



Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen

April 27, 1945 - January 28, 2023

Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen, age 77, and lifetime resident of Easton, MD, died on January 28, 2023.

Born on April 27, 1945, she graduated from Saints Peter and Paul School in 1963 as Valedictorian of her class, and attended Washington College from 1963 to 1967. Kay began a career as a History teacher in Talbot County after graduating. At Easton High School, Kay did numerous extra-curricular activities that included advising student interns for the Maryland General Assembly, being Advisor of National Honor Society, organizing Mock Elections, gathering voting machines from the Board of Supervisors for Elections, holding an assembly for students to gain greater awareness on abuse of women, and preparing students to perform well on the TV game show for "It's Academic." Kay also held classes to prepare students for an assembly on AIDS, and was excited when the talk show host, Phil Donahue, came to speak with them about their experience. Kay taught passionately for 34 years, retiring in 2001.

In 1986, Kay married Ray Duehrssen, a fellow teacher and a football coach. She was an avid reader, sports enthusiast, and politically involved citizen.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Mullikin; mother, Margaret Mullikin; sister, Mary Jo Mullikin; and stepdaughter, Elizabeth Duerhssen.

She is survived by her husband, Ray; sister, Donna Kachura; brother, Robert Mullikin and his wife Robin; many cousins, nieces, nephews; and great nieces and nephews. A service will be held at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church at 1210 S. Washington St. in Easton on February 4, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery, followed by a celebration of her life in the Family Life Center at Saints Peter and Paul's.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Interment

FEB 4. 12:30 PM (ET)

Spring Hill Cemetery
North and Aurora Sts.
Easton, MD 21601

celebration of life

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 S. Washington St
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 03, 2023 at 10:11 AM

RR

“ *I am thinking of you today, beautiful lady ❤️ ❤️ I am getting prepared to bake MD biscuits and you immediately came into my thoughts ❤️ You were always my biggest inspiration ~ Happy Heavenly Thoughts*

Rhonda Riggelman - September 17, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ *Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Kay Mullikin Duehrssen. I was devastated to hear about Kay's passing...weeks after the fact, and wish I had known, and been at the memorial service. Kay was a dear, caring, engaged, highly principled friend and teacher. She touched the lives of thousands with her work in public education, and her involvement in civic activities. Kay's family and friends must be very proud of her lifetime of service. God bless you. Rest in peace, dear friend.



Jim Chance - February 28, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KK

“ Miss Mullikin was a tremendous supporter of me in high school. She was a great teacher and I really appreciated her being a mentor to me. She will be missed!



Kim Knussman - February 07, 2023 at 08:07 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kay's passing. She became a true friend over the years coming into the office where I work. She will be missed. Deirdre Harash



DEIRDRE HARASH - February 03, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SS

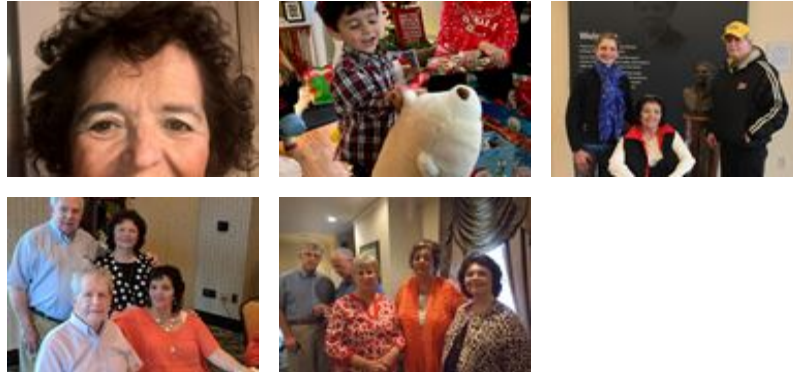
“ Shirley Mullikin Rueggeberg & sons purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen.



Shirley Mullikin Rueggeberg & sons - February 03, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 03, 2023 at 09:36 AM

RW

“ She was my favorite teacher and mentor at EHS and will never forget how she stood up for me and gave me flowers when a certain guidance counselor told me i could not get in to a certain college. Her classes were so fun and had the first video I ever did. I enjoyed catching up with her in Easton one time while I was home.

