs. McLain and their first child moved to Chestertown, where Dr. McLain joined the chemistry faculty at Washington College. Mrs. McLain raised their two daughters and was active in the community as a 4-H leader, Brownie leader, garden club member, and hospital volunteer. She was on the founding committee of the Women's League of Washington College, was a longtime alumna advisor to her sorority, served as an early board member of the Heron Point continuing retirement community, and was a member of the Colonial Dames Society. As a member of Emmanuel Church, she taught Sunday school, worked in the kitchen, and served on the flower and altar guilds.

Mrs. McLain enjoyed entertaining, playing contract and duplicate bridge, and supporting Washington College athletics, Duke basketball, and Orioles baseball. Mrs. McLain and her friend, Fredrica McDorman, organized an annual bridge party fundraiser for the American Cancer Society for several decades. Mrs. McLain was well-known as a gracious hostess, whose home was always welcoming. Dr. McLain is the only alumnus to have served as president of Washington College since its founding in 1782, and Mrs. McLain is the only alumna to have been its First Lady. In that role, she often served Eastern Shore specialties, such as wild goose, beaten biscuits, and her homemade chicken salad and crab salad.

Every summer her grandchildren and great-grandchildren made extended visits, learning to swim, fish, ride bicycles, play cribbage, and pick hard crabs at her waterfront home. She moved to Heron Point in 2011.

Mrs. McLain is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth McLain Fitzhugh of West Berlin, VT, and Lynn McLain of Chestertown; four grandchildren, Ann Deppman and Jed Deppman of Oberlin, OH, Benjamin Deppman of

Middlebury, VT, and Jeb Cook of Baltimore, MD; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and her two brothers.

Interment will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at Church Hill Cemetery. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on the same day at Emmanuel Church, 110 North Cross St, Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the McLain-Hollingsworth Scholarship Fund, Washington College, 300 Washington Ave, Chestertown, MD 21620; Emmanuel Church, PO Box 875, Chestertown, MD 21620; or Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Helen Noble, the nursing staff of Heron Point, and Compass Regional Hospice for their loving and considerate care.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 9. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church Hill Cemetery
Cemetery Road
Church Hill, MD

Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N. Cross St.
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Hollingsworth McLain*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ann Hollingsworth McLain*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ann Hollingsworth McLain*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the family of Ann McLain, We have many fond memories of Dear Ann coming to the market and buying pies, etc. even after she needed a walking cane and driver. She always bought lots of goodies when her family came to see her. We felt a special bond with her, and have missed her since she is unable to come to the market. We wish to express our condolences to her family. You have had a precious mother and grandmother.
With love from Mervin and Sue Lapp of The Lapp Family Bakery*

Mervin Lapp - December 12, 2014 at 03:59 PM



“ *Don R. Moore lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain*



Don R. Moore - December 11, 2014 at 12:55 PM

PC

“ *Ann was a wonderful bridge player and it was always a pleasure to be in her company. She will be greatly missed by friends and family.*
Pat Clarke

Pat Clarke - December 09, 2014 at 07:13 PM

DW

“ *An icon of Chestertown, she was always so kind and considerate. We will miss her.*

Basil and Diane Wadkovsky

Diane Wadkovsky - December 09, 2014 at 10:54 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - December 08, 2014 at 04:01 PM

MJ

“ *Such a wonderful woman who was a superb First Lady of Washington College, a devoted wife and mother and friend to all. She was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to Lynn and all the family.*

Margaret Goldstein Janney



margaret janney - December 07, 2014 at 06:09 PM

WM

“ *Wes And Mary Adda Moore lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain*



Wes and Mary Adda Moore - December 07, 2014 at 09:43 AM

RB

“ *Lynn & Family, So sorry for your loss of Ms Ann. She was a great lady as I feel very fortunate to have know her and your dad most of my life. She will surely be missed by us all. Rich Bramble*

Rich Bramble - December 07, 2014 at 12:21 AM

LM

“ *Lee And Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain*



Lee and Susan McGinnis - December 06, 2014 at 07:20 PM

JA

“ *Judy Goodman Adkins lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain*



Judy Goodman Adkins - December 06, 2014 at 06:58 AM

CC

“ I am truly sorry for your family's loss. Please take comfort in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and to "wipe away the tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8)

christie c - December 05, 2014 at 08:15 AM

SM

“ Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain



Susan Martinez - December 05, 2014 at 08:04 AM

JN

“ Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain



Joyce Nicholson - December 05, 2014 at 07:58 AM

LC

“ Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain



Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - December 05, 2014 at 06:32 AM

LC

I was so blessed to have met Mrs. McLain when I worked in the Queen Anne's County Commissioner's Office. She surely was a gracious lady and always had a smile. She lived a wonderful life and the memories you have, will always remain in your hearts. Wishing you and your family strength and peace during this difficult time. Mrs. McLain, you will not be forgotten in my heart. Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - December 05, 2014 at 06:35 AM

LF

I remember when her husband was the president of the college. He was also my chemistry professor when I was in college.

Linda Fenwick - December 06, 2014 at 10:45 AM

JA

My heart-felt condolences, Lynn, on this loss. You and your family are, and will remain, in my thoughts.

Jim Archibald

Jim Archibald - December 06, 2014 at 12:43 PM

MB

My heartfelt condolences to the McLain Family. Mrs McLain was a Kent County, Washington College and Maryland institution. I was lucky enough to have known her and her husband Dr Joseph H. McLain, former President of Washington College when I grew up in Chestertown. My Mom loved them both. I just admired them. Best to you Lynn.

Marshall Barroll

Marshall Barroll - December 09, 2014 at 06:55 PM

JB

“ *Ann so sorry to hear about your Mother.
Sending prayers*



Joyce Benton - December 04, 2014 at 08:23 PM

NJ

“ Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain



Nancy Lee Jewell - December 04, 2014 at 11:56 AM

MR

“ Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - December 04, 2014 at 08:50 AM

LC

“ Lydia Conroy lit a candle in memory of Ann Hollingsworth McLain



Lydia Conroy - December 04, 2014 at 07:51 AM

LC

To the Family ~ My deepest sympathies for your loss. Hold on to all your lovely memories, they will get you through this difficult time. Ann will hold a special place in my heart, she was always so gracious and kind to me. She will be missed. Fondly, Lydia

Lydia Conroy - December 04, 2014 at 07:57 AM