



## Martha Clare Payne Valenzuela

September 8, 2006

Martha Claire “Patty” Payne Valenzuela of Columbia, MD, died on Friday, September 8, 2006, at Howard County General Hospital. She was 86.

Born April 26, 1920, in Preston, MD, she was the daughter of the late John W., Jr. and Clare Noble Payne. After graduating from Preston High School in 1936, she attended Western Maryland College where she earned her B.A. degree in 1940. During her working career, she was a children’s librarian at Enoch Pratt Free Library, a teacher for Hagerstown Public Schools, and a secretary in industrial relations at Westinghouse, until becoming a homemaker to care for her family.

Her husband, Gasper R. Valenzuela, whom she married in 1958, died September 21, 1997.

Mrs. Valenzuela enjoyed gardening, many forms of music, and researching the history of her family on the Eastern Shore. She was a member of the Women’s Eastern Shore Society and the Maryland Historical Society. Prior to 1975, she was an active member of the Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Valenzuela is survived by two sons, Gregory N. Valenzuela and his wife Deborah of Randolph, NJ, and Roderick T. Valenzuela of Columbia, MD; a

grandson, Matthew; and several cousins and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006, at 11:30 AM at the Bethesda United Methodist Church in Preston, MD. Burial will follow at the Bethesda Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Johns Hopkins Medicine and mailed to Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, One Charles Center, 100 North Charles Street, Suite 234, Baltimore, MD 21201 or Girls and Boys Town, 13940 Gutowski Road, Boys Town, NE 68010-7535.

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