



## Martha Lee Benz

November 21, 1943 - September 25, 2021

Martha Lee Benz, age 77, of Holland Point, MD, passed away on September 25, 2021. She was born on November 21, 1943, in Baltimore, MD, to the late Curtis Lee and Martha Harrison Ramsey.

Devoted mother and grandmother, Martha Lee is survived by her daughter, Mollie Flounlacker and husband Steve; her grandchildren, Ian and Ella Flounlacker; and her sisters, Susan (William) Ackerman, Julia (Tony) Walker, Ann Ramsey, and several nieces and nephews.

Martha Lee and family lived in Bedford, VA, a town tucked in the Blue Ridge Mountains, before moving to Westminster, D. while Curtis finished his PhD at the University of Virginia.

They moved to the idyllic town of Abingdon, VA, in the summer of 1953. She was the class of 1962 at Abingdon High School. Martha Lee's father served as the Principal of Abingdon High and mother was the school music teacher, as well as organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. She received a BA from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, in 1966, also the alma mater for Curtis, sister Ann, and daughter Mollie.

With a gift for words, Martha Lee worked as an Editor for the National Planning Association in Washington DC, for more than 30 years and served

as a mentor to many. She later volunteered at the Bay Weekly in Annapolis, MD, and the Calvert County Library. Martha Lee, as a lover of antiques, was an avid participant in the Calvert County American Antique Arts Association.

She was filled with a creative spirit in so many ways, including drawing, cooking with an international flair, playing the piano, singing alto, and gardening. She also loved cats.

There will be a funeral for immediate family only at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church on October 9. A Celebration of Life will be held at her Bay home on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Martha Lee lived in her home from 1973 to the summer of 2021. Family and friends are so grateful to bring her home. The celebration will take place from 3-6pm at 812 Bayfront Ave. Holland Point, MD 20714.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rude Ranch Animal Rescue.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 13. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Family Home  
812 Bayfront Ave.  
Holland Point, MD 20714

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Lee Benz*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Martha Lee Benz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Martha Lee Benz*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mollie, my husband and I are so sad to hear about the passing of your mother. She was such a kind lady, and I loved our William and Mary connection. She and I didn't know each other but were there at the same time. She raised such a wonderful and smart daughter. I am happy to have known you, and you were a great tennis and field hockey player. We are still in Crofton but will be in Florida in November so we can't be at the celebration of your mother's life. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Ken and Carolyn Knowles. ( If I had a phone number for you, I would call and express my condolences. )*

**Carolyn Knowles** - October 15, 2021 at 04:38 PM

MM

“ During the years 1987 through 1999 I worked for Martha Lee when she was at the National Policy (originally "Planning") Association. She contracted out to my company (WordMason, Inc.) to do layouts for the Association's many publications. She taught me so much about page layout and design. She was a stickler for perfection, to say the least. Such as bringing to my attention that the bottom lines on 2 facing pages did not align; one was a "point" higher than the other! for example. Or "Flip that picture!" In a photo, the person should never be facing off the page, but towards the center [of the book]." On and on I could go. Since 1999 I have had several volunteer positions in which I laid out (is that right, Martha Lee?) newsletters, and I can honestly say that I always felt Martha Lee looking over my shoulder. Really! Her voice was always in my head (and will remain there). I learned so much from her; and it wasn't just about how to lay out artwork and text. It was also about striving for PERFECTION! Perfection . . . sometimes I thought I'd never be able to live up to her standards, but I always did the best I could. It was also about patience, with myself, with her. I had to keep telling myself, "Stay calm and keep on trying. You'll eventually get it right -- i.e. up to Martha Lee's standards." I have wondered about her for these last 20 years; "what is she doing now?" and so forth. I am so happy to hear that she became a proud grandmother. I'm sure she was a wonderful one. Sincerely, Mary Beth Mason

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Mary Beth Mason - October 08, 2021 at 02:19 PM

RT

“ I was so sad to hear of Martha Lee's passing. She was a dedicated volunteer editor/proofer for Calvert Library for many years. Her tribute in the Bay Weekly was perfect...though I don't know who checked for typos! They couldn't have been as good as Martha Lee. I loved to ask her about her grandkids because she positively lit up with pleasure whenever she thought about them. She will be greatly missed and I'm so sorry for the family's loss.

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**Robyn Truslow** - October 08, 2021 at 11:55 AM

NH

“ Ann, Julie and family,  
I was saddened to read about Martha's passing. Reading her tribute brought back a flood of memories of the Ramsey family in Abingdon! I recall very well being at your home on Grove Terrace and feeling warmly welcomed by you girls, Mollie and Curtis. I loved reading about Martha's life and the things she enjoyed. She was a chip off the old Abingdon block! Music, art, antiques, gardening, cooking and cats! Even though I had not seen Martha in years, I grieve with you on losing her and wish you comfort in knowing you had a special sister. Take care! Fondly, Nan Arrington Harman

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**Nan Arrington Harman** - October 06, 2021 at 01:34 PM

DF

“ Instead of Debbie and Delores Farmer it should have been Dennie and Delores Farmer

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**Dennie and Delores Farmer** - October 04, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DF

“ Sorry to hear about her passing, we had some great times at Ahs. We are keeping your family in our prayers

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**Debbie and Delores Farmer** - October 04, 2021 at 09:07 AM