



## Maxine S. Marsh

January 17, 1929 - April 21, 2015

Maxine Staples Marsh of Chester, MD, age 86, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

She was born, one of six children, in Roanoke, VA, on January 17, 1929, to the late William and Thelma Staples. At fifteen years of age, to help support her family, she managed the Smart and Thrifty, a dress shop in Charlottesville, VA. A few years later she met the love of her life, Carl Marsh, an Army veteran of WWII. They were married on July 24, 1949, and raised two children.

In 1951, Carl enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Maxine and family spent the next seventeen years making the Air Force their career. Their travels included assignments in Turkey, the Philippines, North Dakota, and then back to Andrews AFB in Maryland. After he retired, Maxine worked for the Office of Finance and Treasury for the DC government for twenty years. She lost her beloved Carl to cancer in 1992. For many years, she volunteered at Malcolm Grow Medical Center. She was an active member of Grace Baptist Church in Bryans Road.

In 2003, when diagnosed with macular degeneration, she moved to Kent Island to be closer to family. On Sundays, she enjoyed the fellowship and services at the First Baptist Church of Kent Island. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and adored her great-grandsons.

Maxine is survived by her daughter, Penny Womack (Douglas) of Grasonville, MD; her son, Todd Marsh (Anita) of Newburg, MD; granddaughter, Lauren Eber (Ryan); and great-grandson, Bodie and Reed of Stevensville, MD; her dear friend, Glen Carpenter of Ft. Washington, MD; and many loving family members and friends.

Services will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home in Chester, MD, on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Viewing begins at 2 p.m. and memorial service at 4 p.m.

Maxine will be buried with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in a private family service.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maxine S. Marsh*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 24, 2015 at 04:02 PM

BW

*A wonderful tribute to Maxine, a beautiful, brave and savvy woman, happiest when with her family, a great friend, always impeccably dressed and that photo in bathing suit, just wow! Barb W. Tillie's daughter. She just loved your mother. I love the symbolism of God's creatures in flight.*

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**Barbara Bell Whitmer** - April 26, 2015 at 10:21 AM

JS

*A beautiful tribute to a beautiful and feisty lady.*

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**Janice Stephan** - April 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

PO

*So many memories! A beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady whom I will miss so much.*

*Love, Patti*

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**Patricia Oleniacz** - April 29, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ *Maxine S. Marsh*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Maxine S. Marsh*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.*



April 29, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ *Myrtle & Joe purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.*



**Myrtle & Joe** - April 28, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ *Cindy and Bill Siko & Carl and Sue Gray purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.*



**Cindy and Bill Siko & Carl and Sue Gray** - April 28, 2015 at 03:01 PM

VP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Maxine was a special lady and I always enjoyed talking to her. I know your pain, having lost my Mother in January. My prayers and love are with you during your pain of loss. My the grace of God be with you. Forever in my thoughts, Vicki and Vince Peranio

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**Vicki Peranio** - April 28, 2015 at 07:14 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions* was purchased for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.



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April 27, 2015 at 06:11 PM

JP

“ A line from choral evensong last night brought thoughts of Maxine and eased the pain in my heart. "Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits, be made young again like an eagle." I realized that Maxine always was an eagle; imposing, soaring and living life widely, never afraid to venture into the unknown, never missing anything that went on in the lives of those she loved. I smiled as I thought of her soaring and dipping with her laugh echoing, free of the bonds that have bound her for so long.

She has been so many things to me for the past 23 years - friend, mother, sister, confidante, counselor - but most importantly always there. There are so many great memories: Her restless hands, always "fidgeting" with something; her head thrown back in laughter; always being greeted with "Hi, sweetheart. How are you?"; those grand hugs and real pucker-up kisses. Waiting for her "Now, have you thought about ....." when I expressed an opposing opinion. Waiting as evening approached for her to ask if was time for her beer yet. Our on-going argument over which of us had the biggest lips and mouth. How she loved to share food and drink and laughter with family and friends. Her crazy passion for cleaning. How she insisted on putting on full face make-up, doing her hair and dressing before going to claim the mail. What a woman! The proud way she carried herself, the way she managed to look elegant in jeans, white shirt and tennies. Her never ending interest in what was going on in the world - what was new and hot. The way she bridged the age gap no matter how big. How she would remind me in any time of trouble that she would pray for ..... and that she was a good prayer. She did and she was. And that indescribable laugh! She was and always will be crazy Maxine, the woman who brought so much love and joy to my life and that of my family. I loved her so much and I know that all the memories will keep her alive in my heart forever. Jan Peters

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Jan Peters - April 27, 2015 at 01:12 PM

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“ Love, Rita Thomas (Anita) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.



