



Katharine "Kit" M. Foster

July 8, 1948 - February 24, 2023

Katharine "Kit" McCausland Foster passed away on February 24, 2023, at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. She was 74 years old.

Kit was born in Baltimore, MD, on July 4, 1948, the daughter of the late Dr. Charles P. and Helen Zimmerman McCausland, Jr. At an early age the family moved to "Melinda," an historic home in Maryland's Worthington Valley. Growing up there as the daughter of two keen collectors and gardeners, Kit developed a deep passion for historical preservation, gardening, and antiques.

Kit graduated from Garrison Forest School in 1966 and attended Green Mountain College before graduating from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1970. On May 26, 1976, she married her husband, John Foster, whom she'd known since high school. The newlywed couple spent an adventurous first two years of their marriage living aboard the boat Pandemonium III on the Eastern Shore until the entire Chesapeake Bay froze in the winter of 1978 and the couple relocated to Queenstown, MD.

During the early 1980s, Kit worked in Annapolis managing Beneteau Yacht's first operation in the United States then moved to a position at Anne Wallis-White Yacht Charters. Although Kit left the workforce in 1986 with the arrival of the couple's son Ned, she remained a fixture at junior regattas where she'd

tote Ned and the family's Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Barkley, around with her in her station wagon.

Kit was very involved with the Queen Anne's County Mental Health Committee and served as president of its board for several years while also committing time to the Corsica River Yacht Club. Kit was a major supporter of Queen Anne's County Master Gardeners and was a master gardener herself. She was involved with numerous native, sustainable garden projects, and put her knowledge to work at her own homes, first in Queenstown and again when she and her husband moved to a farm in Church Hill where they undertook significant interior and exterior renovations. She enjoyed gardening and traveling, and especially loved traveling to the United Kingdom to explore the gardens and houses of the English countryside.

In addition to her husband of almost 50 years, she is survived by her son, John W.S. "Ned" Foster, IV, and his wife Katie, of Queenstown, MD; brothers, Ross McCausland of Glyndon, MD, and Dr. Charles McCausland III, of Hunt Valley, MD; her faithful canine companion, Georgie; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews, the latter of whom she was committed to sharing the joys of reading with and marked celebrations in their lives with special deliveries of books. She was preceded in death by her sister, Helen "Candy" Byrnes.

Services will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Queen Anne's County Mental Health Committee at P.O. Box 183, Queenstown, MD 21658.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

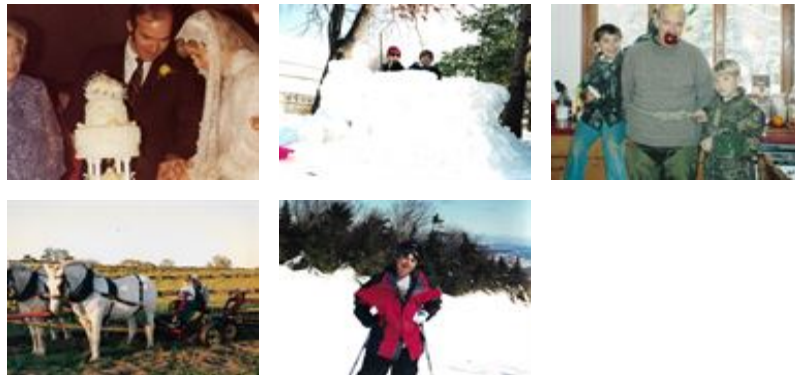


“ Katharine "Kit" M. Foster

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 07, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ John and Ned,
I am so very sorry for your loss. A neighbor for many years, Kit always looked out for my grandparents. She always would ask about my children when I would run into her, and we would spend some time chatting and catching up. I hope you can take comfort in the days ahead knowing many people care and are keeping you both in our thoughts and prayers. Sending love to you both.

Amy (Willis) Moore - March 08, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ I loved her wit and love she showed others .

Mary Byrnes Bollinger - March 06, 2023 at 12:29 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Katharine "Kit" M. Foster*



Bob & Sheila Willis - March 01, 2023 at 10:03 PM

PB

“ *The Blaha family was deeply saddened to hear of Kits passing. My daughter Katie Blaha is married to Kits son Ned. So Katie only had Kit as a Mother in law for only 4 months yet knew her much longer. Katie said she will miss Kit stopping in to visit or drop off chicken salad etc .Every day is a gift from God. None of us know our last day. We pray for the Foster family and all those that knew and loved Kit. As for me I will miss talking to her about Katie and Ned. Kit adored her son. And Ned loved his mom . May God bless you with the peace and strength that only knowing the Lord can bring us. ❤️ 🙏 . Patti and Scott Blaha*

Patti Blaha - March 01, 2023 at 02:28 PM

PF

“ *So sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Kit! Prayers and strength to John and Ned and the whole family at this difficult time! Patrick Flanigan*

Patrick Flanigan - February 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ *Bibi Schelberg lit a candle in memory of Katharine "Kit" M. Foster*



Bibi Schelberg - February 28, 2023 at 07:26 AM

JW

“ *To the Foster family,*

May Grace and Peace be with you.

James Wood & Family

James Wood - February 27, 2023 at 05:18 PM

LR

“ *I'm saddened to hear of Kit's passing. My neighbor of 21 years kindly offered child rearing advice and loaned me her sons frog boots for my son to wear. Her and John watched Morgan when I needed help. I enjoyed lunch with her at Commerce Street Bistro and spoke with her at Java Bowl recently. She will be deeply missed.*

My sympathies to John and Ned.

Linda Roberson - February 27, 2023 at 04:59 PM

NM

So very sorry to hear of Kitty's passing. Always looked forward to saying hello to she, John and Ned when visiting Queenstown. Sending prayers and love .

Nancy Willis Meissner - March 01, 2023 at 01:44 PM