



Rachel Marie Fairbank Marsh

July 12, 1913 - November 15, 2009

On Sunday, November 15, 2009, Rachel Marie Fairbank Marsh went to heaven to be with our Lord. She was born on July 12, 1913, and passed away in the same family home on 412 Water Street, St. Michaels, Md. Rachel was the youngest of six children born to the late Ella Jewell Fairbank (a homemaker) and the late, Walter Wrightson Fairbank (a shoemaker). She attended public school in St. Michaels, graduating in 1930.

In her late teens, she met and married Milford Seymour. He became owner and captain of the "Original Floating Theater," the successor of the "James Adams Floating Theater" on which Edna Ferber, after spending a season on the boat, wrote the book "Showboat", later made into a movie of the same name. The Original Floating Theater was a barge pulled by two tugs, the "Elk" and the "Trooper" that plied the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and inlets along the Inland Waterway putting on plays and concerts for the local townspeople. For over ten years Rachel sold tickets, acted and danced on the showboat. In the early 40's, the marriage ended and Rachel returned to St. Michaels. She began working for Sen. Marvel in Easton and later in the Legislature in Annapolis. When the Legislative session ended, she began working for the Comptroller of the Treasury, J. Millard Tawes, where she met her future husband, Benjamin F. Marsh.

She returned to St. Michaels in the 50's to care for her ailing mother and

worked for Benson & Wales Insurance. In 1961, she married Benjamin F. Marsh, Chief of the Income Tax Division for the State of Maryland, and they built their dream home on the Miles River.

She was the oldest life member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir, was in charge of the acolytes and served on many committees. Because of her love of flowers, she was also caretaker of the prayer garden for many years.

She was very devoted and giving to her family. She is survived by one daughter, Rachel Jane Brown of 412 Water Street, St. Michaels; three grandchildren, Tina Marie Fluharty of Shady Side, Md., Franklin Jewell Fluharty and his companion, Lynn Ennis, of Vienna, Md., Kristen Jeannene Welch and her husband Ralph of Aquasco, Md.; five great-grandchildren, Rebecca Bunting, Benjamin Cottrell; and Amanda Bennett, Eric Fluharty, Mary Ellen Fluharty, and their mother Christina Lynn Fluharty; and one great-great-grandchild, Jesse Jewell Link; and niece Jewell Blanchfield and nephew Sam Smith, both of Federalsburg, Md.

She was predeceased by her husband Benjamin F. Marsh and her sisters Ella Fairbank Smith and Lena Mae Fairbank, and her brothers Millard Fairbank, Albert Fairbank and Jewell Fairbank.

The family would like to express it's sincere gratitude to The Talbot Hospice Foundation and especially Nurse Marjorie "Pete" Fox and Dr. Anish M. Hinduja for their kind and loving care during her final days.

Viewing will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. 200 South Harrison St., Easton, Md. 21601, between the hours of 4pm and 6pm. The funeral service and burial will be held Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 2pm, St. Luke's United Methodist Church,

304 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, Md. 21663

In honor of Rachel, contributions may be sent to St. Lukes United Methodist Church or The Talbot Hospice Foundation. Flowers may be sent to Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
304 S. Talbot Street
St. Michaels, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel Marie Fairbank Marsh* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rachel Marie Fairbank Marsh* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rachel Marie Fairbank Marsh* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rachel Marie Fairbank Marsh* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My love and condolences to all the family. Many years have passed since living across the street in Rio Vista, but the wonderful memories of knowing and loving both mom Rachel and daughter Rachel have always been some of my fondest and will be as long as I live. Am happy for her that she is at peace now and with her beloved husband and know that helps the family during this time of mourning.##imported-begin##Patricia S. Hardy##imported-end##*

November 22, 2009 at 09:24 AM



“ *Rachel and Family, extending our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your dear mother. It was a pleasure to have leaeaned to know you and your dear mother during the multiple, wonderful visits we had at Chris and Ralph's home. It was an added reason for John to come to the festivities because he knew he had someone to talk with and enjoy the family room. Please know that you have been in our prayers and will continue in the weeks t o come. So sorry it was my Saturday to work which did not allow me to come with Joanne. I have watched the beautiful tribute to her. May she rest in peace in the garden of heaven where she will be surrounded by the most awesome flowers she has ever seen and have peace knowing that her earthly sufferings are over. You have given her the best anyone could have given her in her aging years and you should have peace knowing "you did all that you could in her final days. God Bless Rachel and her daughter Rachel and family. Much love, Millie and John##imported-begin##Millie Kashmere##imported-end##*

November 21, 2009 at 07:56 PM



“ Our grandmother was a wonderful woman. We will miss her very much. Especially all the times when she would show me up with her tap dancing moves.
She loved her great-great grandson Jesse. She would always tell me how smart he was. Jesse loved to help his grandmother around, by holding onto her walker.##imported-begin##Amanda Bennett##imported-end##

November 21, 2009 at 01:04 PM



“ Family, you are in my thoughts and Prayers as you grieve the loss of your love one. (Romans 15:4) may you find comfort in the scriptures and keep in mind the hope promised to us at (John 5:28,29) The hour is coming for all those in the memorial tombs to hear his voice.

May Jehovah our God continue to be with you.

Tammie Milliner & Family##imported-begin##Tammie D. Milliner##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 01:46 PM



“ Rachel,

Seeing how much you cared for your mother and enjoyed spending time with her is a real tribute to what a wonderful mother she was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you from a far. Love, Nancy, Bortie, Kristin & Michael##imported-begin##Nancy Twiford##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 11:22 AM



“ Rachael, I appreciated all the help and support you gave me in the choir. When you had broken ribs, you called me in great pain to tell me you could not sing that morning. That's the kind of thoughtful person you always have been to many people in St. Michaels and elsewhere. May God bless you and take care of those you leave behind.

Peggy##imported-begin##Peggy Campbell##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ Mom, you were the BEST. Thank you so much for all the love you gave to our family and me. I'll miss you so much.##imported-begin##Rachel Jane Brown##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 10:21 AM



“ Exactly what Frank said! We will miss you here, but we will all see you again.##imported-begin##Tina Fluharty##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 04:43 AM



“ My sympathy to the family. May God be with each of you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Landra Greenhill##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 12:26 AM



“ I love you gramom. Tell granddaddy I love him.##imported-begin##Frank Fluharty##imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 11:09 PM