



Mrs Clara Marie Bergen

January 15, 1929 - January 4, 2020

Clara Marie Bergen of Worton, MD, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 4, 2020 and went to be with the Lord at the age of 90.

Born on January 15, 1929 in Islip, NY, she was the daughter of the late Abraham and Anna

Kwaak Veryzer. She graduated from State University of New York, Potsdam, NY in 1951, with a

Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education. She worked with the Kent County Public School System as a music teacher. Beginning in 1968, Mrs. Bergen taught band in Rock Hall and later at Kent County Middle School until she retired in 1976. Mrs. Bergen also taught private piano lessons for many years.

She was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestertown, where she served as the organist and choir director for 30 years. After retirement from St. Paul's she generously donated her skills to Christ Church I.U. Parish, in Worton, MD. Mrs. Bergen enjoyed painting, gardening, needlework, long walks with her dogs, and feeding birds. Most of all she loved her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Lynda Wheatley (William) of Worton, MD, and Nancy McDaniel (Mitchell) of Worton, MD; a son, Lee Bergen (Alison) of Worton, MD; seven grandchildren, Marilyn Terry (Sean), William G. Wheatley, Jr. (Monika), Mary Fritz (Nicholas), Avis Wheatley, Joe Wheatley (Jeanette), Grace Wheatley, and Charles Wheatley; and five great grandchildren, Emma

Wheatley, William Wheatley III, Rita Fritz, Phoebe Fritz, and Clara Terry. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, John K. Bergen. Services will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 am St. Paul's Parish Church, Chestertown, MD. Interment will be in St. Paul's Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Arrangements by: Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown. www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)
7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My first music teacher. I will always hold a special place in my heart for Ms. Bergen. God Bless her and much love. Mark*

Mark Mumford - January 14, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*



Mark Mumford - January 14, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*



Mark & Sandy Joiner - January 11, 2020 at 01:51 PM

MJ

Lynda, so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sandy

Mark & Sandy Joiner - January 11, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RL

“ *Mrs. Bergan was such a talented lady whom I had the pleasure of taking piano lessons from for many years. I enjoyed learning from her. She pushed me to play songs that I thought I was not capable of playing. She had a tender and caring heart and a great love for music. In 1987 she played the organ for my wedding. I will always remember the piano recitals and playing duets with her. I had a wonderful teacher who has a special place in my heart. I can imagine her playing marvelously in Heaven for the Lord. My deepest sympathy to her family.*



Robin Leager - January 10, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*



Donna Hubbard Edwards - January 10, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SB

“ I was blessed to be one of Mrs. Clara's piano students for many years. I truly appreciate all that she taught me and pushed me to accomplish. A very kind, sweet lady and Mr. John so friendly and full of smiles. I will never forget all of the peacocks roaming around.



Stefanie Elgin Blyman - January 08, 2020 at 09:45 AM

RK

“ Rosmarie Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen



Rosmarie Kelly - January 08, 2020 at 04:45 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen.



January 07, 2020 at 10:13 AM

BL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Beverly Sutton Lawrence - January 07, 2020 at 09:50 AM

BL

The Bergens were my first friends, here on the Eastern Shore - and I treasure the days they shared, with me. Clara's warm and welcoming nature was a blessing, and I will be forever grateful for her generosity in sharing her friendship and her family with me.

Beverly Sutton Lawrence - January 07, 2020 at 09:49 AM

MA

What a wonderful time she had!

Mary - January 10, 2020 at 05:05 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*



Barbara Coleman - January 07, 2020 at 09:41 AM

CW

“ *Linda, Lee , Nancy and Families:*

George and I are so sorry for the loss of your mother. What a remarkable woman she was. We are so thankful for the time we had with your families. Sending loads of hugs and prayers to get you through such a difficult time..

*Love,
George,Candy and Families*

Candy Wilson - January 07, 2020 at 09:02 AM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*



Liz Smith - January 07, 2020 at 08:19 AM

FL

“ *Frankie And Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - January 07, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Clara Marie Bergen.*



January 06, 2020 at 08:41 PM