



Ortha Merchant

December 15, 2002

Ortha Bonwill Merchant of Chestertown, MD, died Sunday, December 15, 2002 at Easton Memorial Hospital after a long illness with cancer. She was 67.

Born September 20, 1935 in Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Eula Wagner Perdue. She was a graduate of Chestertown High School and after graduation, she married James Brice Bonwill. After the death of her first husband in 1969, she then married her husband of 30 years, Norman Merchant.

“Porky”, as she was known, loved her family and her dog T.C. which she had for 24 years. She enjoyed playing pitch at the Chestertown Elks.

Mrs. Merchant was preceded in death by her son, Larry Brice Bonwill.

In addition to her husband, Norman Merchant of Chestertown, MD, she is survived by three daughters, Cindy Bonwill of Millington, MD, Marcia Fernwalt Ramirez of Chestertown, MD and June Caraic of Aberdeen, MD; a son, Kevin Merchant of Chestertown, MD; two sisters, Barbara Barcus Hyland of Chestertown, MD and Linda Spray Fry of Chestertown, MD; one grand daughter, Tanya Fernwalt of Chestertown, MD and 3 grand sons of Aberdeen, MD.

A Memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 6 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd., Chestertown, MD where the family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In Lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to the American Cancer Society, Kent County, P.O. Box 711, Chestertown, MD 21620 or the Kent County Christmas Basket Project, P.O. Box 60, Chestertown, MD 21620.

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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