



## Mary Elizabeth Davidson

October 30, 1938 - March 24, 2023

Mary Elizabeth Davidson of Grasonville, MD, died Friday March 24, 2023, at home. She was 84.

Born on October 30, 1938, in Grasonville, MD, she was the daughter of the late George Franklin Shanks and Lena E. Sterling. As a child, she loved spending summer on the farm with her grandparents. As she blossomed into a young adult, she was known as a very intelligent reader, writer, and poet who was a straight A student. Her favorite sport in high school was volleyball, and she loved to dance with her sweetheart.

Mary had fond memories of waitressing at Fisherman's Inn in her teen years. She married her high school sweetheart, Phillip J. Davidson. They would begin their family in Germany as Jack was serving in the Army.

Returning from Germany to Maryland with her three daughters in tow, she made a home and increased her family by another daughter and a son. Mary then began her career with the State of Maryland. She worked for 36 years with the State, starting as a toll collector on the Bay Bridge and then retiring from the State Comptroller's Office Tax Division where many friends were made. She loved crocheting, knitting, quilting, cooking, canning, and spending time with her family. She had many grand adventures throughout her life, one of which, with her second love Billy Ray, was being stranded in the Atlantic for

several weeks on a disabled sailboat bound for the Caribbean. By the grace of God, they finally got a tow to port, made repairs and continued the journey.

She spent her years in retirement enjoying family, church, and many luncheons with her lifelong friends and the girls from work. She was a member of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Grasonville, MD.

She is survived by her four children, Jackie Benton (Bobby), Ruthie Baker (Keith), Patty Davidson, and Phillip J. Davidson, II (Erin); two sisters, Phyllis Austin and Patricia Smith; a brother, Henry O'Donnell; son-in-law, Jim Salb; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews which were all special to her. She was predeceased by her daughter, Michelle Salb; a brother, Franklin Shanks; and sister, Emily Thomas.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday April 1, 2023, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road Chester, MD 21619, with a visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

### Funeral Service

APR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 28, 2023 at 12:05 PM

RA

Love you Nana 🥰💔😭

**Rachel** - March 28, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Davidson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Sterling lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



**Gloria Sterling** - March 31, 2023 at 04:57 PM

PB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time*



Patty Baker - March 31, 2023 at 01:06 PM

PR

“ *Patty and Robin purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Mary Elizabeth Davidson.*



Patty and Robin - March 31, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Davidson.*



March 31, 2023 at 10:50 AM

JL

“ *Jane LaBrie lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



Jane LaBrie - March 29, 2023 at 09:53 PM

JL

“ *I always thought the world of Miss Mary. She was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. ❤️ All of the family is in my heart.*

Jane LaBrie - March 29, 2023 at 09:48 PM

TR

“ *She was a wonderful and caring person. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.*



Theresa Russ - March 29, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Davidson.*



March 28, 2023 at 10:29 PM

CR

“ *Together Again*



Christy Raughley - March 28, 2023 at 09:16 AM

RB

*This brings me comfort. ❤️*

Ruth Baker - March 28, 2023 at 09:55 AM

CT

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom, keeping you and your families in our prayers for strength, peace and rest in the days ahead.

*Colleen & Buddy Thomas*



**Colleen Thomas** - March 28, 2023 at 09:00 AM

NH

“ Nancie Lewis Hall lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



**Nancie Lewis Hall** - March 28, 2023 at 05:58 AM

NH

*Remembering walking down the street in Stevensville. passing by Miss Mary's house, she always had a beautiful smile and always asked "how are you Miss Nancie". Years later, I married a fellow from Denton, MD and worked in Annapolis. I entered Skip's van and who do I see but Miss Mary and her beautiful smile, asking me "how are you Miss Nancie". It was so much fun riding in the van, we laughed remembering the times in the little town of Stevensville. My thoughts and prayers are with Miss Mary's Family. God Bless Nancie "Lewis: Hall*

**Nancie Lewis Hall** - March 28, 2023 at 06:05 AM

PA

“ Phyllis Austin lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



**Phyllis Austin** - March 27, 2023 at 10:04 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Tracy Schulz** - March 27, 2023 at 09:17 PM

JA

“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Jane Anthony** - March 27, 2023 at 05:14 PM

LR

“ *Lauren Roys lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Lauren Roys** - March 27, 2023 at 05:00 PM

DK

“ *Dave&Claire Coursey Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Dave&Claire Coursey Kelley** - March 27, 2023 at 12:07 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Coursey Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Sheila Coursey Willis** - March 27, 2023 at 10:58 AM

