



Mrs. Dorothy Mears Ward

April 8, 1925 - June 16, 2016

On June 16, 2016 Dorothy Mears Ward beloved wife of the late Arthur Thomas Ward, Jr., M.D.; dear mother of Arthur Thomas Ward, III (Elizabeth, nee Ottenritter) and Robin Elizabeth Ward Puleo (Peter R., M.D.); dear grandmother of Arthur Thomas Ward, IV, Christopher Vernon Ward, Charles Edgar Emmerich Ward, Christopher Ward Puleo, John Ward Puleo and Peter Ward Francis Puleo.

She was born and raised in Baltimore on North Hilton St. overlooking Lake Ashburton. She graduated from Roland Park Country School in 1942 in a class of 13 students; graduated from Hollins College (now Hollins University), Roanoke, Virginia in 1946.

Mrs. Ward taught at The Cathedral School. Her entire kindergarten class attended her wedding in 1948 to Dr. Arthur Thomas Ward, Jr. a surgeon and businessman, who throughout their entire life together lovingly referred to her as "The Miss" in recognition of the fact that she was the classic lady--a woman of inner and outer beauty, elegance and charm.

Known for her kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. Beloved by her friends and family. She was a major benefactor in the community, supporting cancer research at Johns Hopkins Hospital and also particularly focusing on

education. She established scholarships, numerous endowments, and anonymously paid private school and college tuitions for deserving students. The Dorothy Mears Ward House at Roland Park Country School was named in her honor for her generosity and devotion to the development of her alma mater.

Served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Roland Park Country School, member of the DAR, Women's Club of Roland Park, Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore Country Club, and Elkridge Club.

Studied and collected art, antiques and miniatures with a flair and passion for interior design.

Loved the water--as a child spent summers fishing, crabbing, swimming at her parents' home on the Eastern Shore and later at Ocean City, Maryland with her husband and children.

She loved seafood so much her husband brought her steamed crabs to eat on a tray in bed at Union Memorial Hospital hours after giving birth to her daughter.

Avid collector of Lionel O and Z gauge model trains. Visitors would hear by word of mouth about her trains and ask to see her train room which consisted of a wall-to-wall raised platform, nearly every square inch filled with lights, tracks, accessories, and scenery. Even into her eighties, if a train went off the track, she would kick off her shoes and climb on top of the display to make the repair.

Loved animals, supported shelters and the SPCA. She adopted stray cats and dogs; at one time bottle-feeding twelve Saint Bernard puppies whose mother had abandoned them.

Treasured her family. As an only child, she was particularly delighted and amazed to be blessed with six grandsons.

Amused and surprised at her good fortune to have lived the longest of any of her relatives. She took everything in her stride, often saying about the world around her, "You have to live with change."

Her generosity was matched only by her modesty. Gentle and reserved, yet her acts of kindness spoke volumes.

Memorials in her name may be made to JHU Kimmel Cancer Center, C/O Dr. Zahnaw, P O Box 17029, Baltimore MD., 21297-1029 or Maryland SPCA Development Office, 3300 Falls Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211.

Cemetery Details

Church of the Redeemer Columbarium

5601 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Redeemer
5603 N Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryl Kacher missing you and Robin and Tommy. Our birthday parties on Taplow Road then to Blyhwood. Loved the golf cart as a kid. Visited your mom in 1988 with 2 of my children who loved the trains. So sorry about your mom and Dad Love Cheryl Ruth Kacher P.A.

Cheryl KACHER - April 25, 2021 at 03:30 AM

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“ Mrs Ward will always hold a special place in my heart, she was the most considerate woman I've ever known. During her last days bearing the pain from her illness, she still wanted to make sure you were ok. I'm writing this with tears in my eyes, because she was pleasing and had a heart of goodness.

Rest in Peace,

Leslie Adkins, Caregiver

leslie adkins - June 25, 2016 at 05:55 PM