



## Catharine "Kitty" Harris

September 8, 1912 - January 29, 2016

Catharine Wroth Hepbron Harris passed from this life into her next on Friday, January 29, 2016. She was 103. "Mrs. Kitty" was born on September 8, 1912, to William Jackson Hepbron and Grace Ringgold Price Hepbron in Still Pond, MD. She spent her entire life in Kent County. She was a 1929 graduate of Chestertown High School and attended Washington College Class of 1933, where she was a member of Sigma Tau Delta sorority.

She married Carson West Harris on April 13, 1935, and at the time of his death in 1977, had been married for 41 years. Carson was farm manager for several farms in the area including Orchard Point Farm and later Cacaway Farm. It was through farming that they befriended the Walbert family and shared in the joy of their children JoAnne Beatrice Walbert Bigelow and Owen Eugene Walbert.

Catharine joined the Old Kent Chapter DAR on May 2, 1942, making her a 72-year member. She had a passion for genealogy and was known for her acute memory of Kent families and their history. She began work outside of their home in 1962 at LaMotte Chemical shortly after the company opened a plant in Chestertown. She worked in the printing department and retired after 25 years of service. She continued to attend social events such as the annual summer picnic and Christmas party up to 2015.

Catharine enjoyed handwork such as sewing, quilting, and knitting. She donated over 500 knitted hats for the newborns to Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital obstetrics department. She spent summers at Court House Point in Cecil County where she was able to tend her flower gardens. She attended the monthly flea market at the Singerly Fire House and kept an eye out for antiques and Kent County postcards.

She made her home with her name sake Catharine Ann Bigelow Neff, husband William, and son, Warren, of Chestertown, MD. She attended church services at Sacred Heart Church with the Neffs, where she served as a catechist volunteer and role model for a godly woman. Mrs. Kitty had the blessing of companionship with caregivers from Seniors at Home especially Holly Elburn VanDyke.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William Jackson Hepbron, Jr. She is survived by her sisters, Nancy Maxwell Hepbron Stanton of Chesapeake City, MD; Mary Alice Hepbron Colman of Hockessin, DE; four nieces - Mary Catharine Schreiber Cooling, Nancy Sharon Hepbron Ash (Stephen), Susan Hepbron Schaar, Carol Grace Hepbron Tinney; and nephew William Jackson Hepbron, III (Donna).

From her "adopted" family she was preceded in death by her "daughter" JoAnne and "grandson" Pierson Walter Bigelow, Jr. She was survived by a "son" Owen (Debbie); "granddaughters" Catharine and Mary Jean Bigelow Kennedy (George, Sr.) and their children.

The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at Christ I.U. Episcopal Church, in Worton. Interment will follow in Christ I.U. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Christ I.U. Church,  
25328 Lambs Meadow Rd. Worton, MD 21678.

# Cemetery Details

**Christ I.U. Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ I.U. Episcopal Church  
25328 Lambs Meadow Rd  
Worton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - February 11, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Catharine "Kitty" Harris*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Catharine "Kitty" Harris*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Kitty, Bill & Warren - Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. Miss Kitty was such a wonderful, caring and kind lady! We know heaven is still rejoicing that she is finally home! What a wonderful lady and how blessed you all were to be able to be an integral part of each others lives! We know you will miss her dearly! Hugs and love to you! Dave & Kathy Simmons*

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**Dave & Kathy Simmons** - February 15, 2016 at 05:06 PM

DT

“ Rest in peace my sweet Ladybug. There is nothing you can't do now! You blessed my life with your sweet and gentle spirit and your wonderful stories of the "days of ol". In life and in death you are the epitome of grace. Tend your garden, watch your birds and surround yourself with as many "daffydils" as you wish. I will miss you.

Denise Toth - February 13, 2016 at 09:14 AM

DP

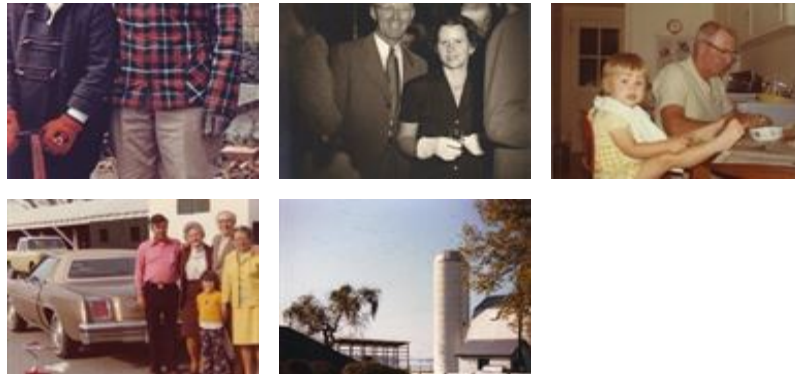
“ Danielle Pierzynski lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Danielle Pierzynski - February 12, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 11, 2016 at 11:52 AM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - February 10, 2016 at 04:03 PM

PW

“ What a sweet soul

pat whitehill - February 10, 2016 at 12:19 PM

CC

“ Chris Clough lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Chris Clough - February 10, 2016 at 11:13 AM

SM

“ Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Susan Martinez - February 10, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 10, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Catharine "Kitty" Harris.



