



Katharine M Draper

January 13, 1931 - April 1, 2016

Katharine Mary Maybeck Draper of Centreville, MD, passed away peacefully at Compass Regional Hospice Center in Centreville, MD, on April 1, 2016. She was 85.

Born in Orange, NJ, on January 13, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Merrell G. Maybeck and Frances E. Abrams, and grew up in the New York and New Jersey area.

Known to everyone as Kathy, she graduated from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in 1953, and earned a Master's degree from Columbia University.

After moving to the Eastern Shore to teach music at Stevensville High School, Kathy met her husband, Frank, who taught her a passion for oysters and blue crabs. They were married in Glen Rock, NJ, on June 24, 1956, and she returned to the Eastern Shore to teach music. Mrs. Draper taught in the public schools of Queen Anne's County as well as the Gunston School in Centreville.

Her life was filled with family, friends, music, and travel. A piano teacher to many in the Centreville area, she continued to play well into retirement and was the accompanist to the Queen Anne's County High School Choir for many years until 2010. As a singer, Kathy was a founding member and former board

member of the Queen Anne's Chorale in 1988 and continued singing until her passing. Active at St. Paul's Parish in Centreville, Kathy sang in the choir after serving as the choir director, and served as a lay minister, a member of the Altar Guild, the Vestry, and numerous other activities and positions at St. Paul's.

While not traveling the globe from China to Egypt with her many friends, Kathy served on the board on the Queen Anne's Museum of Eastern Shore Life, volunteered at the Queen Anne's County Free Library, the Queen Anne's County Historical Society, the Queen Anne's Arts Council, and numerous other organizations during her 85 years. Never idle, Kathy's activities included playing bridge, doing water aerobics, practicing yoga, participating book and dinner clubs, and attending the symphony. Spending time with her granddaughters always brought her joy as she participated in tea parties, vacationed, and traveled with the family, and attended the children's numerous plays, performances, and sports games.

Mrs. Draper is survived by her son, Franklin Warner Draper, IV, and daughter-in-law, Michelle E. Thomas-Draper of Centreville, MD; grandchildren, Elizabeth Hope Draper of Honolulu, HI, Katharine Willis Draper, Caroline Blanche Draper, and Emma Ruth Draper of Centreville, MD; a brother, Edward Maybeck and sister in-law the Rev. Susan Maybeck of Pittsford, NY; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws. She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin Warner Draper, III, in 2002.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016, 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, MD. Interment will follow at Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville. Family and friends may call on Friday April 8, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Music Fund, P.O. Box 278, Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne's Museum of Eastern Shore Life, P.O. Box 525, Centreville, MD 21617; the Queen Anne's Chorale, P.O. Box 118, Chester, MD 21619; or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
301 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Katharine M Draper*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Katharine M Draper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Katharine M Draper*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *She was my music teacher at Severna Park High. I remember how excited she was to be having her first child. She was such a lovely lady. I enjoyed singing in her choir at school and have fond memories of her. I am sure she was a great mom and grandmother.....she really loved kids. Jean Webster Schaeffer*

Jean Schaeffer - November 09, 2018 at 01:28 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Frank and his and his mother's family for their loss. From hearing Frank talk about his family, I am sure his mom will be very much missed. May all who loved her have peace with her passing as soon as possible.*

Bob Burke

Bob Burke - April 21, 2016 at 01:54 PM

IW

“ To the family of Katharine Mary Maybeck Draper, my condolences for your loss and I hope all your wonderful memories of her will keep you going through this rough patch. Mrs. Draper was a wonderful woman and a Fantastic Teacher, her enthusiasm for Music and Life was contagious and she was an inspiration to me. She, taught me to appreciate Music on many different levels. I loved going to her class and even better to sing for her in the school choir. I went to Gunston School in Centreville, MD. 1972-1976
When I think of Mrs. Draper and how she used to inspire me, to want to learn more, not only of music but of life in general. The memory always leaves me with a smile. God Bless her and God Bless her family in this time of mourning and throughout time
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Inga Elsworth Warner - April 10, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket* was purchased for the family of Katharine M Draper.



April 08, 2016 at 02:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Katharine M Draper.



April 08, 2016 at 11:32 AM

JE

“ *Franklin and Family, We are so sorry you lost your mother. Hope wonderful memories of your mom will be of help. at this difficult time. We extend our sincere sympathy to you.*

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 08, 2016 at 08:17 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 08, 2016 at 08:13 AM

YH

“ *Yolanda Hughes lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



yolanda hughes - April 06, 2016 at 09:39 PM

CD

“ Kathy Draper was my Chorus and Music Teacher at Severna Park High School in 1959-63. She was also Matron of Honor at my wedding in 1965. She was a wonderful friend and inspiration. Her joy of life was infectious. I recall many overnight trips as a teenager to visit her and Frank [back then we called them Mr and Mrs Draper, no first names] at their lovely home on Grove Creek.

