



Barbara Anne Creegan

April 16, 1941 - April 5, 2026

Barbara A. Creegan, 84, of Chestertown, MD, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2026, surrounded by family. She was born on April 16, 1941, in White Plains, NY. She was the second child of the late Mary Agnes Prendergast Markert and Franz Joseph Markert.

From her early years, she developed not only a deep devotion to her faith, but a remarkable aptitude in the field of science. She attended The Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, in White Plains NY, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Good Counsel College in White Plains, NY in 1962, and a Master of Science Degree from Fordham University in 1967.

While attending Fordham for her master's degree, she met her future husband Frank, who later recalled to his family that when he saw her, it was love at first sight. In 1966, Frank and Barbara were married and settled in Chestertown. Not long after, they become parents as they welcomed their two sons, within two years, Frank Jr, and Tom, into the world.

After Frank Jr. and Tom were born, Barbara began a career as a Chemist at LaMotte Chemical, while Frank Sr. taught Organic Chemistry, as professor at Washington College. Later, Barbara also joined the staff of the WC Department of Chemistry, as Laboratory Lecturer, and Safety Coordinator.

If you asked nearly anyone in Chestertown if they knew Barbara Creegan, they would most likely smile wide and say yes. She was a kind staple of the community, who made friends wherever she ventured. She maintained deep friendships with friends whom she kept in close contact with, since both High School and College, throughout the years.

In Chestertown, she was a true connector of people. One could even call her a one woman “welcome wagon”. Whenever a new professor with or without family began a career at the college, she would invite them for dinner, or of course, one of the famous Creegan Thanksgivings. That same generosity was extended to students who were not able to fly home for the holidays, or whom the Creegans hosted during their time in the United States. Barbara was a great lover of the arts, and she and Frank attended innumerable concerts and art shows, with a sincere dedication to supporting artists.

Barbara remained active throughout her life with Sacred Heart Church, where over the course of over many decades she served in a host of lay ministries. In recent years, she started a phone tree through Sacred Heart, that reached out to the elderly housebound living alone.

Barbara and Frank were avid travelers, and throughout retirement, they traveled extensively, first to Russia, then Egypt, then Turkey, Hungary, Austria, Ireland, France, England, Spain, and Portugal. Wherever they visited, they made fast friends, and wonderful memories.

Along with her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her brother Thomas J. Markert. She is survived by her children Frank Creegan of Easton, MD and Thomas Creegan of Baltimore , MD and his spouse Felicia Shakman; her sister-in-law Joan Markert of North Kingston, RI, nieces Laura Caswell of Holden MA, Carol Post (Joseph) of Clearwater Beach, FL, nephews Joseph Markert of Raliegh, NC, Paul Creegan (Suzanne) and Joseph Creegan of

Lowell, MA, nieces Leann Weibel (David), Coleen Thurber (Craig), and Stacey Martins all of Colorado; as well as eight grandnephews, many cousins and their children.

The family will receive friends and relatives on Friday evening, April 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD 21620. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 to be followed by a Reception in Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hall, 101 North Cross Street, Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers The Creegan Family ask that anyone who is able to give, to please make a donation to The Compass Regional Hospice Barnett Center, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 or to the Frank and Barbara Creegan Foundation, c/o Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery following the reception on Saturday April 25, 2026.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
508 High St
Chestertown, MD 21620-1314
(410) 778-3160

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Anne Creegan*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 20 at 08:03 AM

LM

“ *Both Washington College ad the whole Chestertown community received a huge gift when Barbara and Frank moved here from Delaware for Frank to teach organic chemistry! They both exemplified deep kindness and generosity, with wonderful humor, and are already much missed.*

Lynn Mclain - April 25 at 09:21 AM

CB

“ *Barbara was a very nice person. I remember singing alto beside her in the 100 voice choir. My condolences and prayers for the family.*



Cheryl Butler - April 24 at 10:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Anne Creegan.



April 24 at 07:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Anne Creegan.

April 24 at 07:09 AM



“ Marcy D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Anne Creegan.

Marcy D. - April 22 at 02:05 PM



“ Dianne Hill lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anne Creegan



Dianne Hill - April 21 at 07:57 PM

FC

“ 4 files added to the album Mom



Frank Cregan - April 21 at 05:01 PM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anne Cregan*



Marian Wyble - April 21 at 09:26 AM

KJ

“ *Frank and Tommy: I'm so sorry for your lost.*



Ken Myers Jr - April 21 at 12:23 AM

CJ

“ I will miss the sparkle in her eye. Chestertown and Washington College were lucky to have Frank and Barbara as a positive advocates for Washington College and Chestertown. Rest in peace’ Blessings and hugs! Action (aka Craig Jackson)

Craig Jackson - April 19 at 09:52 AM

NK

“ Nori Kohwi and Terumi Kohwi-Shigematsu purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Anne Creegan.



Nori Kohwi and Terumi Kohwi-Shigematsu - April 16 at 05:37 PM

NK

“ Nori Kohwi and Terumi Kohwi-Shigematsu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Anne Creegan.

Nori Kohwi and Terumi Kohwi-Shigematsu - April 16 at 05:37 PM

MF

“ Condolences from our family to yours. From my childhood years in the WC and CTown community, I remember her as a kind and smart woman with a mischievous twinkle in her eye (in the best way). She and your dad will be missed.

Mike Fallaw - April 16 at 01:31 AM

RO

“ I had both at some point or another in my WC career, and this obituary paints a wonderful picture of their contributions to school and Chestertown community ❤️

Robin - April 15 at 09:18 PM

JS

“ Barbara made us feel so welcome when we first moved to Chestertown. I will be forever grateful for her warmth, her hospitality, her humor, and her knowledge of all the many practicalities of making a home in Chestertown and at the college. May you rest in eternal peace, Barbara.

Janet Sorrentino - April 14 at 11:35 AM

TB

“ Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anne Creegan



Thelma Bright - April 11 at 05:37 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anne Creegan



nancy toy - April 09 at 03:44 PM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anne Creegan*



Eastern Shore Dental Care - April 09 at 08:30 AM

MM

“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anne Creegan*



mark mumford - April 08 at 06:47 PM

MM

The Mumford family has many wonderful memories of Barbara and the entire Creegan family from the many years at Washington College as well as all our Sacred Heart church gatherings. Sending much love and our heartfelt condolences to Frank and Tom and the family.

mark mumford - April 08 at 06:52 PM

LM

The McLain family, too, has many wonderful memories of Frank and Barbara, and Frank and Tommy, from their first days in Chestertown, when they came to give Washington College a "trial run"! This loss is deeply felt by us, all of the College community, and the town.. Deepest sympathy on the passing of this amazing and wonderful woman!

Lynn McLain - April 10 at 12:57 PM