



Mary Hester Burkey

May 13, 2002

Mary Hester Burkey of Easton, MD died on Monday, May 13, 2002 at her home at William Hill Manor. She was 86.

Born January 25, 1916 in Boston, MA, she was the daughter of the late Cornelius and Catherine Powers Malley. After graduating from Girls Latin School in Boston in 1934, she attended Simmons College in Boston, where she received her BS degree in 1938. In the late 30's she moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where she met her first husband Jesse L. Hester, whom she married on March 12, 1942. They resided in Cambridge where Mr. Hester worked in the boatyard until he was drafted in the United States Army during WWII. They resided in Mississippi until his release from active duty. They returned to Cambridge where she taught for over 20 years at South Dorchester High School. She taught Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Art, Physical Education and coached the girls basketball team. She then became a Vice-Principal and Guidance Counselor at Cambridge South Dorchester Vo-Tech, where she remained until her retirement. Following Mr. Hester's death in 1986, she remained in Cambridge until moving to Easton in 1992. In 1996 she married William A. Burkey and they remained in Easton.

A major achievement of her life was receiving her pilot license after college. She was one of the founders of the Dorchester Arts Center and was instrumental in the development of the Dorchester Showcase. She was

actively involved with the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, where she had logged in over 1000 volunteer hours.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Burkey is survived by, two sons, Charles L. Hester of Atlanta, GA and Richard W. Hester of Easton, MD; one sister, Anne Maxwell of San Francisco, CA and three grandchildren, J. Patrick Hester, Malley K. Hester and Mary B. Hester, all of Easton. She was predeceased by two brothers and one sister.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 4:00 PM at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton.

Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Blackwater, PO Box 1231, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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