I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to Franklin and his family. Your mother and grandmother was a most gracious lady. May you find comfort in your memories of her.
With affection, Carol E Donaldson

Carol E Donaldson - April 06, 2016 at 04:37 PM

AS

“ One of the most fortunate events of my life was to find myself teaching under the nurturing leadership of Frank Draper at Annapolis High School. It was from him and my own parents that I learned to love my work. I didn't come to know Kathy until after Frank's passing, and I could see immediately how the scholar with the floppy hat and a taste for sardines developed such a fondness for this fine lady. She was the definition of grace, charm, and class. She loved her family profoundly, treasured her many friends, and all will miss her.

Allan Stevenson

Allan Stevenson - April 06, 2016 at 12:22 PM

CC

“ *Chad Cronshaw lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



Chad Cronshaw - April 06, 2016 at 11:05 AM

RM

“ *Richard Melton lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



Richard Melton - April 06, 2016 at 10:46 AM

BJ

“ *Brandy Perkins Jewell lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



Brandy Perkins Jewell - April 06, 2016 at 06:09 AM



“ *Franklin and family - sending you light and love in memory of your mom. She was always so kind and complimentary to me and my parents treasured your mom and dad's friendship. My deepest sympathies for your loss. She was truly a beautiful lady.*

Liz Clements

Liz Clements - April 05, 2016 at 11:54 PM



AW

“ *Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*

Agnes Wilhelm - April 05, 2016 at 06:26 PM



JM

“ *Kathy was one of the first people Al and I met when we moved to the Eastern Shore. We served together on the Chorale Board for more than ten years. She was always so active, she leaves a big hole in many peoples lives. I will miss not going to lunch with her and sharing the latest book we read.*
You have our deepest sympathies,
Al and Joan Moored

Joan Moored - April 05, 2016 at 03:43 PM



BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



Brenda Beaver - April 05, 2016 at 09:03 AM

MR

“ *Kathy was my friend, fellow book lover, alto chorale partner and a wonderful woman. I will miss her and am grateful for her presence in my life. Godspeed.*
Merle Rockwell



Merle Rockwell - April 05, 2016 at 08:31 AM

NM

“ *She was a lovely lady and teacher who I enjoyed and learned from while working with her. Prayers going out to her loving family.*



Nancy Morris - April 05, 2016 at 08:20 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Family ❤️ PSALM 23-THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. Mrs. Draper will always be remembered for her smile and love of music that she shared with everyone. Always cherish the fond memories of your loved one. Blessings and Prayers to each of you!*



Lorraine Jenkins - April 04, 2016 at 09:53 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Katharine M Draper



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 04, 2016 at 06:06 PM

GP

What a great lady that has left this community. She will surely be missed and our blessings are with you. She left a legacy that will not be forgotten. God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 04, 2016 at 06:09 PM

TF

“ The Burak Family lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper



The Burak Family - April 04, 2016 at 04:02 PM

BF

The Burak Family

Burak Family - April 04, 2016 at 04:03 PM

KT

“ Kimberly Tribbitt lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper



Kimberly Tribbitt - April 04, 2016 at 03:59 PM

JS

“ Dear Draper Family, we are deeply saddened by the loss of Kathy. She welcomed us to Centreville, encouraged us to buy the Turner house, made us feel welcome to the community, encouraged Coleman to join Choir and always pointed out opportunity for us to be involved. We deeply respected her and loved her. May your memories comfort you at this time of loss. Love, Coleman, Jessica, Ryan, Trystan, Willson, Shane, Sabine, (Sellers/McCarthy) family

jessica Sellers - April 04, 2016 at 03:19 PM

LL

“ Love, Elizabeth and Rosie Lepre' purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katharine M Draper.



Love, Elizabeth and Rosie Lepre' - April 03, 2016 at 05:37 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 03, 2016 at 10:59 AM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper



JoAnn & Royden Powell - April 02, 2016 at 08:24 PM

JO

Enjoyed spending 8 years with her studying piano. She was a wonderful lady.

JoAnn - April 02, 2016 at 08:26 PM

DC

“ *David & June Clark lit a candle in memory of Katharine M Draper*



David & June Clark - April 02, 2016 at 07:41 PM

DA

Dear Draper Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

David - April 02, 2016 at 07:43 PM

JD

Kathy was a frequent visitor to the library. I will miss seeing her

Judy Dillon - April 05, 2016 at 03:43 PM

AR

Kathy was a great lady, a talented teacher, and a wonderful member of our community. We will miss her very much! Anne and Robbie Robinett

Anne Robinett - April 05, 2016 at 04:42 PM