



Katherine C. Hovland

June 5, 1926 - April 11, 2025

Katherine Carmichael Hovland, our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away peacefully in Severna Park, Maryland on April 11, leaving a legacy of love, beauty, giving and entertaining.

Kathy was born in High Point, North Carolina on June 5, 1926 to Albert and Joyce Carter Carmichael. Having lost her mother to illness at the age of 7, Kathy had four wonderful aunts who became gracious, southern role models. Kathy started working for the WWII War Records Department at the High Point Furniture Mart during high school. When the records were moved to St Louis, Missouri, in 1945, Kathy and two friends, at the age of 18, took a train to St Louis to continue their war efforts. It was here that Kathy met the love of her life, Henry Howard Hovland. Henry was discharged from the Army in St Louis after the war. They met on a blind date and never looked back. After their wedding, they moved to Henry's home in New York City. Then off to California they went just in the nick of time for Eric to be born. Woodland Hills, California brought joys Debbie and Sharon (via a quick business stint in Pontiac, Michigan) into her life. It was here that Kathy founded, and was the first President of, the Woodland Hills Junior Women's League, was a Brownie Scout Leader and a school volunteer. In 1960, Kathy and Henry were transferred to the Washington D.C. area. After a short stint living at Congressional Country Club, they settled in Bethesda, Maryland and then Potomac, Maryland. They raised their three children with an abundance of

activities. Outside of the numerous school activities, there was boating and skiing on the Potomac River, yachting and crabbing at the Chesapeake Yacht Club, swimming and golf at River Road Country Club, wrangling dogs, cats and horses at home and summer vacations travelling across country to see friends in California. Kathy found time in her busy social life to work at Bullis Prep School, Herbert Hoover Jr High and Richard Montgomery High School.

The Retirement years on Kent Island really brought out her charitable nature. She volunteered with the Republican National Committee, Kent Island Garden Club, KI Historic Society, KI Federation of Art, KI United Methodist Church and, for 25 years, she helped found and volunteer for, Queen Anne's Estate Treasurers, an effort to support Compass Regional Hospice care through a resale shop run by volunteers. In 2006 they were able to establish and break ground on a building with over \$1million in donations.

Anyone who came in contact with Kathy immediately was drawn to her gorgeous smile and the twinkle in her eyes. She could carry on a conversation with anyone, would say the most hilarious things and loved an inside joke. She was the first to bake cookies, a cake or a casserole for friends and family. Her crab cakes were the best on the Island. She loved playing golf and excelled in playing bridge. Kathy entertained with grace and charm. As one friend said at her 90th Birthday Surprise Birthday Party, "Kathy is a perfect Southern lady in all the right ways and has the manners to put Queen Elizabeth to shame...a little woman who makes a big impression".

Kathy was a devoted mother to Eric J Hovland (and Carol), Debra H Clark (and Mike) and Sharon H. Allan (and Richard). She was loved by her Grandchildren, Allison Hovland, Jayson Allan (and Lynn), Whitney Reed (and Patrick), Melissa Strom (and Matt), Meaghan Twigg (and Josh), Blair Harder (and Jon), and Tyler Allan (and Laura). Kathy cherished her Great Grandchildren, Julian, Jack, Logan, Lucas, Michael, Harper, George, Josie, Wyatt, Riley, Camden, Jackson, Maddox, Callie and Jordan, Aeryn and

Timber.

A Private Family Service will be held at Helfenbein Funeral Home in Chester, MD 21619

In lieu of Flowers, should you wish to make a donation to a charity in Kathy's memory, please consider a contribution to:

Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centerville, MD 21617 www.compassregionalhospice.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Katherine C. Hovland*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Kathy was a lovely and wonderful addition to the Kent Island Garden Club. We were honored to have her as a vital member who contributed her talents and knowledge to helping the garden club grow and prosper. She will be dearly missed by all of those who knew her.*

Charlotte Hardman - April 16, 2025 at 04:47 PM

MK

“ *Kathy but we all called her Nana, was such a sweet and kind soul. She brought joy to the many friends and family that she came across. She was a true southern lady and will be deeply missed by so many. Your family will share in the wonderful memories of her long life. Maria and Ray*

Maria Kostkowski - April 15, 2025 at 10:58 AM

BC

“ To all of Ms Kathy'sfamily I had the pleasure of being her hair stylist for several years untill she moved away . My thoughts and prayers are with her family
Bonnie Coleman.



Bonnie Coleman - April 14, 2025 at 10:46 PM

DA

“ Those of us left behind remember her commitment to the Kent Island Garden Club, her loving care of her garden, the Bridge games, her wonderful and delicious lunches from which I have great recipes! Her secret to me was she eat a tomato every day! I should have payed better attention! We have all been missing this beautiful and loving friend.

Dawn - April 12, 2025 at 07:53 AM

BH

“ The sweetest and nicest lady I've ever met. She was always so kind and helpful as I joined the Island Garden Club and as I became President with all her caring and helpfulness, she will surely be missed. with Deepest sympathy to the Family , Bobbye Helfenbein

Barbara Helfenbein - April 11, 2025 at 06:33 PM