February 10, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ *It was always a joy to greet Kitty Harris at Old Kent Chapter meetings and I.U. Church Old Friends' Day Picnics. She always remembered my name and genealogy connections. She will be dearly missed.*



*Deborah Reilly*

Deborah Reilly - February 10, 2016 at 09:04 AM

BB

“ Bruce & Joanna Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Bruce & Joanna Blackburn - February 10, 2016 at 08:15 AM

RV

“ Robert VanDyke lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Robert VanDyke - February 10, 2016 at 07:25 AM

SM

“ Shirley Shaffer McPeek lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Shirley Shaffer McPeek - February 10, 2016 at 07:13 AM

DN

“ Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Diana Nichols - February 10, 2016 at 06:42 AM

DB

“ *Debbie & Fred Beaver lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris*



Debbie & Fred Beaver - February 10, 2016 at 06:31 AM

LL

“ *Love you with all our hearts Dad and Lynda purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Catharine "Kitty" Harris.*



Love you with all our hearts Dad and Lynda - February 09, 2016 at 09:40 PM

JE

“ *Josie Elburn lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris*



Josie Elburn - February 09, 2016 at 09:24 PM

WL

“ *With Lots of Love Pete and Lynda purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Catharine "Kitty" Harris.*



With Lots of Love Pete and Lynda - February 09, 2016 at 09:01 PM

DF

“ Dawn Ford lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Dawn Ford - February 09, 2016 at 07:03 PM

GC

“ Gail Claggett lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Gail Claggett - February 09, 2016 at 03:26 PM

GC

Gail Claggett, Old Kent DAR  
She was a beautiful lady.

Gail Claggett - February 09, 2016 at 03:27 PM

MB

Some one so special can never be forgotten,with love Margaret  
& Ed Black

Margaret Ann & Ed Black - February 11, 2016 at 10:55 AM

GD

“ Gail Claggett, Old Kent DAR lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



Gail Claggett, Old Kent DAR - February 09, 2016 at 03:26 PM

GJ

“ We have all been so blessed to have such a Divine person To share our lives with On thid earth. We know that our Heavenly Father has angels walking here Because we have Certain people Such as mom mom kitty Who we have been allowed to share our lives with. We know heaven is a much better place today, Just as we know this eath is missing Such an amazing person. I cannot say in words the feeling that it was to have spent so many amazing Christmas and Thanksgiving and holidays with this lady who touched our lives in such a special way. This year my 5 year old daughter was able to sit next to my mom Kitty and enjoy Christmas breakfast ,It was explained to her How mama kitty Was 103 years old. To a five year old that does not mean a whole lot, But To me It speaks volumes about how living a good and pure life will get us Far in this world. Mom mom kitty, We love you and we will be missing you Until we get together on the other side. Our lives will have a hole Missing untill, But I also know You have filled many other holes In our hearts and lives, and I thank you. God blessed us all with your presence.

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**George Kennedy Jr** - February 07, 2016 at 05:54 AM

JB

“ What a wonderful lady who was such a delight to talk to. Always so neat to talk to, and such a caring person. I know that she lived life to the fullest and enjoyed herself where ever she was. Great memory to, always knew who people were and where she knew you from.  
Joyce Bradley



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**Joyce & Wayne Bradley** - February 05, 2016 at 02:28 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Miss Kitty's passing. She was one of a kind and had the most remarkable memory of anyone I know! She never forgot a face or a name and always had a story about the person or the family to go along with it. She will be much missed by me and my family and many, many others. She was quite a lady!

*Debbie Clark*

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**Debbie Clark** - February 05, 2016 at 08:32 AM

PD

“ How much laughter I heard whenever Miss Kitty and my grandparents got together and talked about "old times" I cherish those smiles and twinkles in all their eyes... I miss that. To all of Kitty Harris's family please remember those fond moments... memories. Peace and Love

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**Pamela Ann Quarstein, DAR** - February 04, 2016 at 02:45 PM

SR

“ Susan Legg Rennaker lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris



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**Susan Legg Rennaker** - February 03, 2016 at 08:37 AM

SR

So very sorry Kitty for your loss, I was telling someone the other day I knew Miss Kitty before I was born. I can remember every time I would walk into Lamottes from the back I would always see Miss Kitty and she would always speak. But you know our family has known each other for many years, and every time she would see me she always ask about how my brothers were doing, she was such a special person who will be truly missed by many.

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**Susan Legg Rennaker** - February 03, 2016 at 08:44 AM

DH

“ *Denise Hepbron lit a candle in memory of Catharine "Kitty" Harris*



Denise Hepbron - February 03, 2016 at 08:23 AM

DH

*You will be missed. Love you!! Billy & Denise*

Denise Hepbron - February 03, 2016 at 08:24 AM

JB

“ *In loving memory of Mom Mom Kitty. She was such a wonderful lady.*



Jack n Anne Bigelow - February 02, 2016 at 04:54 PM