



## Elizabeth S. Loker

January 1, 1948 - September 29, 2015

Elizabeth St. John Loker died peacefully at her home in Royal Oak, MD, on September 29, 2015. Beth was born in Leonardtown, MD, on January 1, 1947, to the late William M. Loker and June W. Loker.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Donald S. Rice who died July 9, 2015. She is survived by her sister, Leslie A. Loker of Garrett Park, MD; her brother, William M. Loker of Chico, CA; her nieces, Elizabeth W. Wilson and Savannah S. Loker; and nephews, Martin I. Wilson, William L. Loker and Nathaniel S. Loker.

Beth had a long and distinguished career at the Washington Post where she became the first woman to become a vice president. She was instrumental in ushering in the computerized production of the newspaper. In retirement she was an active board member serving Carefirst BlueCross, Quality Health Strategies, the Copyright Clearance Center. She enjoyed her new life on the Eastern Shore becoming an active supporter of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the St. Michael's Boat Museum, the MidAtlantic Symphony Orchestra, among others. She was fortunate to make many dear friends in her new community with the neighborhood dogwalking gang and the Royal Oak Garden Club. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and many close friends.

A service celebrating her life will be held on October 31, 2015, at 2 p.m. at Rock Spring Church,  
5010 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, Maryland 21601 or call 410-822-6681 or go to <http://talbothospice.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rock Spring Church  
5010 Little Falls Rd.  
Arlington, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth S. Loker

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Elizabeth S. Loker

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Beth was my boss and my friend. As a boss, she was inspirational, supportive, and fun. She offered me challenges and opportunities. I so greatly enjoyed working for and learning from her. When she offered me the job, I asked her exactly what I would be doing. She said there wouldn't be a shortage of interesting work. Good enough. I was excited to work at such a venerable institution and for her. She was absolutely right and I am forever grateful for the experience.

As a friend, she was kind and generous. I remember fondly when she invited me and my wife, then girlfriend, to the Washington Channer Symphony dinner at her table. And when she gave me her seats to see the Redskins-Giants game (I warned her that I would root for the Giants). And when she invited us to her house for dinner (spectacular dinner because they were excellent chefs) and another time for an overnight at their beautiful and relaxing home full of carefully collected antiques. She, Don, and their beagles were welcoming and sweet. I am happy that I gained entrance to her wide circle of friends and I will always treasure the antique hurricane lamp that she gave us for our wedding as a memory of her.

Jeffrey Modell - December 04, 2015 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Undergraduate Education Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Elizabeth S. Loker.*



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**Undergraduate Education Family** - October 27, 2015 at 05:19 PM

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“ *It is hard to put in writing just how genuinely fond of Beth Loker that I felt and how I admired her wisdom and wit. One could easily understand quickly that this was a woman of substance, a contributor to many successful ventures and a fun person to be around. I wish to express my sincere sympathy at her family's loss of such a great person. She will forever be thought of as a wonderful, intelligent, courageous and giving woman who made a big difference in this world.*

*I'm thankful for meeting and working with Beth, who was on a board of directors in which I assisted with their administrative needs. With much sympathy, Bonnie McVeigh*

*Bonnie McVeigh, Salisbury, MD*

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**Bonnie McVeigh** - October 08, 2015 at 12:43 PM

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“ Words fail me to completely share the respect and admiration I have for Beth which evolved from our interaction during my Mid-Atlantic Symphony Board presidency.

*Her advice aided in so many of my decisions. I will be ever grateful for how she guided me through some difficult times. Her cultural knowledge filled a void in the virgin territory I was navigating. Beth was ALWAYS available to provide invaluable council.*

*She was the GREATEST!*

*Andrea Barnes*

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**Andrea Barnes** - October 03, 2015 at 06:48 AM