



## Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher

April 14, 1930 - August 30, 2015

Bertie Kircher passed away on August 30, 2015, in the company of her family and the aid of Compass Regional Hospice.

She was born on Mill Street in Chestertown on April 14, 1930, the daughter of Paul N. Adams and Rachel Maxwell Adams. Bertie knew at a young age that she wanted to be a nurse. She spent mornings before school as well as afternoons and weekends working as a nurses' aid at Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. In order to meet the age requirement for nursing school, she took one year of classes at Washington College then entered the nursing program at Union Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore.

William "Barkley" Kircher was in between Navy enlistments and working at the Acme in Chestertown when they first began dating. After seeking special permission from the disapproving Dean of Students of the nursing school, she and Barkley were married on July 3, 1948, while he was stationed in Virginia. Upon graduation from Union Memorial in 1951, she became an RN at Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. Her employment with the hospital spanned a total of 40 plus years but was interrupted periodically due to her husband's military career. She served one year in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where she was an RN at the US Naval Hospital and two tours of duty in Yokohama, Japan.

Bertie continued her education at Wesley College, graduating cum laude in

1988 with a BSN from their school of nursing. She was a member of Alpha Chi Society and the United States Achievement Academy conferred on her the honor of Scholastic All American. Obstetrics was her specialty, and she aided in the birth of more babies in Kent County than could be counted. She was elected chapter coordinator of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses in 1992. In 1995 she retired from the then Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, but she maintained her NCC Inpatient Obstetric Nurse Certification in 1989 and continued relief duty at the hospital through 2000.

She was a life member of Christ United Methodist Church and past vice president of the United Methodist Women in 2004. She was an active participant in church support activities and adult bible study. She also enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, finding internet jokes, and going to lunch with friends and former colleagues.

Mrs. Kircher is predeceased by her husband, Barkley, and siblings, Erma Leonard, Ruth Stewart, Helen Adams and her brother Paul S. Adams. She is survived by her two children, William "Buddy" Kircher (Mary Beth) of White Hall and Paula Greer (Randy) of Grasonville. Her greatest joys were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Douglas Dunn, Stephen Rose (Sarah) with son Caleb and baby Hannah on the way, Amanda Legg (Kevin) with daughter Briana, Jennifer Wisnom (Peter) with sons Mason and Owen, and Daniel Kircher.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, from 6 p.m - 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road in Chestertown. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Chestertown. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers to honor Bertie, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Kent and Queen Anne Rescue Squad or to Christ United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church  
401 High Street  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - September 01, 2015 at 07:47 AM



*Many beautiful memories of family and friends who shared many great times with our mom bertie*

**Paula Greer** - September 01, 2015 at 08:12 AM

MI

*Absolutely beautiful photos are a reflection of Bertie's life. I will miss her lovely smile and gentle spirit. Knowing you are with your Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**Michele/Daryl** - September 01, 2015 at 10:11 AM

MS

*Wonderful video.*

**mary simmons** - September 01, 2015 at 12:21 PM

DG

*Bertie was a great nurse and a lovely person. I met her first when she was there for the delivery of my two children and later through work when I was working for Dr. Morgan. She will be missed by many.*

**Donna Gibbons-Neff** - September 01, 2015 at 03:49 PM

PE

*What a beautiful video, keep all the memories in your heart where they will stay forever. Please know Paula and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you during this very difficult time. What a lady. Ms. Bertie heaven has gain one special angel. There were a lot of little ones there waiting for that special nurse to take care of them. Thank you for being the wonderful person you were. You will be so missed by many. Peggy States Edwards*

**Peggy States Edwards** - September 01, 2015 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

TF

“ *not any one memory lots of them.buddy was my best freind as kids .we had a lot of good times and miss bertie had all the answers,great next door neighbors on pine street!*

**tim fowler** - September 18, 2015 at 07:35 PM

RK

“ Miss Bertie was such a sweet, gentle lady. She was kind to everyone she knew. She taught me so much about OB. There will never be any one else like her. I am grateful to her for all she did for me, and all of the nurses who had the honor to work for Miss Bertie on OB. She always had time to explain to us what we needed to do. Even when times were tense, Miss Bertie would come up with a good joke to relieve the tension. she had a unique way to make us all feel important. I loved you very much Miss Bertie and I will miss you very much. Rita C. Kulley.

Rita C. Kulley - September 01, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.



