



## Carolyn Hope Ferguson Gorsuch

March 5, 1965 - March 5, 2010

Hope Ferguson Gorsuch, a lawyer, a writer, and community volunteer, died suddenly at her home, on March 5, 2010, she was 45 years old.

Hope was the daughter of David H. Ferguson and Patricia Frawley Gates of Chestertown and the wife of Donald Gorsuch of Fairlee. In addition to her parents and husband, she leaves behind two sisters, Heather Oakleaf Ferguson and Holly Ferguson Rhodes; two nieces, Molly M. Rhodes and Katherine C. Rhodes; her stepfather, M. Douglass Gates; a mother-in-law, Grace Gorsuch of Fairlee; and dear friends Betty Burris and Chantelle Thomas. She was predeceased by her stepmother, Hila C. Ferguson, and her loving nanny, Mamie Stewart.

Born in Chestertown on March 5, 1965, Hope was a graduate of Kent School, Inc. and Kent County High School. In 1987, she received a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Tampa and later earned a law degree from the University of Baltimore. She was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1990 and to the District of Columbia Bar in 1998. Hope was a clerk for the Kent County Circuit Court and practiced law in Easton, Ocean City, and Baltimore. Since returning to Chestertown, Hope has been a devoted companion for her sister, Heather, and her beloved black Labrador, Thunder. She enjoyed writing short stories and poetry.

Hope was a passionate animal lover who would have wanted friends to adopt a pet and to make donations in lieu of flowers to the Humane Society of Kent County, where she frequently volunteered. Hope also volunteered at the Chester River Hospital Center.

A memorial funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Hope Ferguson Gorsuch

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Carolyn Hope Ferguson Gorsuch

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Carolyn Hope Ferguson Gorsuch

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I am so soory to hear of the loos of Hope, I have many fond memories of Hope coming to the hotel where i worked at the time and where I first meet her, and since seeing her come in the bank. she always had a smile and a great story, she was so excided when I told her of my up coming vacation to FL. and couldn't wait to tell her all about it. I was away when I heard and am still in shock. Bless all that loved her. My heart is filled with sorrow for you.##imported-begin##Dawn ##imported-end##

March 15, 2010 at 03:54 PM



“ I'm terribly sorry for your loss and dearly enjoyed my relationship with Hope over the last 10 years although we lost touch after she married. Bright, funny, spirited, free-thinker....that was our Hope!!! Blessings to your family and Godspeed Hopie!##imported-begin##Valerie Williams##imported-end##

March 14, 2010 at 11:16 AM



“ When I think of "Hopie" several words or qualities come to mind - adventuresome, caring, free-spirit, hilariously funny and unselfish. I will always remember the joy that growing up with Hope and Heather brought to me as a young child and how that bond was uneasily broke. Frequent strolls to Stam's for a refreshing treat (I think we wore a path in the pavement), numerous trips to Paul & Edith's candystore, spontaneous-driven luncheons at Ye Olde Coffee Shoppe, feeding the ducks on the waterfront, Sunday fun bicycling and roller-skating on Lawyer's Row, Hopie's relentless prompts to urge others to kiss "Tabby the Cat" or to "love on" Babe & Thunder", and her unconditional love for "Mamie", my grandmother are all memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. "Hopie" will be deeply missed, but, her spirit will forever live in the hearts and minds of those whose lives' she has touched. Carolyn Hope Ferguson Gorsuch, "Gone too soon!" Thank you God for placing her in my life!!!”

Chantelle Thomas

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March 11, 2010 at 11:57 AM



“ I wanted to let the Ferguson family know that they are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow. I can still picture Hope as that little girl calling for Mamie.Hope was a humanitarian and a champion to many causes. She will be missed.”

Pat (Black) James

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March 11, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Our families have been close ever since your arrival in Chestertown.”

Bill McGinnes

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March 10, 2010 at 01:01 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Hope and the loss to your family. I am Allan Gorsuch's daughter, Lori. I know my Dad will be very saddened to hear of your loss also. I will be keeping you all in my prayers. God bless.##imported-begin##Lori Gorsuch Frisbie##imported-end##

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March 10, 2010 at 12:29 PM



“ Dave, Holly, and family:  
I am so very sorry for your loss. I would often speak to Hope when I saw her at "Play It Again Sam's". I will certainly miss seeing her. Joan##imported-begin##Joan Browne##imported-end##

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March 10, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ I always remember hope from High School.. She was a good person...Sorry for your lost.##imported-begin##Art "Merch" Warren##imported-end##

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March 10, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ We are so deeply sorry to hear of Hope's passing. Our memories of Hope in Kent School, High School as well as in these most recent years make us smile. Please accept our most sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Todd & Diane Smith##imported-end##

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March 10, 2010 at 08:51 AM



“ I would like to express my condolences to the family in the loss of their loved one. May the fond memories shared with her be of comfort during this time of grief and pain. John 5:28,29##imported-begin##Delores Allen##imported-end##

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March 10, 2010 at 08:05 AM