



## Karen Ridder Lancaster

December 16, 1938 - October 28, 2014

Karen Ridder Lancaster of Chestertown, MD, died on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. She was 75.

She was born December 16, 1938, in Kitzmiller, MD, to the late Joseph E. and Elizabeth W. Dixon Ridder.

Mrs. Lancaster graduated from Elk Garden High School Class of 1952 and the University of Maryland in 1956 with a B.S. degree in Political Science. She married Ronald Lagora Lancaster in 1960. They lived in Mt. Savage, MD, where she worked with Alleghany County Board of Education, teaching elementary school students until taking classes at Frostburg to further her education. She continued teaching primarily elementary students and retired after 36 years. She and her husband then moved to their summer home in Tolchester, MD.

She was very involved with politics and was elected to Alleghany County Republican State Central Committee and Republican State Central Committee. Mrs. Lancaster was active with numerous campaigns at local, state and national levels. She attended five National Conventions either as a delegate or alternate along with several inaugurations. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was active with youth groups. Mrs. Lancaster enjoyed being involved in politics, needlepointing, reading, and most of all, her

being with her family.

In addition to her husband, Ronald Lancaster, she is survived by a daughter, Lisa Redman of Tolchester, MD; a grandson, Stuart Redman of Tolchester, MD; a granddaughter, Jessica Ball of Cumberland, MD; two great-granddaughters, Hannah and Farah, both of Cumberland, MD; and three cousins, Penny Anderson, Jerry Thompson, and Sandy Dixon Swartwood. She was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Dixon Ridder.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call one hour prior. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

## Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Ridder Lancaster*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Karen Ridder Lancaster*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Karen Ridder Lancaster*

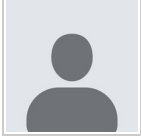
January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Ronald & Lisa, I am so sorry I missed the service for Karen. I always enjoyed talking with Karen. She so loved politics and was so informative. She was a very dear lady and will be missed by her family and friends.*

*Betty Carroll*

**Betty Carroll** - November 03, 2014 at 09:27 AM



“ Ronald and Lisa, we were so sad to hear of Karens passing. We so enjoyed your many years of hospitality while Jennifer was at Washington College. Sherman and I think of you all often and wish you all peace and comfort during such a difficult time. Wish we could be there tomorrow to help celebrate the life of such an amazingly intelligent and gifted woman we were so fortunate to call our friend. Take good care of one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Fondly, Gail McIntyre & Sherman Hayes*

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**Gail McIntyre** - October 31, 2014 at 07:58 PM



“ My parents, Charles and Margaret Taylor, knew Karen very well. (Dad worked at Coca-Cola with Ronald.) They loved going to her holiday parties. Mother says she had a themed Christmas tree in every room! Everything was so festive, and perfectly decorated. We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Our prayers are with you all.  
*Helen Taylor Keller*

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**Helen Taylor Keller** - October 31, 2014 at 06:02 PM

SD

“ I worked with your mom at Mt. Savage for several years when she taught fourth grade. She was always smiling and laughing with all of us.

I remember one time that I was doing state reports with my students and they had to find the names of the senators. (Keep in mind that this was before the internet existed.) So I went over to her room and asked where I might find this information. She turned to me and said, "Which one do you want to know?" My goodness, she knew the name of every senator that the students asked her!!

She was very proud of you!!! You were her world and she always spoke about you with a twinkle in her eye!

I pray that you and your family will find comfort in knowing that God is in control and one day we will all be together again.

Love to you and your family from Mt. Savage School!!!

Mrs. Susan Duckworth- Grade 5 Teacher

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**Susan Duckworth** - October 31, 2014 at 01:54 PM

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“ Autumn Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Karen Ridder Lancaster



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**autumn mancuso** - October 31, 2014 at 12:04 PM

AM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Karen's passing. I bought her home in Mt. Savage years ago, when she retired. I have enjoyed it greatly. I will always be thankful that she gave Brady and I the opportunity to own such a warm, cozy home. I also taught with her for several years...she was a wonderful, caring teacher. Many thoughts and prayers to her family.

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**autumn mancuso** - October 31, 2014 at 12:03 PM

LT

“ *Andy and Lynda Tedeschi are so sorry to hear of the passing of Karen. We are away and are unable to attend the service but our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Lynda Tedeschi - October 31, 2014 at 09:07 AM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Karen Ridder Lancaster*



Mark & Sandy Joiner - October 30, 2014 at 06:23 PM

DT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Ronald at Coca-Cola and enjoyed talking with Karen when she would come into the plant. Praying the Lord will comfort you in your loss. - Debbie Tyree*

Debbie Tyree - October 30, 2014 at 07:11 AM

BS

“ *Peace to you, Aunt Karen. Thank you for being so kind and supportive to all the Stallings Family. You were a good friend to Mom, and Dad always enjoyed bantering with you. I loved the elephant you brought back for me from the convention. I know your family is proud of your service to your students and to the party you represented. God's comfort to Beep, Lisa, and the grand/ great children as you grieve. Love to you all, Beth S.*

Beth Stallings - October 29, 2014 at 08:56 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in  
memory of Karen Ridder Lancaster*



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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - October 28, 2014 at 06:13 PM