September 01, 2015 at 03:42 PM

MR

“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



Maryann Ruehrmund - September 01, 2015 at 03:14 PM

JH

“ I've known "Aunt" Bertie since I first came into this world - literally - she was probably there in the room. She was my Mom's best friend and coworker for many, many years at Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. Aunt Bertie never forgot a birthday, Christmas or other special occasion. She always sent a card. Always. Not just for me, but for my kids as well. I know that she did the same for my brother and his children. With all of her own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, I'm sure that she had quite the stash of cards! She was always there at birthday parties, weddings, graduations, etc. She was part of our family and she will be greatly missed.

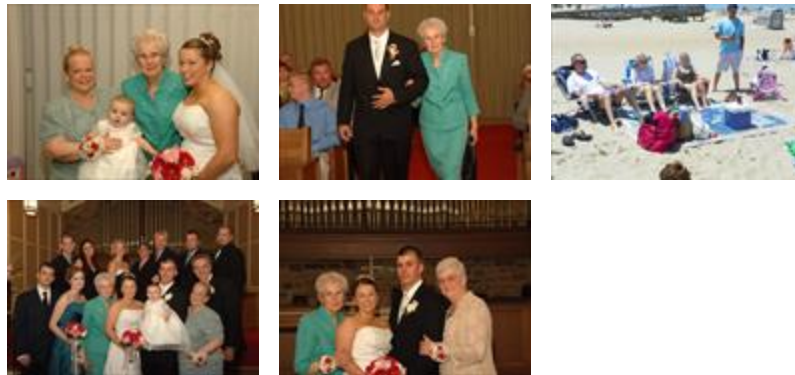


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**Jamie Howeth** - September 01, 2015 at 10:06 AM

MA

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**mandy** - September 01, 2015 at 09:56 AM

EK

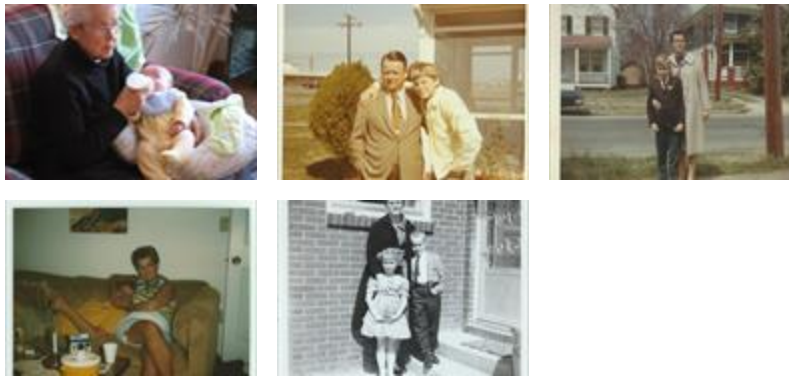
“ Aunt Bertie was always a great nurse! She was an aide when I was born, and I still have the picture of her holding me. When my youngest child, Michael , was born she was there and we joked that she would probably have to deliver the baby, because the doctor almost didn't get there in time. Although we lived miles apart for many years I would sometimes call her, just to say HI!



Erma Kralle - September 01, 2015 at 09:12 AM

Mary Beth Kircher

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Beth Kircher - September 01, 2015 at 07:42 AM

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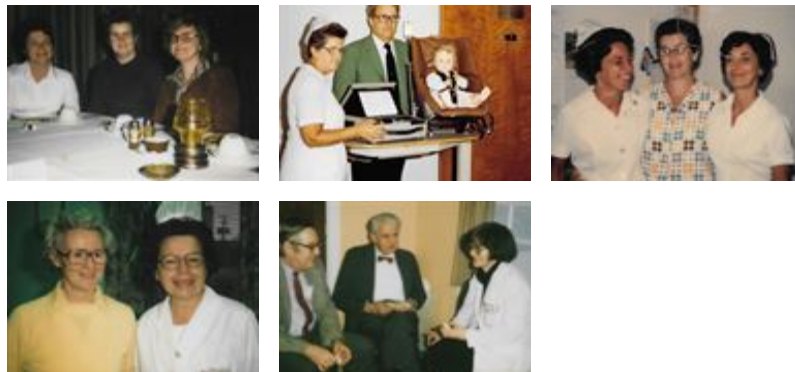
“ David Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



David Thompson - September 01, 2015 at 07:29 AM



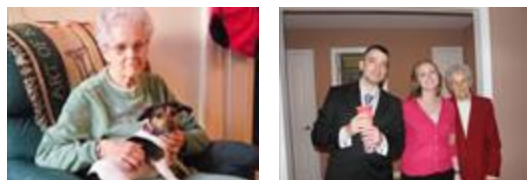
“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 01, 2015 at 07:19 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Paula Greer - September 01, 2015 at 06:20 AM

DB

“ Diane Calloway Baxter lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



Diane Calloway Baxter - August 31, 2015 at 09:07 PM

SM

“ Paula and Buddy, so sorry for your loss, she was a special lady. I am so sorry I can't be with you but I am having surgery on Wednesday and have to prep for the surgery all day Tuesday. Please know my thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family's.