AT

“ *Amy Kraemer Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Amy Kraemer Thomas** - March 26, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Davidson.*



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March 26, 2023 at 06:58 PM

HP

“ *Harold and Patricia purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary Elizabeth Davidson.*



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**Harold and Patricia** - March 26, 2023 at 06:48 PM

PA

“ *Patty lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*

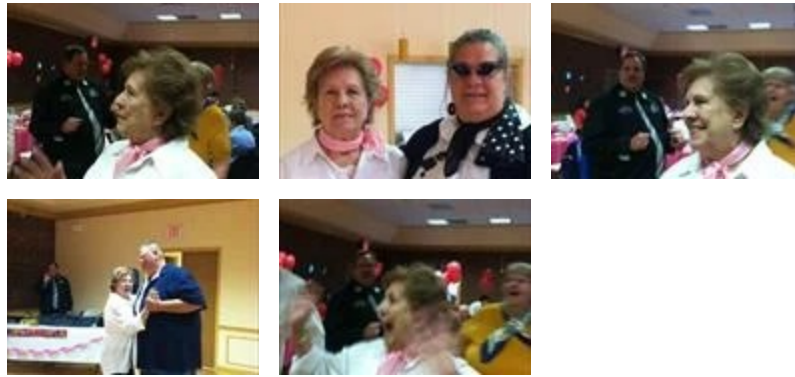


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**Patty** - March 26, 2023 at 05:27 PM

RB

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Ruth Baker** - March 26, 2023 at 05:12 PM

RB

“ *Ruth Baker lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Ruth Baker** - March 26, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JC

“ *Mary was such a sweet cousin. We will miss her coming to lunch with us. She could always keep us smiling with her funny conversations. We all loved her. Please know you all are in our hearts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Jackie and the Baxter Family*

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**Jackie cheezum** - March 26, 2023 at 03:23 PM

BN

“ *Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Bobby And Genevieve Norris** - March 26, 2023 at 03:22 PM

BO

*I was an usher in Jack and Marys wedding. It was always a pleasure to see her and to talk about the good old days.*

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**Bobby** - March 26, 2023 at 05:32 PM

GS

“ *Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



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**Greg & Laura Saddler** - March 26, 2023 at 12:36 PM

JC

“ Jeannie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



Jeannie Carpenter - March 26, 2023 at 12:05 PM

HE

“ One of the most loving and caring people I have ever met, she was amazing woman. You will forever be in my heart❤️

Heather - March 26, 2023 at 11:10 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jackie Benton - March 26, 2023 at 04:35 AM

NI

“ Thinking of all you during this time. Let her memories warm your heart.



Nicole - March 26, 2023 at 12:33 AM

JB

“ Jackie Benton lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



Jackie Benton - March 25, 2023 at 10:32 PM

CR

“ Christy Raughley lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



Christy Raughley - March 25, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Davidson.



March 25, 2023 at 09:47 PM

EC

“ Erin Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



Erin Collier - March 25, 2023 at 09:23 PM

EC

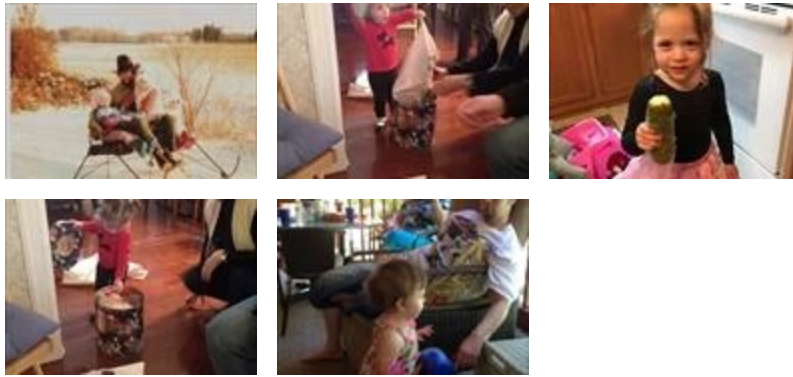
“ Erin Collier lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson



Erin Collier - March 25, 2023 at 09:22 PM

EC

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Erin Collier - March 25, 2023 at 09:21 PM

RA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rachel - March 25, 2023 at 09:10 PM

RA

“ *Love You Nana*



Rachel - March 25, 2023 at 09:09 PM

DL

“ *Doug And Michelle Leatherman lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



Doug and Michelle Leatherman - March 25, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Shirley Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



Shirley Thomas - March 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM

JA

“ *Joann And Mike Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Davidson*



Joann and Mike Anderson - March 25, 2023 at 10:17 AM