



Margaret Mary Risley

May 27, 1918 - March 3, 2013

Margaret M. Risley of Grasonville, MD, died on March 3, 2013, at Corsica Hills Nursing Home.

Margaret Mary Risley (nee Leppert) was born in Cincinnati, OH, on May 27, 1918, the daughter of James and Margaret Leppert. She attended parochial schools all her scholastic years. She went to work in the public library in her hometown of Glendale, OH, part-time and after graduation from high school branched out to other libraries in the area full time. She attended evening college at St. Xavier's College in Cincinnati, for seven years, working toward a BA degree.

When the war (World War II) broke out, she volunteered for the Women's Army Corp and was sent to Des Moines, IA, for basic training. She spent three years in the Army Air Force and traveled to Baltimore, MD, Camp Park, LA, and the air base in Orlando, FL. After she was discharged, she traveled to Grasonville to visit a co-worker she met in Florida. Mr. Charles Risley worked with her on a Mobile Radar Unit in Orlando, They decided to get married in Ohio and then live in Grasonville.

The newlyweds lived in Grasonville and Chester. Mr. Risley was an oyster waterman and Margaret worked in the Queen Anne's County School System for 26 years. Then she went to work at the Adult DayCare Center in

Grasonville, where she spent 10 years as a secretary. She was active in community affairs and church organizations.

At that time, Catholic churches were few and far apart. Margaret had to go to Queenstown to St. Peter the Apostle Church, the nearest one. A group of interested parishioners planned to establish a church on Kent Island. They all planned to have church in the Kent Island Shopping Center until a church was built in Harbor View. They called it St. Christopher's in honor of the patron saint of travelers.

Margaret was active in the church. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and helped clean the church. She belonged to the Altar Society for many years.

Mrs. Risley is survived by a son, Peter and his wife, Kay, of Grasonville, MD; a daughter, Peggy Risley Dong and her husband, Leland, of Denver, CO; her grandchildren, Jeffrey Risley and his wife, Angie, and Jason Risley, all of Grasonville, MD; a great-grandchild, Aubrey Ann Risley, daughter of Jason; and a sister, Nancy Hanschopp and her husband, Albert, of Cincinnati, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Charles E. Risley, who passed away in December 2009; and her daughter, Patricia Risley Downes and her husband, Crosley Downs, formerly of Queen Anne, MD.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m. on Friday, March 8 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD.

A funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, March , at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, MD.

Burial will follow in Stevensville Cemetery, Stevensville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations to St. Christopher's Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 660, Chester, MD 21619.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Mary Risley*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Margaret Mary Risley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Margaret Mary Risley*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Pete and family,
Will always have fond memories of your Mom at Grasonville
Elementary. So sorry we were unable to attend her services. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you. With our sympathy, Greg and
Kathy Lantz*

Kathy Lantz - March 13, 2013 at 02:58 PM



“ *Kathy Lantz lit a candle in memory of
Margaret Mary Risley*



Kathy Lantz - March 13, 2013 at 02:54 PM

AH

“ Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley



angel huffman - March 09, 2013 at 11:17 AM

AH

pete,kay and family so sorry to here of mrs. Risleys passing . Our thoughts and prayers our with you all. Angel and Mike Huffman

angel huffman - March 09, 2013 at 11:19 AM

SR

“ I loved working at Grasonville Elementary School with Mrs. Risley. She was organized and efficient and truly cared about all of us. I remember one time I went to the office to get some paper clips and she asked me how manyI said, " I guess maybe 25." She patiently counted out exactly 25 for me. Sometimes she was tough on the teachers and God knows we needed it but I always knew how much she cared about us and the importance of our jobs with the children. Blessings to the Risley family!

Sharon Robertson - March 08, 2013 at 06:21 PM

DC

“ Donna And Tommy Councill lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley



Donna and Tommy Councill - March 08, 2013 at 09:14 AM

LC

“ Lynn clevenger purchased the Cheryl's Sympathy Bundle for the family of Margaret Mary Risley.



Lynn clevenger - March 08, 2013 at 07:37 AM

LC

“ Many great memories of Uncle El and Aunt Margie when I was young. Prayers and thoughts to you all.

Lynn (Haddaway) Clevenger

Lynn Clevenger - March 08, 2013 at 07:28 AM

DD

“ Dear Pete and Kay, Many great memories were shared with your family. It was a warm feeling to walk out our front door and look up on the hill and wave and get a wave back. Our thoughts and prayers are with you . Howard and Doris Ann Donovan

Doris Ann & Howard Donovan - March 07, 2013 at 07:31 AM

RL

“ Robin Finkner Lewis lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley



robin finkner lewis - March 07, 2013 at 05:47 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley*



Doug Pierson - March 05, 2013 at 03:44 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley*



linda bennett - March 05, 2013 at 12:41 PM

LB

sorry for your lose Jason i know you will miss your grandmother

linda bennett - March 05, 2013 at 12:44 PM

LK

“ *Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley*



Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles - March 05, 2013 at 07:39 AM

LK

Such fond memories of Miss Risley! She had everyone in line at Grasonville Elementary School.....there was no foolishness permitted there when we were children! Then I enjoyed a decade of Miss Risley's antics and talent working with her at the Adult Day Care. That was one organized group under the helm of Margie Risley! She will certainly be missed here, but I can assure you that heaven is in tip top shape now for sure! What a wonderful life and legacy to leave to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles - March 05, 2013 at 07:42 AM



“ Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley



Raymond Dorrell - March 04, 2013 at 07:48 PM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley



Greg & Laura Saddler - March 04, 2013 at 07:41 PM

PM

“ Phyllis Martin lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Risley



phyllis martin - March 04, 2013 at 05:07 PM

PM

sorry for your loss

phyllis martin - March 04, 2013 at 05:09 PM