



Mary K. Kibler

April 2, 1919 - March 25, 2014

Mary Angela Krock Kibler, 94, died at Caroline Nursing Home in Denton, Maryland, on March 25th, 2014, after having suffered a stroke in June. She is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years, Clarence (Kibby), five of their six children: Anne Marie (College Park, Md.), George (and Deb of Baltimore, Md.), Mimi (and Alain of Parsons, W.Va.), Clare (and Anne of Binghamton, N.Y.), Rob (and Margaret of Cabin John, Md.), and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Jeffrey of Binghamton, N.Y. She is also survived by her sister Betty of Clearwater, Fl. and dozens of nieces and nephews. She had eight siblings and a son, Michael LaFontaine Kibler, who preceded her in death.

Mary was born April 2, 1919, and was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, the sixth of ten children of George Krock and Vannette LaFontaine. She received a B.A. from Ursuline College in Cleveland, and a B.S. in Nursing from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She started her nursing career at Providence Hospital where she was nicknamed "Fleetfoot," for her efficient manner.

Mary met Kibby in Washington D.C. when she and a girlfriend were hanging around the tennis courts scanning for eligible bachelors. She and Kibby were married in 1948. She loved Kibby endlessly, and embraced his Maryland heritage, especially the seashore, clam chowder and crab feasts. When Kibby retired they moved to Greensboro, Maryland, his hometown. She worked at Easton Hospital and Caroline County Health Department before retiring to

concentrate on her many interests including cooking, watercolor painting and volunteering.

Mary encouraged her family in intellectual curiosity, spiritual journeys, adventure, and lifelong learning. She taught us to cook, to love international food and to appreciate cultural differences. She took us camping and her love of birds, flowers and trees gave us each an appreciation for the natural beauty around us. She taught us tennis and ping pong and how to ride bikes. She encouraged us all to explore artistic pursuits, and she enjoyed watercolor and Japanese flower arranging. She told us jokes and made us laugh till we gasped for air.

Mary was devoted to the Catholic church and her church community. She professed her oblation to the Ridgely Benedictines in 1984. Her volunteer activities for the church included decorating the altar for holidays, making homemade hosts, working at St. Martin's barn, and preparing countless meals for parish friends, priests and nuns. After retiring, she volunteered for hospice, visiting, praying with, and cooking for patients and their families.

Mary will be missed tremendously, and honored in little acts of kindness, recognition of flowers she loved and food she enjoyed, and repetition of her favorite jokes and stories.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, March 29th at St. Elizabeth's in Denton, MD at 11:00 am.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Denton, MD or to the Sisters of St. Benedict's in Ridgely, MD.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross

Greensboro, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W Sunset Ave
Greensboro, MD 21639
(410) 482-8914

Memorial

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
106 S. First Street
Dentom, MD 21629

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary K. Kibler*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Mary K. Kibler*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Miss Mary Was The Sunshine Of Our Watercolor Class And An Inspiration To Us All.....Miss Your Smile....R.I.P.*



artin - August 07, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *Suzanne Albert lit a candle in memory of Mary K. Kibler*



Suzanne Albert - May 12, 2014 at 09:13 PM

LY

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that the Bible reveals God’s purpose to restore the dead to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. Jesus said: “The hour is coming in which all those in the graves shall hear his voice and come out.”—John 5:28, 29; Revelation 21:1-4. I hope you find some comfort in this promise.

Lynn - March 30, 2014 at 08:09 PM

SO

“ My deepest sympathy to Kibby and family. Mary was a beautiful person, faithful to prayer and a wonderful, kindhearted blessing to those who knew her.

She was a wonderful baker and generous with her sweet treats, cookies and cakes. She brought much joy to our Benedictine monastery. May she rest in peace. My sympathy and prayers to Kibby and family.

*Peace and prayers,
Sr. Colleen*

Sr. Colleen Quinlivan, OSB - March 30, 2014 at 04:51 PM

RP

“ So sorry to hear that Mary has passed. Our condolences to Kibby. You were quite a team. We loved her smile and are fortunate to possess two of her paintings which are proudly hanging in our home. Love to all the family. Ron and Patti Papineau

Ron Papineau - March 29, 2014 at 10:42 AM

SB

“ Miss Mary was the embodiment of Joy especially sharing in Art class with her fellow artist. We would have lunch together as a class and exchange artwork at Christmas. I was lucky enough to receive a beautiful bird Mary had painted and enjoyed a good lunch and her and Kibys fellowship. My thoughts and prayers are with Kiby and the rest of her family.



Love-In-Christ, Sue Bartin

Susan Bartin - March 29, 2014 at 09:06 AM

IR

“ Dear family Kibler,

I have had the enormous pleasure of sharing many beautiful moments with Anne (Anita) in her house in Amherst Road. Through her generous and loving way of being, I know how lovely your Mum, Wife and Friend was. Therefore it is very sad to hear that she has passed away.



All of you are in my thoughts. Please receive my condolences from Germany and also from my family in Spain,

*Un fuerte abrazo para ti, mi querida Anita,
Inés Romero Brey*

IRB - March 29, 2014 at 02:00 AM

IR

“ *Ines R. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary K. Kibler.*



Ines R. - March 29, 2014 at 01:33 AM

FL

“ *So sad to hear we have lost Mary - my condolences to Kibby and all her family - as a fellow parishioner I had the good fortune to know the Kibblers and was very aware of the affection and respect that our church -St Benedicts/St. Elizabeth - held for Mary and Kibby. As a fellow Oblate of St. Benedict I know that Mary lived with the love of Christ as the leading light in her life. RIP Mary*

Fran Lucas - March 28, 2014 at 04:56 PM

VM

“ *Vannette Major purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mary K. Kibler.*



Vannette Major - March 28, 2014 at 10:24 AM



“ *Mrs. Mary may you now rest in peace, your in God's Heaven now. Many thanks to you for you & Mr. Kibby for taking us home from the bus stop due to it raining or stopping to say hi and little chats. You were such great, kind and caring neighbor's in the Fox Grape Community. You will be sadly missed by all.*



To the family of Mrs. Mary my thoughts & prayers are with you, she was a wonderful person and I have fond memories of her and Mr Kibby what a wonderful couple.

*God Bless,
Theresa Terri Wells Baker & Family*

Theresa Wells-Baker - March 28, 2014 at 06:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary K. Kibler.*



March 27, 2014 at 09:47 PM



“ *Clare
Though I never met your mom I always felt her presence through you. Whether you were baking her delicious Thanksgiving rolls or reminding us to "drink in the beauty" you were sharing pieces of her life with us. How nice is that.
Anita*

anita simko - March 27, 2014 at 06:44 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Fleagle and Helfenbein Funeral Home - March 27, 2014 at 04:28 PM

JG

“ Sorry to learn about your loss. I believe Mary was probably related to my grandmother Mary Gardner. Will keep Mary and family in our prayers. Jim Gardner

Jim Gardner - March 26, 2014 at 04:34 PM

FR

My heart and my prayers are with everyone who loved her, most of all Kibby. She was truly a good and faithful servant of the Lord. I'm sorry I can't be there for the funeral.

Father Mike Roark - March 26, 2014 at 10:47 PM