



Jacqueline Gay Duke

August 29, 1943 - December 19, 2021

Jacqueline Gay Duke finished the final chapter of her life on December 19, 2021, surrounded by loved ones, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

Gay was born on August 29, 1943, in Chestertown, MD, to Freeda Tucker and Emmit Lawhorn. She graduated from Chestertown High School in 1961. She married Roger Duke of North Carolina, with whom she had two daughters.

She worked for many years at McCrory's, where she was well-known. She also worked at Angelica Nurseries, and then 19 years as a Kent County 911 dispatcher, retiring in 2009.

Gay always said she traveled the world through books. She loved cats and then people. She was entertained by reading, movies, television, and her friends and family. She was also a proud Yankees fan.

Gay could be larger than life, tenacious and strong-willed, but her laughter and moxie will be remembered by all that knew her.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Bob Lawhorn, and niece, Brenda Joyce McMullen, and many beloved pets that had the fortune to cross her path.

She is survived by her daughters, Kirsten Rowe (Randy) and Stacy Duke (Leisa); two grand-nieces, Pam Potts Mitchell (Rob) and Brenda Price; as well as four great-grand-nieces and nephews. The family gives special thanks to Josh & Steffi Owens.

In remembrance of Gay, read a good book. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Humane Society of Kent County (10720 Augustine Herman Hwy, Chestertown, MD 21620) or to Compass Regional Hospice (106 Coursevall Dr. Centreville, MD 21617).

Due to COVID, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacqueline Gay Duke*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jacqueline Gay Duke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jacqueline Gay Duke*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *31 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 22, 2021 at 03:21 PM

LU

“ *Many memories of this lady over the years.. she and my Mommom worked together at McCrorys and shared a lot of laughs and good times together. And of course being around the family for years. May she Rest In Peace and the family keep her memories as comfort for their loss!* ”



Laurie Usilton - December 22, 2021 at 10:18 AM

ST

Thank you Laurie 💕😭

Stacy - December 23, 2021 at 05:37 PM

KK

“ *Katie Knapp lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke* ”

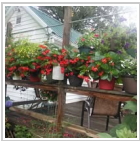


Katie Knapp - December 22, 2021 at 10:16 AM

ST

Thank you Katie. Mom loved you and had so many good memories 🥰

Stacy - December 23, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke* ”



Sherrie Jacobs - December 22, 2021 at 08:12 AM

SK

“ Parker and I send our sympathy, Stacy. We have fond memories of your Mom....and you!
Shari Keen

Shari Herr Keen - December 21, 2021 at 11:24 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke



Donna Hollingsworth - December 21, 2021 at 07:03 PM

ST

Thank you Donna 💕
-Stacy

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ Sending our condolences. We will always remember that warm smile. Mark Mumford



mark mumford - December 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM

ST

Thank you Mark ❤️ She had many fond memories of you and Steve.

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:20 PM

LF

“ *Linz Family lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke*



Linz Family - December 21, 2021 at 06:43 PM

ST

Thank you guys! ❤️

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM

WK

“ *W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke*



W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr - December 21, 2021 at 03:15 PM

ST

Thank you 💕

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ *Jill Bozarth lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke*



Jill Bozarth - December 21, 2021 at 02:34 PM

ST

Thank you Jill 💕

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Gretchen Kohl lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke*



Gretchen Kohl - December 21, 2021 at 02:09 PM

ST

Thank you Gretchen ❤️

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke*



Jeanette Stubbs - December 21, 2021 at 12:47 PM

ST

Thank you!

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

JB

“ So sad to see this. I'm so sorry for your loss.



Jodie Bornman - December 21, 2021 at 12:31 PM

ST

Thanks Jodie. She had great memories of you ❤️

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ Oh Aunt Gay. You were such a huge part of my upbringing. Stacy I send you my love and condolences.



Mandy Worth - December 21, 2021 at 12:16 PM

ST

Thank you Mandy 🥹❤️

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 07:24 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hurd lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Gay Duke



Cheryl Hurd - December 21, 2021 at 10:05 AM

ST

Thank you Cheryl 💕

Stacy - December 21, 2021 at 10:23 PM