



Constance Kaufman Blades

January 31, 1938 - May 23, 2025

Constance Kaufman Blades, 87, of Easton, Maryland, died peacefully in her sleep at Dixon House Assisted Living on May 23, 2025. Connie was born in Easton on January 31, 1938. She was the daughter of Herbert O. Kaufman and Evelyn Harrington Kaufman of Centreville. She graduated from Centreville High School in 1955 and from Macqueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing in 1958. As a registered nurse, she worked in obstetrics and gynecology and then in the recovery room at Memorial Hospital in Easton. She married Robert E. Blades in 1959, and they enjoyed 57 amazing years together. She was preceded in death by her husband (2016) and her parents. While raising her two children, Amy and Craig, she worked at Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse and also trained the hospital's volunteer candy strippers. Connie taught nursing briefly for the vocational LPN program at St. Michaels High School. Once her children got older, she worked in a cardiologist's office, and for the Caroline County Health Department with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. Connie also worked at William Hill Manor, Delmarva Foundation, and in Quality Assurance for Shore Health System. Later, she worked for a dermatologist in Easton before retiring in 2003. She was proud to be a nurse, and her love of nursing showed in all aspects of her life. As a young mother, Connie taught Sunday School at St. Mark's UMC and later volunteered at Talbot Hospice. She enjoyed playing bridge, scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with family, friends, and her beloved dogs. She

was a consummate hostess and cook. She loved traveling all over the world with her husband, family, and friends. Favorite trips included Alaska, Bermuda, England, Italy, the Mediterranean, Paris, Russia, and the American West. Although Connie loved travel, she loved coming back to her home on the Eastern Shore. Her compassion shone as a nurturing mother and caring wife and extended to her grandchildren, great-grandchild, and everyone she met. Connie will be remembered for her beautiful auburn hair, her lovely singing voice, and her warm smile. She loved sports and followed the Orioles religiously. And she loved her chocolate and an occasional Dairy Queen Blizzard.

Connie is survived by her daughter Amelia Blades Steward (Eric) of Easton, her son Charles Craig Blades of Richmond, her sister Patti K. Willis (Craig) of St. Michaels, and her sister-in-law Barbara B. Dryden (Con) of Salisbury. She is also survived by her grandchildren William H. Blades (Paige), Caroline B. Fleming (Zane), Andrew G. Dorbin (Megan), Conner S. Dorbin, and her great-granddaughter Andie Marie Dorbin, several nieces and a nephew, and a large extended family.

Many thanks to the staff of Dixon House for the wonderful care she received over the last few months. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 3 at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's UMC in Easton with a luncheon with family and friends following the service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a private burial for the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to either St. Mark's UMC Scholarship Fund, 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, Maryland 21601 or Dixon House, 108 North Higgins Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (est)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peachblossom Rd.
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-0001

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I am so sorry Amy and Craig. I worked for your mom a bit , She always talked about you all and the grandkids, she was very kind .



Debbie phipps - July 14, 2025 at 09:36 PM

CM

“ Aunt Connie was an inspiration to me. When you were in a room with her, you could feel her warmth and kindness! She always appreciated our Christmas letter, and she especially enjoyed our RV adventure in the summer of 2020 when we kept a Hoptale journal.

Amy and Craig, the service was beautiful. Our thoughts and prayers continue.

love, Chris and Jamie

Chris Mosberg - June 10, 2025 at 07:52 AM

TL

“ Trudy & John Leager lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades



Trudy & John Leager - June 09, 2025 at 08:04 AM

LG

“ Love, Susie and Mark Giallonardo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Constance Kaufman Blades.



Love, Susie and Mark Giallonardo - June 02, 2025 at 08:07 AM

VJ

“ Vicky And Bart Johnson lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades



Vicky and Bart Johnson - June 01, 2025 at 04:47 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Constance Kaufman Blades.

Elizabeth B. - May 31, 2025 at 04:46 PM

CS

“ Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades



Connie Harris Sypniewski - May 30, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Constance Kaufman Blades.*



May 30, 2025 at 06:22 PM



“ *Lisa O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



Lisa O'Brien - May 30, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Constance Kaufman Blades.*

May 29, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constance Kaufman Blades.*



May 29, 2025 at 04:22 PM

EM

“ *EC MEINTZER lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



EC MEINTZER - May 27, 2025 at 09:34 PM

JC

“ *June Kaufman Clark lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



June Kaufman Clark - May 27, 2025 at 01:20 PM

SD

“ *Sherry Dolby sent a virtual gift in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



sherry Dolby - May 27, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DB

“ *Diane Blazejak lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



Diane Blazejak - May 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM

CP

“ I first met Connie in 1991 at Memorial Hospital in Easton MD as a very young and green aspiring hospital director. She and the other QM ladies (Marie, Connie C., Barbara and Dolores) welcomed me with open arms and in many ways served as surrogate mothers for me. I remember Connie as a lovely, kind and generous woman. She exuded warmth and quiet strength, always with a ready smile on her face. My condolences to her family.

Claudia Epting Portell - May 27, 2025 at 11:44 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades



Carolyn Lane - May 27, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Constance Kaufman Blades.



May 27, 2025 at 10:07 AM

HD

“ Howard & Darlene Dixon lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades



Howard & Darlene Dixon - May 26, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MG

“ Constance Blades, RN, we recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the profession of nursing. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family, friends and colleagues.

Respectfully,

The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard



Maryland Nurse Honor Guard - May 26, 2025 at 11:07 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM

GP

To the family: we were saddened to read the passing of Connie. What great times our families had growing up. I always wanted to be a nurse and looked up to her so much. Did not work out, but still love the profession so much. It was always great to see her and chat. Our prayers and blessings are with you at this time. The memories will always remain in our hearts and Connie will be missed. Not sure if I can make the service, as I have surgery the next day, but hopefully I can work it out. Blessings to all and God Bless. Love and prayers, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 26, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LA

“ *Linda & Terry Adams lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



Linda & Terry Adams - May 25, 2025 at 02:31 PM

TF

“ *The English Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Constance Kaufman Blades.*



The English Family - May 25, 2025 at 01:18 PM

GL

“ *Georgianna LeCompte lit a candle in memory of Constance Kaufman Blades*



Georgianna LeCompte - May 25, 2025 at 10:59 AM

PW

“ So sorry to hear Connie .
left us. I started 1st grade with her and graduated from Centreville
High School and went in Nursing with her. Infact she was one of my
first Roommates as she and Polly
d I had a 3 room
We also graduated from Memorial Hosp Hospital School of Nursing
together. We saw each other at reunions. There are few of us left

. Frank and I send our Condolences to her .

Paige Bishop Walbert - May 25, 2025 at 10:16 AM

LJ

“ Lynne J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Blades.

Lynne J. - May 24, 2025 at 09:56 PM

MM

“ Marilyn Morris lit a candle in memory of
Constance Kaufman Blades



Marilyn Morris - May 24, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MM

Connie was such a terrific role model for me as a student nurse and
later as a peer. It was so nice reconnecting with her at St. Mark's
United Methodist Church. 😊

Marilyn Morris - May 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM

BZ

Bob and I are sad and shocked. What a wonderful neighbor and person she was. She is in our thoughts and prayers Barbara Zuehlke

Barbara Zuehlke - May 25, 2025 at 12:04 PM