



Ms.. Nancy Elizabeth Perella

August 9, 1929 - March 16, 2016

On March 16, 2016, Nancy Perella (nee Kidd), 86 passed peacefully at the Gilchrist Hospice Center. She was born on August 9, 1929, daughter of James Milton Kidd and Martha Lynn Kidd (nee Roush), and grew up in the Lauraville section of Baltimore. After graduating from Eastern High School in 1947, she attended the Bard Avon School, followed by a position at the Glenn L. Martin Company.

In 1948 she met John Lee Dockman of Forest Park during a summer vacation in Ocean City. After a year-long courtship, they married in 1949 and settled in Baltimore where they had five children and an active social life with neighbors in Northwood and later in Rodgers Forge.

Raising her children was her greatest joy, and she did it with grace, humor, and much love. She instilled in them the values of integrity, hard work, compassion, and going the extra mile. She loved the beach and fondly recalled trips to Ocean City with her extended family as a child, with friends as a teenager and young adult, and with her own family in the 1960s and 70s. After she retired, she enjoyed spending time in Bethany Beach with her children and grandchildren.

She was interested in genealogy and researched branches on both sides of the family tree, tracing ancestors back to the Civil War and the War of 1812.

She was also an avid student of local history and architecture, and loved visiting historic landmarks including Hampton, Evergreen, Carroll Mansion, and Homewood. In her 50s, she began a serious study of the Civil War, with a particular interest in the Battle of Gettysburg. Trips to Gettysburg with her children and grandchildren were among her favorite activities.

In 1969 she went to work at Goucher College as an administrator in the Julia Rogers Library, where she was popular with students, faculty and fellow staff members. Later, she worked at Baltimore County Schools in the Office of Adult Education, retiring in 1997.

She leaves behind a close-knit family and an inspiring legacy that her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren children will lovingly perpetuate. She will be remembered and greatly missed by her children, Patricia Dockman Anderson, Barbara Dockman Rinehimer, William Cummings Dockman, John Richard Dockman, and Michael Francis Dockman; her dear sisters Mary Gamewell and Lynn Murphy; fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and many devoted friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Gilchrist Hospice, 11311 McCormick Rd., Suite 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21231.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

Woodbrook Baptist Church
25 Stevenson Lane
Towson, MD 21212

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm Nancy's cousin Judith Kidd, living in Albuquerque. Nancy and her sisters Mary and "Linny" were very special members of our family - my big cousins, teenagers, when I was small. It was special to go to their house or share Thanksgiving dinners at our grandmother's.

Mary, Lynn, and all of Nancy's family, I send you condolences at the loss of your dear sister and Mom. Nancy kept her sense of humor and enthusiasm all her life. Although I have not seen your family for a number of years I share your loss and treasure the memory of my dear cousin.

With love,
Judith

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