



## Joan M. Spiker

August 23, 1944 - March 18, 2010

Joan M. Spiker of Easton died on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at Talbot Hospice House. She was 65.

Born on August 23, 1944 in Baltimore, MD she was the daughter of the late, George W. Jr. and Dorothy Davis Murgatroyd. After graduating from Roland Country School in Baltimore in 1962 she attended Stevenson College and the University of Maryland where she earned her degree in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Spiker was a first grade teacher at The Country School for 28 years. Following her retirement in 2008 she began an antiques business with her sister in Lewes, DE and with Charlotte Myers in Millsboro, DE.

Joan loved kayaking, genealogy and antiques. She was so proud and happy to be blessed with her first grandchild in 2009.

Joan's passion had always been teaching. She often put in long hours preparing lessons. In her 28 years of teaching she had started more than 400 children on their academic paths. Many are parents now. She will be remembered by those students she touched and her passion will live on in their lives.

Mrs. Spiker is survived by her husband, Don J. Spiker, whom she married on June 21, 1969; one son, John F. "Jack" Spiker and his wife, Jenni of Shiloh, NJ; one daughter, Jennifer S. Novalis and her husband, Chris of Bedford, VA;

one sister, Margaret M. Beall of Lewes, DE; one brother, George W. "Skip" Murgatroyd, III of California; and one grandchild, Andrew James Novalis of Bedford, VA

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 11AM. Friends may call on Monday, March 22, 2010 from 6 – 8PM at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Talbot County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1143, Easton, MD 21601 or Talbot Hospice House, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan M. Spiker*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joan M. Spiker*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joan M. Spiker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joan M. Spiker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Spiker. She was my son's first grade teacher and Country School. She was the best first grade teacher any parent could ask for in the formative years of a child's school life. So sorry to hear of her passing.##imported-begin##Lori Bruscup##imported-end##*

March 29, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ Don,  
*I was saddened to read that your wife had passed away. My prayer is that you and your family will be comforted during this difficult time.*  
*Jackie Curtis##imported-begin##Jacqueline Curtis##imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 10:13 AM



“ Don, Garey and I send our sympathy to you and the children. We would have been to the service but we live in Florida most of the time. Donna Kostens##imported-begin##Donna and Garey Kostens##imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 08:21 AM



“ Both of my daughters were blessed to have Joan as their first grade teacher. She taught them, guided them and LOVED them. We will never forget her caring and loving ways, always with a smile on her face. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary K Shearer##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 03:26 PM



“ My oldest daughter Jordan was fortunate enough to have her beloved Mrs. Spiker as her first grade teacher. In the recent months, Jordan wrote to her and shared why she was and will always be her favorite teacher. Our family is sending our love to the entire family. God Bless you Joan##imported-begin##Mirta V. Bradner##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ My family and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*Wings Of The Angels*

*by Tim Chambers*

*A gentle wind blew cross the land*

*Reaching out to take a hand*

*For on the winds the angels came*

*Calling out a mother's name.*

*Left behind, the children's tears*

*Loving memories of the years*

*Of joy and love, a life well spent*

*And now to God a mother's sent.*

*On angel's wings, a heavenly flight*

*The journey home, towards the light*

*To those who weep, a life is gone*

*But in God's love, 'tis but the dawn.##imported-begin##Jenny*

*Queen (Nash)##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2010 at 10:05 AM