



Mary Bell Callahan

June 9, 1931 - August 7, 2018

Mary Bell Shawn Callahan, 87, of Easton, MD, passed away Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD. She was the daughter of Merton Ross Shawn and Sara Ellen Mandrell and grew up on the family farm in Carmichael near Queenstown, MD. She graduated from Centreville High School, Class of 1948, and then graduated from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in June 1952 with a degree in Music.

In the Fall of 1952, she began teaching for Queen Anne's County at Centreville Elementary – third grade the first year, then 4th grade in the AM and Music to Grades 1 to 5 in that building for two years. The 4th year was spent teaching Music to five elementary schools in the County – Stevensville, Chester, Queenstown, Centreville, and Queen Anne.

On February 14, 1953 she married Gordon L. Callahan and moved to Easton.

Mrs. Callahan is survived by her husband, Gordon Callahan; her son, Gary Martin Callahan of Pasadena, MD, and daughter, Shawn Lynn Lewis and husband, Brian of Bishopville, MD. She is survived by a sister, Sara A. Wolhar of Wilmington, DE; and two grandchildren, Christopher Brandon of Severn, MD, and Rachael Mackenzie Lewis of Bishopville, MD. Another sister, Ellen Ross Herold, is deceased.

Upon moving to Easton, she attended Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, singing in the Choir there. She continued to be involved as they joined Trinity Methodist Episcopal and Calvary Methodist Episcopal to become St. Mark's Methodist Church. As an active member there, she directed the Junior Choir for a time, the Chancel Choir for 10 years, served on a committee to form a Kindergarten program in 1960 until 1970 when the Talbot County Public Schools added Kindergarten. She taught the Kindergarten at St. Mark's for two years until it closed in 1970. In March 1971, she began to teach Kindergarten for Talbot County Public Schools and became certified for Early Childhood at the same time. She retired in 1983 and in 1985 became Director of the St. Mark's Nursery for children aged 3 and 4. In 1993, a program for two-year-olds was begun and the name was changed to St. Mark's Preschool. She was Director for 12 years and later taught Music to the 2,3, and 4-year-olds for 7 years retiring in 2004. During this time, in 1984, she began the Hand bell Choir at St. Mark's and directed it until 1993. She has also sung in the Chancel Choir since moving to Easton.

Services will be held at St. Marks United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. A viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Burial service will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Easton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to St. Marks Methodist Church in memory of Mary Bell Callahan, 100 Peachblossom Lane, Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Bell Callahan*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Bell Callahan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Bell Callahan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Bell's passing. She and my Mother, Sara Younkin were instrumental in the music program at St Mark's. Mother passed on Feb 25th, so I know they are in heaven making music together!*



Sari Elaine Younkin Bloomer - August 28, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *Mary Bell was a blessing to our whole family. We have many great memories of her and will miss her greatly. We are so grateful that God placed her in our lives.*



Angie, Chad, Haley, & Sarah Nestel - August 18, 2018 at 02:01 PM

JD

“ *Janet Deroy lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



Janet Deroy - August 17, 2018 at 05:03 PM

JD

So sorry to hear of Mary Bell's passing. She was such a wonderful friend. I thoroughly enjoyed playing in the Handbell Choir at St. Mark's with Mary Bell. Adrian and I enjoyed many wonderful Christmas office party's at your house where Mary Bell was such a beautiful hostess and made everyone feel so welcome. May the wonderful memories you have of your many years together help to ease the loss. May God bless you and your family. Adrian and Janet

Janet Deroy - August 17, 2018 at 05:09 PM

DT

“ *Diana Patchett Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



Diana Patchett Tarrant - August 14, 2018 at 05:45 PM

DT

Sending sincere sympathy from family of Linda and Frank Patchett.

Diana Patchett Tarrant - August 14, 2018 at 05:47 PM

AH

“ *Ann And Joe Haymaker lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



Ann and Joe Haymaker - August 12, 2018 at 05:33 PM

JB

“ *June Billman lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



June Billman - August 09, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Bell Callahan.*



August 09, 2018 at 07:07 PM

DM

“ Mary Bell was true friend and a wonderful lady. I have sung in the choir with her for almost 20 years and she was always kind and supportive. If I was absent from choir for a while due to health or family problems she always welcomed me back and told me how much she missed me. As a psychologist I respected her work with the Talbot County Mental Health Association and we had numerous conversations about mental health issues. I will truly miss her and am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Betty M. Malkus

Dr. Betty Malkus - August 09, 2018 at 03:50 PM

CS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mary Bell's death. What a lovely lady! When I think of St Mark's, I think of her and hearing her share her musical gifts to praise God. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gordon and the family. Carolyn & Don Shanks

Carolyn Shanks - August 09, 2018 at 01:48 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Karen Reed - August 09, 2018 at 01:43 PM

ES

“ She WAS St. Mark's Church. So sorry to hear of her passing.

Ernie Smith - August 09, 2018 at 10:46 AM

SS

“ *Such a sweet, lovely lady. Gordon has been a loving, faithful caregiver. He and his family are in our prayers. Jim & Sheila*

sheila scott - August 09, 2018 at 10:45 AM

PC

“ *Mary Bell has left such a legacy in this community. She had such a love for music and sharing that with children. She will be sorely missed by friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Pat and Carl Chapman

Pat Chapman - August 09, 2018 at 09:35 AM

SP

“ *Mary Belle Callahan, such a beautiful person, and forever giving her life to God! Thanks be to God for her! Brad and Shari Powers*

shari Powers - August 09, 2018 at 08:38 AM

CL

“ *Such a wonderful woman. I always looked up to her. She sang at my wedding and I remember her from St. Marks. She will be greatly missed.*

Connie Lewis

Connie Lewis - August 09, 2018 at 08:17 AM

HD

“ Howard & Darlene Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan



Howard & Darlene Dixon - August 09, 2018 at 07:30 AM

LC

“ Fond memories of her at St Marks



Lynn McCarty Crouch - August 08, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan



Carolyn Lane - August 08, 2018 at 08:27 PM

SM

“ Steven Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan



steven mccarty - August 08, 2018 at 07:16 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 08, 2018 at 06:53 PM

GP

Gordon and family...we were very saddened to learn of Mary Bell's passing. We have many great memories of her at our family functions. Will always remember her being my music teacher in Elementary School. Our Prayers and Love are with you at this time. God bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 08, 2018 at 06:58 PM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



David and June Clark - August 08, 2018 at 06:35 PM

AB

“ *Ann Butler lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Callahan*



ann butler - August 08, 2018 at 03:47 PM

BT

My condolences are expressed to Gordon and family during this time of their lost. She is a lovely person and has been loved by the people at St. Marks church. Her beautiful voice will be missed as she sang many solos.

Bob Thomas - August 15, 2018 at 09:30 PM