



Donna C. Harrington

May 31, 1939 - September 7, 2025

Donna Cecilia Harrington, 86, of Centreville, Maryland, passed away peacefully at Bayleigh Chase in Easton, Maryland. Born on May 31, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Charles Milton Harrington and Catherine Cecilia “Celie” (Hess) Harrington. She lived in Centreville her entire life, deeply rooted in her family, faith, and community.

A 1957 graduate of Centreville High School, Donna began working for Queen Anne’s County Public Schools immediately after graduation. She dedicated over 50 years of service to the school system, ultimately serving as secretary to the Superintendent of Schools. Known for her commitment and reliability, she faithfully walked to work every day, never owning or driving a car.

Donna was a devout Catholic and a lifelong parishioner of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, where she sang in the choir for many years. Her strong faith shaped her simple, gentle life.

She had a great love of sports, cheering on the Baltimore Orioles and following NASCAR and Indy racing from their early days on television. In her spare time, Donna enjoyed making hook-and-loop rugs and built an impressive doll collection beginning in the 1980s. She loved crab feasts with her family, where she would happily pick crabs for hours, and was especially devoted to her mother, Celie, and her sister, Sondra. Donna was known for

her colorful clothing, lively humor, and the way she was “tickled” by life’s funniest moments.

For most of her life, Donna was afraid of dogs—until she met a 90-pound Goldendoodle named Lucky, who changed her heart. She remained remarkably healthy throughout her life and passed away without ever having been seriously ill.

Donna was predeceased by her beloved sister, Sondra Michael (Harrington) Hopkins, in 2019. She is survived by her nephews Shaun Hopkins of Westminster, MD, and Ryan Hopkins of Queenstown, MD; her niece, Colleen Hopkins of Annapolis, MD; and her five grand-nieces and nephews: Riley and Quinn (Ryan), Caitlin (Colleen), and Reagan and Finnegan (Shaun).

She will be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, aunt, and great-aunt who lived with faith, humor, and devotion to her family and community.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Monday, September 22, 2025 at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, Maryland. Interment will follow at St. Peter The Apostle in Queenstown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, 303 Chesterfield Ave, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Interment

SEP **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *RIP
So many years at the Board of Education!
Prayers*



Ginny Moran - September 17, 2025 at 02:06 PM

LA

“ *Lucretia Anthony lit a candle in memory of
Donna C. Harrington*



Lucretia Anthony - September 17, 2025 at 02:00 PM

LF

“ *Leslie Follum lit a candle in memory of Donna
C. Harrington*



Leslie Follum - September 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM

EH

“ *Elizabeth L Hausburg lit a candle in memory
of Donna C. Harrington*



Elizabeth L Hausburg - September 17, 2025 at 01:12 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McCreary lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington*



Barbara McCreary - September 12, 2025 at 03:48 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Morris lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington*



Nancy Morris - September 10, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JW

“ *Had the privilege of having Donna as my secretary at the Board of Education. She was such a sweet lady. I always thought so highly of her. She had so much love for her family and spoke for them so often. Her friends and family are in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Donna.*



Jacquelyn Wilhelm - September 10, 2025 at 08:42 PM

AW

“ *Andy And Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington*



Andy and Agnes Wilhelm - September 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JP

“ *John Payne lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington*



John Payne - September 10, 2025 at 03:22 PM

HB

“ *I worked alongside Donna for 14 years at the Board Office. I wonder if she was the longest serving employee of the BOE. Quite an accomplishment. RIP Donna*

Helen Benchoff - September 10, 2025 at 12:49 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna C. Harrington*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - September 10, 2025 at 12:18 PM

JP

“ *Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington*



Janet Pauls - September 10, 2025 at 09:53 AM

BN

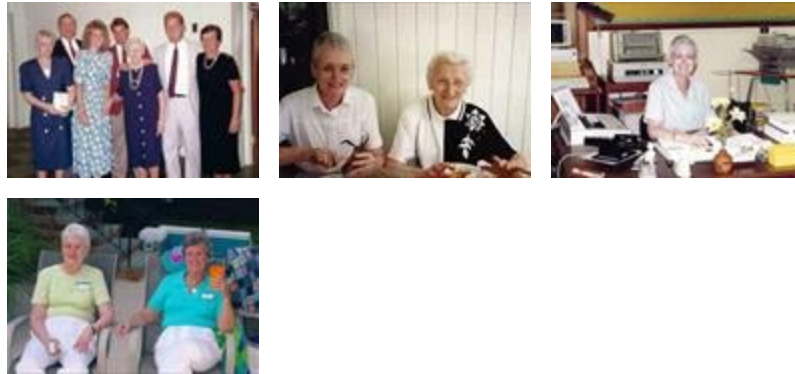
“ Bobby And Genny Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna C. Harrington



Bobby and Genny Norris - September 10, 2025 at 09:17 AM

CH

“ You will be missed Aunt Donna! ❤️you!



colleen Hopkins - September 09, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TS

“ Toni & Larry Schelts lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington



Toni & Larry Schelts - September 09, 2025 at 07:16 PM

DC

“ Donna Clough lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington



Donna Clough - September 09, 2025 at 06:29 PM

BY

“ Bill Young lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington



Bill Young - September 09, 2025 at 04:52 PM

NP

“ Norma And Bill Patton lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington



Norma and Bill Patton - September 09, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TH

“ Tina Houston lit a candle in memory of Donna C. Harrington



Tina Houston - September 09, 2025 at 02:40 PM

BC

“ *I didn't know Donna well, but she was always pleasant & smiling.* ”



Billie Carroll - September 09, 2025 at 12:30 PM