



## Ida Peterson Hardon

March 29, 1991 - May 13, 2024

Ida Peterson Hardon, 33, loving wife of Michael Hardon and daughter of Louise and Ted Peterson, was born on March 29, 1991, in Washington, DC. She died peacefully on May 13, 2024, in her parents' home in Oxford, Maryland surrounded by the love and care of her devoted family.

Ida is survived in life by her beloved husband, Mike Hardon, her mother and father Louise and Ted Peterson, brothers Teddy (Laura) and Grigs (Whitney), grandmother Sally Holland, in-laws Claire and Clay Hardon, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and her adoring Labradoodle, Mac.

Ida spent her childhood in Bexley, Ohio and moved in middle school to McLean, Virginia where she attended Langley High School. She went on to Roanoke College, where she met the love of her life, Mike. Introduced by Ida's grandmother and Mike's aunt, they shared a glance in the Roanoke cafeteria during the first week of classes that sparked a 15-year courtship and marriage.

After college, Ida and Mike went on to build a beautiful life together in New York City. Ida pursued a career at EY and was a passionate member and fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mostly though, Ida's time and energy was spent loving life, having fun, and giving herself completely to her friends and family.

Ida's light was vibrant and contagious. As beautiful as she was joyful, her confidence and magnetic energy made everyone around her feel at ease,

comfortable and special. It was a gift that strangers, friends, and family alike were blessed to know, and will be deeply missed. Her life was defined by kindness and selflessness in friendship and in family. She was, and is, irreplaceable.

A celebration of Ida's life will take place on Tuesday May 21st, at 2:00 PM at Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Maryland. Interment will be private at Oxford Cemetery in Oxford, Maryland. Per Ida's request, she encourages everyone to channel her fashionista style by wearing colorful outfits at the celebration of her life.

Throughout Ida's cancer journey she always remained hopeful. With her positive attitude and outgoing personality she inspired so many other cancer patients, care workers, nurses and doctors. She and Mike would like for her legacy to be helpful to others with AML.

Gifts in honor of Ida Peterson Hardon may be directed to support the discovery work of Ida's oncologist, Dr. Mark Levis at Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be mailed indicating in memory of Ida Peterson Hardon to the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, 750 E. Pratt Street, Suite 1700, Baltimore, MD 21202 or make a gift online (please specify Kimmel Cancer Center and indicate in honor of Ida).

## Cemetery Details

### Oxford Cemetery

Oxford, MD

## Previous Events

### celebration of life

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM (est)

Church of the Redeemer  
5603 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21210  
<https://redeemerbaltimore.org>

# Tribute Wall

EB

“*Ida helped shape who I am as a nurse, and will always be a patient I will never forget. It was an honor and pleasure to be part of her fight, and I know for certain I am better for knowing her. Sending my love to Mike, Ted and the rest of the Peterson/Hardon families.*

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**Eileen Byrne** - May 30, 2024 at 11:17 PM

TG

“*My very deepest of condolences to the Peterson Hardon family. I know both she and her entire family did everything in their power to fight back. She was a brave warrior and I wish I had met her. She was beautiful inside and out, that I know from Ted's description and stories of how she always kept a smile on her face, and what a magnificent warrior she was. The pictures I see on this feed, tell the story of a wonderful, bright and very loved young woman. My heart is with the family and I am so very sorry for your immense loss. With my deepest sympathy, Terri Goldstein*

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**Terri Goldstein** - May 30, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DW

“*My heart was heavy as I learned of Ida's passing. She fought an incredible battle and was blessed with unwavering support from Ted, Louise, and the entire family as well as a community of prayerful friends. May God bring comfort and strength to all who must now reconcile this painful loss.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Dave & Christine*

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**David J. Wendland** - May 23, 2024 at 08:26 AM

MD

“ General Art Dean and Family, Debra, Angela & Christina wish to express our condolences and deepest sympathy to Ted & Louise and the entire family for the loss of Ida. She was a loving person full of personality. Our prayer is that God will comfort you and give you the strength needed during these challenging days.

With Love,

The Deans

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**Maj Gen Arthur Dean** - May 22, 2024 at 09:43 AM

AB

“ I only worked briefly with Ida at EY, but I very much appreciated her sense of humor and wit - she had a way of talking about stressful things that lightened the mood and helped you feel that everything would be just fine.

