



Martha Little Maxwell

December 15, 1942 - July 19, 2021

Martha Rudd Little Maxwell of Rock Hall, MD, passed away while surrounded by her family on July 19, 2021.

Marti was born on December 15, 1942 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of David and Aleene Little.

She completed her education at Northwestern University and Penn State. Marti moved from the Midwest to the Mainline in Philadelphia, where she became the quintessential girl next door. Her brother asked Chris Maxwell to be her friend, he said, "Yes". She eventually agreed as well, and they were married in 1963. They spent 58 happy years of marriage together.

She and Chris moved frequently during college years and then again as "corporate vagabonds" when Chris' work took them around the Northeast and finally to Rock Hall. Their first stop was in Princeton Junction, New Jersey, where they began to raise their family and Marti began her career as a real-estate agent. Marti worked hard and was quickly promoted within her field. Marti and Chris then moved to Rochester, New York, where she continued her work in real estate for Mitchell Pierson. Then it was on to Cleveland, Ohio, where she got involved with Meals on Wheels and then the Alzheimer's Foundation, where she participated in a very successful major fundraising dinner.

In 1987, the Maxwells purchased their “getaway” condominium in Rock Hall, Maryland, for weekends and vacations. This home became their “home away from home.” As they moved around the country, the Rock Hall Getaway was always there. As Rock Hall became more their home than any other location, Marti continued her real estate interest by assisting Urs Hilfiker in the operation of his Architectural practice in Rock Hall. She was involved in CAD/CAM, field work and operations control.

At the same time Marti continued her community work becoming more involved in the Statewide “Party on the Bay” Celebration. As 2007 rolled around, Marti joined the Rock Hall Tricentennial Committee working with community leaders in the yearlong celebration. She also coordinated the baking of over 3,000 cupcakes and arranged their delivery to the Tricentennial Birthday Celebration.

Besides her volunteer efforts, she was a member of St. Paul’s, Kent Episcopal Church, Registrar of the Parish, bookkeeper, and also served on the Churchyard Committee for a number of years.

Additionally, Marti was a member of the Board and Treasurer of the Rock Hall Learning Center, now the Kent County Learning Center.

St. Martin Ministries based in Ridgely, Maryland, an outreach organization focusing on women in distress and providing a Food Bank for Eastern Shore residents, was near to her heart. There, she served as a financial supervisor and an organizer of the annual fundraising dinner.

In 2008, Marti helped found the Pirates and Wenches Fantasy Weekend. This festival showcases Rock Hall and draws visitors from the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. It has been named “Best of the Bay” every year since its

inception. Four years ago, she joined the Rock Hall Business Association as a Director and Treasurer. Her efforts helped revitalize the organization.

Marti is predeceased by her parents, David and Aleene Little. She is survived by her husband, Chris; brother, Harry Little of Mocksville, North Carolina; brother-in-law, Michael Maxwell of Midlothian, Virginia; children, Michael Maxwell (Wynn) of Paradise Valley, Arizona, and Laura Maxwell Perry (Todd) of Carmel, Indiana; her five grandchildren; Henry (Angelica), John, McLennan, Elizabeth and Christopher; and Elizabeth of Kent "Izzy", the family's wonderful Black Lab.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent.
<https://www.stpaulkent.org/giving>

Services will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Little Maxwell*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 23, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Martha Little Maxwell*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Martha Little Maxwell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Martha Little Maxwell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.*



August 05, 2021 at 03:10 PM

TM

“ *The Board of Managers purchased the Forever Beloved for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.*



The Board of Managers - August 05, 2021 at 12:12 PM

GR

“ *Gary and Nancy Robson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.*



Gary and Nancy Robson - August 04, 2021 at 04:22 PM

DM

“ *Chris and family,*

With deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Marti was a super lady and I enjoyed working with her through the years. She will be missed.

Donna McClintock

Donna McClintock - August 03, 2021 at 04:57 PM

SO

“ Dear Chris and Family,

I was so saddened to hear of Marti's death! Chris, I so appreciated my being on your list to call. It was wonderful viewing the video. It gave me time to see all of you during your earlier years and time for me to reminisce the years I knew you and Marti. I love the picture you chose for her obituary! That's the Marti I remember - her infectious smile that lit up her home and any room she entered! I appreciated her dedication and involvement in St. Martin's Ministries, especially her financial assistance with our books and the hours she spent, along with so many other friends, in initiating and planning our successful Art events.

Chris and Marti, you were a great team! Thank you for inviting me into your home and your hearts! You will always have a place in my heart!

Marti, may you continue to smile down on Chris and all of us! Send down your prayers upon all of us, too!

*Love and prayers,
Sister Patricia Gamgort, OSB*

Sister Patricia Gamgort, OSB - August 03, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 23, 2021 at 12:14 PM

MX

“ Mike Tracy and Luke Easton xxx purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.



Mike Tracy and Luke Easton xxx - July 22, 2021 at 09:14 AM

MF

“ Will never forget Wyndi and Mike's wedding and fretting over their quick trip to Birmingham Ala. for wedding cake spun sugar flowers. All went well even if bride and groom were sleep deprived. Marty and I both laughed about it because there was nothing else we could do. Marty worked so hard to make the Pirates and Winches Fantasy weekend a big success. I loved being a part of it. I pray blessings of comfort and peace to all the family. Mary Frances Forrester



Mary Frances Forrester - July 21, 2021 at 08:11 PM

FC

“ Friends at Red Mountain CTS. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.



Friends at Red Mountain CTS. - July 21, 2021 at 02:26 PM

VC

“ My sympathies to all of you. RIP my birthday buddy.

Vicki Crozzoli - July 21, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.*



July 21, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Maxwell family. Ms Marti was a wonderful woman. Kevin and Tracey Middleton*



Kevin and Tracey Middleton - July 21, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Little Maxwell.*



July 21, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Little Maxwell*



Donna Hubbard Edwards - July 20, 2021 at 07:32 PM

DE

Marti was a lovely sweet lady and will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Rest in peace!

Donna Hubbard Edwards - July 20, 2021 at 07:35 PM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Martha Little Maxwell*



Liz Smith - July 20, 2021 at 05:36 PM