



## Carol Kilbourn

December 24, 1927 - July 7, 2016

Carol Shmidheiser Kilbourn of Long Point, Neavitt, passed away at home on July 7, 2016. She was 88.

She was predeceased by her husband, G. Rex Kilbourn in 2008 after 58 years of marriage.

Born in Philadelphia in 1927, to Edward and Martha Shmidheiser, she is survived by four children: Dana Kilbourn Fairbank and husband, Charles, of Neavitt, Edward Payne Kilbourn and wife, Valorie, of Easton, Barry Kilbourn Salisbury and husband, Tod, of Middletown, MD; and Martha Kilbourn Surgent and husband Robert, of Bay Village, OH. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was a graduate of The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA, earned a Bachelor's degree from Vassar College and a Masters in Education from Villanova University. She taught elementary school at Shipley in the 1970's, and later served on the school's board. She continued teaching as a substitute in the St. Michaels schools in the late 1980's.

Carol had a life-long passion for teaching and volunteering. She was a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia and tutored reading at Martha Washington Elementary in Philadelphia. After she and Rex purchased Long

Point in 1966, she brought that passion to the Eastern Shore. In 1967, she helped establish the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum volunteer program, and later the Academy for Lifelong Learning. She maintained her volunteer commitment to the museum until one month before her death. She volunteered at Talbot Hospice for 34 years and was an active member of Christ Church, St. Michaels, where she was a docent and helped with the food bank.

Carol's other passion was knitting and was a founding member of the local Knit-Witches group. Her memory will live on in countless sweaters, socks, and blankets that are treasured by family and friends.

Carol thrived on being busy and useful, including rowing out daily to empty her crab pot and canning fruit and vegetables from her garden.

She had many friends on the Eastern Shore and delighted in maintaining close relationships with them all. A memorial service will be held on July 30, 2016, at 1:00 pm at Christ Church, St. Michaels, followed by a reception at Etherton Hall. Inurnment will take place at the United States Naval Academy, where she will rest alongside her husband, Rex.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Talbot Hospice or the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Kilbourn*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Carol Kilbourn*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Carol Kilbourn*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sharon Clayton*

*Mom I love you and I will miss you. You always had a beautiful smile on your face anytime I saw you. Going to miss seeing you walking up the driveway with Ming. A beautiful Angel amongst the cloud watching over us. I love you with all heart. Thanks for being a great second Mom.*

**Sharon Clayton** - July 28, 2016 at 07:29 AM

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“ Carol taught me to knit, in a class she taught in 2004, at The Academy for Lifelong Learning, at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. In the brochure, it was called “Knitting for Men.” As I recall, about 8 or 10 women showed up for the class, and no men. A dozen years later, many of us are still friends, and still knitting together on occasion. Carol loved to knit—she knit during countless hours of sitting bedside as a Hospice volunteer, and most notably in my mind, she knit in the dark at movie theatres. She could knit fine socks without a pattern and she knit complicated fisherman’s cable sweaters for many of her family members. And if I messed up my stitches, she could back them out in the blink of an eye. In the last few years, I asked if anyone would save their newspaper bags for me, to use at Talbot Humane when I walked dogs. Of course, Carol not only saved the bags, but dropped them off at my house on her way to one volunteering stint or another. I would be busy at home and find a bag of these bags in my driveway where she had flung them out her car window. If I was at my desk and happened to see her zooming into the driveway, I would run out to say hi, but she was already careening down River Road in a cloud of dust, on her way to help someone else. That was Carol, and I will miss her.



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**Amanda Erickson** - July 12, 2016 at 02:03 PM

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*My fondest memory of Carol was when she took the time to visit my husband and me to tell us about Hospice and their end of life program. She consoled and encouraged us at a very difficult time. Carol was truly a great lady!*  
*Arlene Zachmann*

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**Arlene Zachmann** - July 13, 2016 at 09:58 AM

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*Carol was a new friend for me. I met her at the Neavitt Book Club and was impressed by her energy, intellect and wit. She led the kind of active, purposeful life that I admire. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Mary Hunt-Miller** - July 15, 2016 at 08:15 PM