



Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes

September 7, 1924 - November 5, 2016

Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes passed away on November 05, 2016, at Corsica Hills, in Centreville, MD. She was 92.

Born on September 7, 1924, in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of the late Lamar and Isabelle (Lane) Mills, she grew up in the Pimlico area but spent many summer days visiting family in Queen Anne's County. Kitty shared her memories of old Kent Island and the farms and the life of this area so that her Eastern Shore roots would become family lore.

After the 11th grade, she soon met Doug, the love of her life. It was Doug who gave her the name Kitty, which she cherished all her life. They married January 1, 1943, before he entered army service in WWII. Her first son Doug Jr. arrived November 17, 1943, while his dad was away. Son #2, Bryan, followed in August 1946. She longed for a little girl to dress up and teach to cook. But instead, was blessed with two more sons, Tom in January 1953, and Keith in August 1958.

As a homemaker Kitty was known for her amazing baking skills and her first outside the home jobs reflected these skills, first at the local drug stores lunch counter and later as manager of bakeries at E.J. Korvette and Pantry Pride. Her last job was as a cashier at the new Kmart, "Miss Kitty" was a resounding success-- honest, dependable, flexible, kind and friendly. Kitty excelled most

in loving her Lord and her family. Those are her most valued achievements and defined her life. She loved with words and actions. She was able to return to her beloved Eastern Shore for her last 28 years and be surrounded by family and friends.

Kitty is survived by her children, Douglas Holmes Jr. (Lila) of Queenstown, MD, Bryan Holmes, Sr. (June), Thomas Holmes Sr. (Jennie), Keith Holmes (Diane); 11 grandchildren, Doug III, Amy; Bryan Jr., Kerri, Kathy, Brad, Jeremy, Willie, Thomas Jr., Brett, J. Rebecca; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas A Holmes, Sr.

Visitations will be held on Thursday, November 17, from 6-8 p.m. and Friday, November 18 from 10-11 a.m. at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, where services will be held on Friday November 18, at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 308, Chester MD, 21619.

Previous Events

Burial

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery
Hurlock, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 11, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PM

“ Ron and I want to offer our sincere condolences to Doug, Bryan, Tommy and Keith and their families. I have such wonderful childhood memories from being neighbors on Narcissus Ave. Miss Katherine always let me come over, play, eat, make a mess, get Tommy in trouble. It was awesome. She was a great lady and I still cherish that season of my life. She was indeed a blessing. Thank you Miss Katherine. See you again in the sweet by an by. Love to you all.....Peggy Dix McMahan



peggy mcmahan - November 19, 2016 at 11:27 AM

HP

“ We will always remember Mom Mom Kitty for her beautiful smile and her warm heart. We loved to eat crabs with her and listen to her wonderful stories. She will be greatly missed. Love you Mom Mom!

Heather Plutschak - November 18, 2016 at 07:45 AM

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“ I remember meeting Aunt Kitty in her home in Pimlico for the first time. A white house on the corner of the street. I sat next to her on the sofa under the steps that went upstairs. I was new to the family and she held my hand as we sat and talked. I was only a teenager but I felt the warmth of this incredible woman. She made me feel right at home. And she made me laugh .She had a great sense of humor. Later in the years I remember stopping in at "Food Fair" where she worked and talking to her in the Bakery. Its funny because I ended up working in the bakery at "Giant" for twenty years. Even though I didn't see her much after my divorce I thought about her often. I asked my son Tim many times about her. She was a sincere, wonderful, funny lady. She will be missed very much.
Sincerely,
Reiva Robinson (Blucher)

Reiva Robinson (Blucher) - November 17, 2016 at 07:45 PM

KE

Reiva darling, I remember you talking about her when you were the maid for the Rouse family and came to visit me in jail...XOXO

Kevin - February 01, 2017 at 02:39 AM

EM

“ I hold such beautiful memories of beautiful Aunt Kitty. She was a blessing from God, and I know she is up in heaven dancing with Uncle Doug. Love, EmmaJean Hood (Robbins)

EmmaJean - November 17, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes.



November 15, 2016 at 09:08 AM

JH

“ I first had the pleasure of meeting Kitty, when I was dating Tom and he wanted to introduce me to her. She welcomed me with loving arms. I married Tom in part due to his mother. Because of the way Tom respected his mom and because of the gentle loving character traits she passed down to him. Kitty became Grand other to Brad, her "step" grandson and "step great grandmother" to Heather and Brads to children, Molly and Hayden. She NEVER EVER used the term step, but accepted all of us into the family.



I got to know Kitty better when she would stay with us, an agreement the "boys" shared. Tom would tell her when it was our turn, that we had drawn the short straw that month! Lol. I learned a lot about homemaking from Kitty, like how to adjust my recipes, so that they were like her own or how she did things at Pantry Pride! After my own mother died, I felt regret that I had to work and wasn't able to care for her in our home and couldn't spend as much time at the nursing home with her. It was a pleasure to help with Kitty's care and to visit her at Corsica, where she never failed to thank me. I was so proud of her adjustment to that stage of her life. She took my advice and didn't stay in her room, that she had access to all of Corsica as her home! She participated in the activities and enjoyed the company of her new friends and golden girls. But most of all I was proud that she continued, even in these late years of her life, to lift her friends up, to provide encouragement and mostly an example of a mighty kind Christian lady. Love you to pieces, you daughter in love, Jennie

Jennie Holmes - November 14, 2016 at 09:05 PM

LC

“ Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes



Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - November 08, 2016 at 09:38 PM

LC

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Holmes at Corsica Hills while visiting many friends. She surely was a great lady to chat with and always enjoyed seeing her. I would always tell her how pretty she was and she would smile. My blessings and prayers are with the family at this time. God Bless, Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - November 08, 2016 at 09:40 PM

TS

“ It was a pleasure to know and work with "Miss Kitty " at K-Mart! May her soul rest in peace!

Traleen Stetka - November 08, 2016 at 08:31 PM

OC

“ KITTY AND FAMILY - KITTY I WILL MISS YOU DAILY AND I CAN TRULY SAY WE SHARED SOME WONDERFUL TIMES TOGETHER. BLESSINGS AND LOVE TO ALL. LOVE RUTH LEGG AND FAMILY



OLIVIA CLARK - November 08, 2016 at 01:11 PM

TH

“ *Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills lit a candle in memory of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*



Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills - November 08, 2016 at 01:03 PM

LK

“ *Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles lit a candle in memory of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*



Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles - November 08, 2016 at 12:16 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*



Kim Honeycutt - November 08, 2016 at 11:11 AM

DN

“ *Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*



Diana Nichols - November 08, 2016 at 06:33 AM

CT

“ *Colleen Thomas lit a candle in memory of
Mary Katharine "Kitty" Holmes*



Colleen Thomas - November 08, 2016 at 05:55 AM