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**Love, Rita Thomas (Anita)** - April 27, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.



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April 26, 2015 at 09:34 PM

MT

“ I've known Mrs. Marsh since I was 18 years old and that's a lifetime ago. She was always so kind and sweet to me unless she caught me not wearing a bra...then not so much! She was a cross between Scarlet O'Hara and Calamity Jane in my eyes! She taught me to enjoy Great Northern beans and fat back, how to shop at the Dollar Store and how to "borrow" corn on the backroads of Virginia. Heaven must be more fun since her arrival. Thank you, Mrs. Marsh (and Mr. Marsh), for such warm and wild memories. She was a real firecracker! Love, Meesie

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**Mary Taylor** - April 26, 2015 at 08:06 PM

CB

“ Dear Penny and family:

*Drew and I were shocked to hear about your mom's death today. It may sound funny to use the word shocked when you are talking about an 86 year old person, but your mom certainly didn't seem like she was 86. She was one of the happiest, and most alert, people at Bayleigh Chase and she made our visits to see our mother (in law) a treat. She was gracious and kind and truly liked people. We always were amazed at her clothing--so crisp and attractive--Drew used the word impeccable. In fact the last time we saw Maxine was a week ago on Sunday evening. She was wearing a beautiful red bathrobe, carrying her cane and her purser! We will miss the stories of Bodie and Reed--she was so proud of her family.*

*One quick Bayleigh Chase story. During one of our first weeks visiting the memory clinic we witnessed this exchange. Alice Long (92 and in a wheelchair) is rolling back and forth looking for her cat. Maxine comes in and says "Well I hope he isn't in my room. I'm allergic to cats!" Drew and I will have that as a memory for years to come.*

*We would have liked to have paid our respects this Wednesday but are out of town so instead we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to each of you. The world has lost a special person no doubt.*

*Warmly,  
Cindy and Drew Buniski  
Easton, MD*

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**Cindy Buniski** - April 26, 2015 at 07:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maxine S. Marsh.*



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April 26, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ *Oh Maxine, missing you already. Never seem to be prepared for this event. Your home was always open to us when we popped in for a visit. In many ways you took over Ma's job of looking out for us Starrett kids. you were so much fun and upbeat to be with; sharing your stories, laughing, listening and offering encouragement. We are grateful you shared so much of yourself with us.*

*Love Ann Sterling & Eloise Saint*

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**Ann Sterling** - April 26, 2015 at 01:53 PM

MM

“ A few of my favorite memories:

*Maxine: “Come here and let me give you a kiss.”*

*Nephews: “Keep those red lips away from me.” And then the chase through the house would begin.*

*Christmas fruit cakes that had to be made at Thanksgiving to get enough whiskey infused to make them good.*

*Jake’s fond tales of the Marsh brothers dating days with Millie and Maxine’s in Charlottesville. (They had a good time together.)*

*Don’t call before noon on Saturday!!!! Click*

*A Friday night beer.*

*You didn’t need a party with “Crazy” Aunt Maxine; she always brought the party with her.*

*A beautiful woman with an exceptional sense of grace and style who loved her family deeply and wanted everyone to have fun.*

*I know there is a party going on in heaven now.*

*You will be missed, and always remembered with a smile,  
Marjie Marsh*

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**Marjorie Marsh** - April 26, 2015 at 09:00 AM

HS

“ I will always remember your laugh. We had a alot of fun together and I will miss you always. You are my Aunt but also a great friend.  
love Helen

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**Helen Starrett** - April 26, 2015 at 08:53 AM

BS

“ You will be truly missed by all. I will have a beer in your honor.  
Love Bill Starrett

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**Bill Starrett** - April 26, 2015 at 08:30 AM

RE

“ To that special lady who always had a cold beer in the fridge for me and if not knew exactly how long it would take to get one cold. Who would never let me go hungry in her presence. Who would always ask how I was doing even if she started asking another question before I could answer. Thank you Maxine for the great memories, the energy you brought to a room, the cold beers, the sincere love and so much more. You will be dearly missed as well as your rendition of Hey Good Lookin' but this isn't a "goodbye" it's a "until we meet again" . Love, Ryan

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**Ryan Eber** - April 24, 2015 at 05:30 PM

GE

“ A wonderful woman who was enjoyable to be around. You will truly me missed by all who have known you.

*George & Nancy Eber*

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**George & Nancy Eber** - April 24, 2015 at 02:01 PM