I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Andrea Boone** - May 21, 2024 at 03:21 PM

KH

“ Sending the deepest condolences to Ida's family and to Mike. Ida was one of the friendliest faces you could encounter at Roanoke College. Her kindness knew no bounds and knew no strangers. We will miss her and as she said, "see her on the other side." In her memory, we lovingly make a gift to Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. - The sisters of Delta Gamma, Gamma Pi, Fall '09 Pledge Class

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**Katy Hurst** - May 20, 2024 at 06:02 PM

KH

*Spring '10 Pledge Class\**

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**Katy Hurst** - May 20, 2024 at 06:04 PM

MC

“ *My dearest condolences for the loss of Ida. Never met Ida in person, but recall her and Ted advocating together for support, knowledge, and cures of AML on our Zoom sessions with the Runx1 Foundation. Sadden to learn that cancer stole an Angel. Wish I could travel to the celebration of Life, however my son is making Confirmation that same afternoon. Your family will be in my thoughts and I will say a prayer and light a candle in church in honor of Ida. Peace be with you all.*

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**Melissa Cohen** - May 19, 2024 at 06:26 AM

AF

“ *My condolences to the Petersen Hardon Family. Ida worked for us at Celerity at the beginning of her career. She was such a bright light. Always positive and willing to face a challenge. What a talented and capable young woman. She went on to do bigger and greater things but will always remember her at the beginning.*

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**Anne Falatko** - May 18, 2024 at 08:30 AM

SA

“ Dear Louise, Ted, Ted Jr. and and family,

*I am so sorry about the passing of your darling girl, Ida.*

*Louise, years ago, during the Episcopal High School days, I remember meeting Ida briefly at your home when you hosted a dinner for several students and their parents.*

*When Ida entered the kitchen, I was struck by her lovely, joyful presence. She was effervescent and just lit up the room.*

*The memory of that fleeting encounter with your daughter will remain for a long time.*

*We are thinking about you.*

*In sympathy and love,*

*Scotty and David Ashworth*

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**Scotty Ashworth** - May 17, 2024 at 07:00 PM

DG

“*Ida was pure joy & kindness. My heart is heavy thinking about what an incredible loss is felt all who loved her. I hope her memory continues to put smiles on the faces of all who were so lucky to have known her.*”



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dina gomes - May 17, 2024 at 11:37 AM

CH

“ An early memory with Ida...

*We must have been about 12? My family was visiting the Petersons in Mclean for a party of some kind. Although we had been to some family reunions together before, the Petersons and my family are second cousins (?? or something, I always get this wrong), and so Ida and I were not very close at the time. I remember feeling a little shy at first on this visit because here was this beautiful, confident, gregarious girl also my age who seemed to really know herself and move through the world in this unstoppable way.*

*Our first day there, the parents dropped us girls off at the mall and Ida made a beeline for Sephora. I had never been in the makeup store before, but quickly followed her lead in trying on just about every tester available to us---eye shadow, lipstick, bronzer, perfumes, lotions. We must have emerged out of there looking like a couple of circus clowns and smelling like a potpourri shop. But I'll never forget the pure joy I felt dancing in those mirrors next to Ida. Hanging out with her was a breeze (silly me for ever having felt shy with this girl). She had this contagious energy that would scoop you up and get you excited for whatever lay ahead. Vivacious, but grounded and real. Ida was the kind of friend who ensured a good time, and who you desperately wanted to share your best secrets with. A wonderful confidante and partner in crime. Hangs with Ida left your cheeks hurting from all the laughter and your heart feeling just a little bit fuller each time. An irreplaceable light. Her spirit will live on forever, just as our love for her will. <3*

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**Christian** - May 15, 2024 at 09:53 PM

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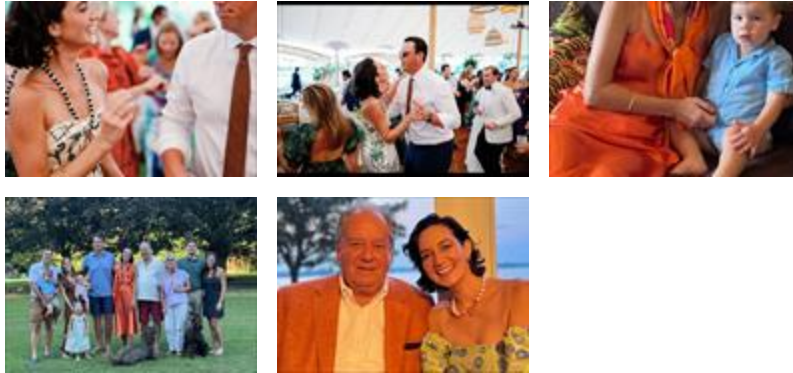
*from Christian Paxton\*\**

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**Christian Paxton** - May 15, 2024 at 10:22 PM

PP

“ 9 files added to the album *Ida*



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**Pam Phebus** - May 15, 2024 at 09:53 PM

NS

“ Nancy Smith lit a candle in memory of *Ida Peterson Hardon*



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**Nancy Smith** - May 15, 2024 at 08:21 PM

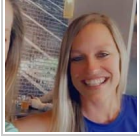
CA

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**Cathryn** - May 15, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *I was the recruiter who found Ida for her first job out of college. I remember how bright eyed and ambitious she was, trying to figure out what she wanted to do and how she was going to do it. That girl could conquer a room with her smile. Words can't describe how sad I am for her loved ones. Sending prayers and love to everyone who knew her and was impacted by this loss.*

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**Danielle Pristupa Boykin** - May 15, 2024 at 04:41 PM