Sandy McClary - August 31, 2015 at 08:48 PM

LA

“ Miss Bertie was a wonderful role model and mentor for so many nurses! I know she will forever have a special place in my heart. So thankful to have known and worked with her!!!



Lisa Adkins - August 31, 2015 at 06:48 PM

JB

“ Sure gonna miss my long time neighbor and church member....she was one of a kind and the family should be so proud to call her their Mother!!!



Joyce Benton - August 31, 2015 at 06:48 PM

LP

“ Love Suzie and Peter purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.



Love Suzie and Peter - August 31, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ *What a wonderful and kind soul she was. She was with me during the birth of both of my children. She was also such a support and mentor during the early years of my nursing career. Couldn't think of a better role model.*

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**Constance Smith** - August 31, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**ginger wheat** - August 31, 2015 at 05:16 PM



“ *Suzie And Peter Marone lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**Suzie and Peter Marone** - August 31, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ *Mary Ann Blakeney Abeska lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**Mary Ann Blakeney Abeska** - August 31, 2015 at 04:55 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*

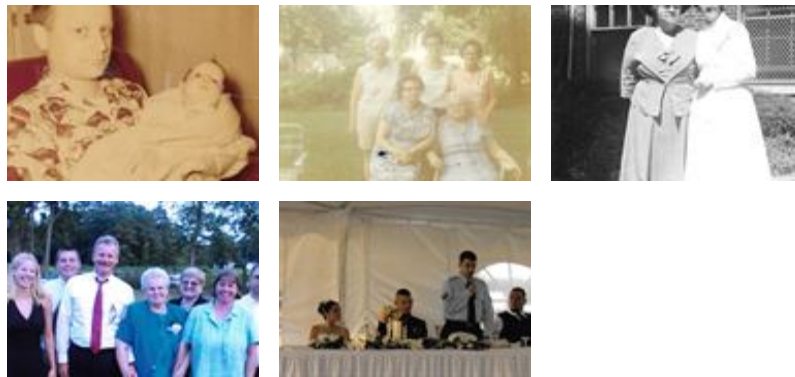


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**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - August 31, 2015 at 04:10 PM



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 31, 2015 at 03:28 PM

RR

“ *Rob and Sally Rollins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.*



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**Rob and Sally Rollins** - August 31, 2015 at 03:17 PM

JB

“ *Julie Boone lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**Julie Boone** - August 31, 2015 at 02:51 PM

SG

“ *Sharon And Lenny Galasso lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**Sharon and Lenny Galasso** - August 31, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.*



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August 31, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.*



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August 31, 2015 at 12:32 PM

DL

“ Thank you for instilling your family values of hard work, sensitivity and kindness, and smarts to your grandson Doug "Jack" Dunn. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and our great Servicemembers are fortunate to work with such humanitarian, You left a great legacy behind. Thank You, Our prayers are with Doug and the entire family.

DLA - August 31, 2015 at 12:16 PM

FH

“ From your freinds and team members of B.W. Womens Health purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.



From your freinds and team members of B.W. Womens Health - August 31, 2015 at 11:57 AM

AC

“ Andy And Brittanie Collier lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



Andy and Brittanie Collier - August 31, 2015 at 11:15 AM

WF

“ With love from the Simmons Family- Your extended family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher.



With love from the Simmons Family- Your extended family - August 31, 2015 at 11:05 AM

PS

“ Bertie was with me during the birth of my first child, Christopher. She became a life long friend and I will miss her friendly greetings. She was a lovely, lovely lady who will be missed by the community.

Pat Vickers Smith - August 31, 2015 at 10:06 AM

PS

“ Pat Vickers Smith lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



Pat Vickers Smith - August 31, 2015 at 10:04 AM

NW

“ Nita Wiczoreck lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



Nita Wiczoreck - August 31, 2015 at 09:55 AM

MS

“ Mary Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher



Mary Simmons - August 31, 2015 at 09:25 AM

RK

“ *Robin Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**Robin Kincaid** - August 31, 2015 at 08:25 AM

SR

“ *Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bertie" Jean Kircher*



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**Sandra Rust** - August 31, 2015 at 08:18 AM