



Marita Spicer Reed

January 21, 1937 - December 27, 2020

Marita Spicer Reed of Chester, MD, passed away on December 27, 2020, at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville. She was 83.

Born on January 21, 1937, in Sand Fork, WV, she was the daughter of the late Carlton Spicer, Sr., and his wife, Grace Kincaid Spicer. Marita graduated from Gauley Bridge High School in WV and then Glenville College with a Bachelor's degree in Early Education. She earned her Master's degree from Marshall University. Marita went on to become an Elementary Teacher in West Virginia for 30+ years before moving to Maryland. There she taught 2nd grade for an additional 10 years at Kent Island Elementary School. During her retirement years, Marita mentored young teachers for Queen Anne's County Public Schools.

Marita was involved in the choir at Kent Island United Methodist Church and had a beautiful singing voice. She loved her church and spending time with her friends. Her love of travel took her to places like England, France, Scotland, Hawaii and many other interesting places. She was an avid reader, enjoyed going to movies and Broadway shows and musicals. She also enjoyed golfing with her husband Tom and even once proudly recorded a hole in one. Besides being a dedicated educator, Marita's passion remained her family throughout her life. She was the matriarch of the Reed family and loved keeping in touch with her many friends and extended family through Facebook

and phone calls. She always had a kind word or a note of encouragement for anyone who crossed her path.

Marita is survived by her loving children, daughter, Deborah Reed and her husband Christopher Moffatt of Fredericksburg, VA; son, Thomas Franklin Reed, II, and his wife Genell of Eldersburg, MD; seven grandchildren, Richard, Amanda (Travis), Christopher (Stephanie), Nicholas, David, Jackson, Brody; one great-grandchild, Talia; brother, Stephen Spicer and his wife, Carole of Fredericksburg, VA; sister-in-law, Rebekah Spicer of Fredericksburg, VA; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her loving husband Thomas Franklin Reed, and her siblings, Betty Kania, Doris Waldeck, JoAnn Vincent, Carlton Spicer, and James Spicer.

A memorial service will be held at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 11 a.m. with a visitation from 10 – 11 a.m. A luncheon will be served immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church, PO Box 308, Chester, MD 21619.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marita Spicer Reed* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 12, 2021 at 05:21 PM



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“ *Marita Spicer Reed* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Marita Spicer Reed* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Marita Spicer Reed*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rachel Phillips lit a candle in memory of Marita Spicer Reed*



Rachel Phillips - January 04, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ *Mrs. Reed was my second grade teacher and what an amazing teacher she was. I hope my students feel the love and passion that I felt as her student.*

Julie Perozzi - December 30, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - December 30, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Marita Spicer Reed*



Kari Oulahyane - December 29, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DW

“ *Marita, loved well, and was loved.
She will be tremendously missed.*

Donna Warren - December 29, 2020 at 03:08 PM

SG

“ *Marita had the soprano voice of an angel and her husband Tom was the choir director for years until his retirement. Marita sang many solos and was well loved by the choir and many others. She also asked how people were, had a genuine concern for others!! She was a special lady and will be missed! She's now at peace and with her beloved husband Tom. RIP Marita! My condolences to her family, God Bless!*



Sharon Goss - December 29, 2020 at 12:12 AM

BY

“ *Bill Jane Young lit a candle in memory of
Marita Spicer Reed*



Bill Jane Young - December 28, 2020 at 10:20 PM

RM

“ I was her husband's, Tom, Care Pastor, and had the opportunity to develop a beautiful relationship with him and with Marita during his time in care. During a personal time of need, Marita was an oasis and strength in my life. She was always cheerful, joyful, honest, and transparent. Her love for God and for life were were passionate and refreshing. I am thankful for the time God allowed me to share with her. She will be truly missed.



Rev. Liz Marrero - December 28, 2020 at 08:42 PM

KB

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Marita's passing. She was kind and compassionate and as a teacher I benefited from the wisdom and experiences she shared with me. I enjoyed band trips with her and Tom. She spoke of her family so often and I felt that I knew them through the wonderful stories she told about her children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters. Whenever I watch a parade, or hear a band or choir perform I think of Marita and Tom always. I hope that the family will find comfort in the days ahead and will know how many lives were touched and enriched by Marita's life. With sincerest sympathy to all of Marita's loved ones
Kathy Boyd

Kathy Boyd - December 28, 2020 at 07:07 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss and pray for peace and fond memories.

Caroline Gainer - December 28, 2020 at 07:04 PM

CJ

“ I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to get to know the Reeds when my daughter Yvonne was a band student. Marita and Tom were kind, generous, thoughtful and always had a humorous story to share. We went on many band trips together and it was a privilege and a pleasure when we rode in their car to a competition. They will always be in my thoughts.
My deepest condolences to the family.
Connie Jennings

Connie Jennings - December 28, 2020 at 06:54 PM

BM

“ Jim and I became friends with the Reeds when Jim did his student teaching under Tom. Tom had a wonderful band program and Jim felt blest to be placed with Tom. We were invited to the Reeds to eat dinner...to babysit two dear little kids. We have many sweet memories over the almost 50 years. Love to Deb and Tommy!!!! You had great parents

Brenda McQuerrey - December 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM

MC

“ I remember both Tom and Marita with deep affection from our brief encounter with them when I came for a 6 week pastorate exchange to KIUMC. Touched by her gracious and gentle spirit a true servant of God .
Melvyn Cooke Revd UK

Melvyn Cooke - December 28, 2020 at 04:50 PM