Robyn Rhodes Wilson - February 03, 2023 at 08:54 AM

SA

“ *May the lord Bless her, her Family and friends. Heaven has another angel.* ”



Susan Rossbach Allen - February 03, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen.* ”



February 03, 2023 at 07:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen.* ”



February 03, 2023 at 01:28 AM

AH

“ Mrs. Duehrssen was such a wonderful teacher, mentor, and family friend. She, along with Dorothy Moore, managed my dad's legislative campaigns and probably had a little something to do with getting him to take EHS students to Annapolis during the session! She was such a wonderful teacher who always thought outside the box! I remember her arranging a field trip for my class to tour a prison. She advised us for Mock Trial. She exposed us to so many non-traditional and valuable learning experiences! Somewhere I have a Susan B Anthony dollar that she gave me when I graduated - always reminding the female students that we could accomplish just as much as the boys! I am grateful for the privilege of having known her and learned from her.



Amy Horne - February 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

CA

Kay, my dear friend for many years, I'll miss you so much already. I'm so glad we taught together at EHS and will always remember the Aids Assembly that we and your students worked so hard to put on. You were such a loyal, generous friend and live in my heart

Carolyn Armstrong - February 02, 2023 at 02:51 PM

RW

“ I was honored to be a student of Ms. Kay’s at Easton High School in the early eighties – and considered her a friend from then on. Simply put one of the finest people I have ever known. She brought out the best in those around her through kindness, honesty, support and a bravado she carried oh so well. I will remember her kindly with a smile.

Roo Wood

Easton and Wittman

Roo Wood - February 02, 2023 at 09:36 AM

CP

“ Kay has always been such a close and good friend to me. We joined over our common liberal values. There was a part of me that always dreaded going shopping with Kay . She would enter any store and literally be mobbed by ex students other friends. She loved everyone and they loved her back. She was curious and had a lifetime passion for learning. Michael and I will miss her. Love to Ray and her family.

Constance Pullen - February 01, 2023 at 09:12 PM

PP

“ Phylis Ortt Pope lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen



Phylis Ortt Pope - February 01, 2023 at 05:48 PM

JB

“ *Joanne Brady lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



joanne Brady - February 01, 2023 at 05:22 PM

SC

“ *Sonja Carter lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



Sonja Carter - February 01, 2023 at 12:46 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



Doug Pierson - February 01, 2023 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ *Dee Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



Dee Rhodes - February 01, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Donna Clem lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



Donna Clem - February 01, 2023 at 09:56 AM



Kay actually used to babysit for me and my siblings. A great lady! Much love to the family! Donna Healy Clem

Donna Clem - February 01, 2023 at 09:58 AM

June Shortall

“ *June Shortall lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen*



June Shortall - February 01, 2023 at 06:15 AM

PF

“ I worked with Kay on so many of her projects - Law Day at EHS, the Mock Trial program, helping students perform community service during elections, etc. One which stands out is the legislative intern program which she started at EHS, but was copied by many schools throughout the district. Someone from my office would bring students over each day to Annapolis, affording them the opportunity to observe government in action.



Kay undertook each project with such enthusiasm and zeal that all around her found themselves immediately wrapped up in her idea.

The comments from former students that I have read on social media are a testimony to the fact that she was that one thing which is absolutely necessary for values and experience to be passed on from one generation to another - a good teacher.

Phil Foster - February 01, 2023 at 04:56 AM

JS

“ Jeanne M Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen



jeanne m smith - January 31, 2023 at 09:02 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen



Carolyn Lane - January 31, 2023 at 08:23 PM

VP

“ Veronica Packard lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen



Veronica Packard - January 31, 2023 at 08:11 PM

CH

“ Connie Harris lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen



Connie Harris - January 31, 2023 at 06:20 PM

AD

“ Amy And Donnie Dulin lit a candle in memory
of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen



Amy and Donnie Dulin - January 31, 2023 at 12:22 PM

JM

“ *Joseph A Mullikin purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathryn Mullikin Duehrssen.*



Joseph A Mullikin - January 31, 2023 at 12:11 PM