



Katherine Mitchell Whalen

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On October 24, 2020 Katherine Mitchell Whalen died peacefully at her home in St Michaels MD. Kate was the beloved step chic of Kathleen Reitz (Marvin), Raymond (Mary), Joseph (Catherine), Susan Seboda (Earl), James (Ann) and Thomas; adored Aunt Katie of Catherine Gaffigan, Pamela Gaffigan (Linda Piepho), Michael Gaffigan (Laura), Mitchell Gaffigan (Chris), Joseph Gaffigan (Jane) and James Gaffigan (Jeannie); grandmother, great grandmother and great aunt to many. Kate was predeceased by her beloved husband Neil Whalen, her cherished sister Marcia Mitchell Gaffigan, and dear cousin Rita Chadwick. Kate has been a treasured fixture on the Eastern Shore for decades where she has delighted family and friends with her wonderful personality, generosity, quick wit and fashionable outfits, most notably her hats and shoes.

Kate was born April 24, 1943 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Miriam and Judge Richard Mitchell. The family moved to Washington DC where her father served on the Interstate Commerce Commission. Kate attended Blessed Sacrament convent and boarded at Tuxedo Park School in NY. She made her debut alongside her cousin Rita in DC in 1961. Kate began her career as an assistant director in network television and later became an assistant producer where she developed her gift of interviewing, a skill that she would hold on to all of her life. She later opened an antique store in Kensington, MD where she developed her exceptional skill as a collector and decorator. Kate moved to Tilghman Island in 1978 and subsequently met Neil Whalen on a blind date on St. Patrick's Day, 1980. They were married in 1981 and Kate became an instant mother to 6 children. Kate and Neil started their marriage in Rockville, returning to the Eastern Shore in 1996. A gifted entertainer, Kate brought joy to every occasion. Her Ladies to Lunch were legendary as was her bowling, Stich and Bitch club and ability to tip excessively. The world was a better place in Kate's presence.

A viewing for family and friends will be held at Kate's home on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 3:00 – 5:00pm, 8352 Lennep Lane, St Michaels, MD 21663. Please bring your favorite memory of



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Kate and a warm jacket since we will gather outside. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10:00am at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 South Washington St, Easton, MD 21601, Although Sts. Peter & Paul is a large facility, please observe physical distance guidelines between family groups and wear masks when physical distance is not possible. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 7906 Ocean Gateway Easton, MD. 21601 or the Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601, 410-822-6681, www.talbothospice.org/givingops.html.

We love you Kate.



Events


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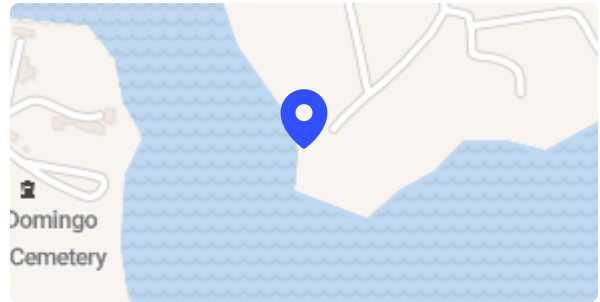
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Visitation


 **Friday**, November 6, 2020

 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Kate's Home**
8352 Lennup Lane, Saint Michaels MD 21663

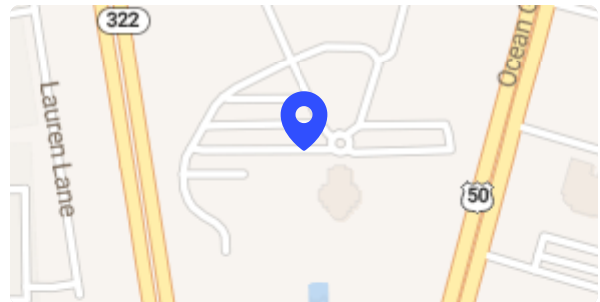


Mass

 **Saturday**, November 7, 2020

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church - Easton**
1210 South Washington Streer, Easton MD 21601





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SS

Sandra Showell lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

Oh I loved Miss Katie! Her wonderful free spirit and her feisty take-charge attitude made me smile and does today thinking of her. When she came into the store, she was "ready to roll" and pick out the just right accessories for her grand style. I remember the day she met my son, Frank, and the instant bond they formed. I am so grateful she came into his life because he truly came to love her. She will be missed. Heaven gained a wonderful angel !

November 1 at 2:57 PM



CL

Cheryl Lawrence lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

A very sweet lady and so privileged to know her.

November 1 at 2:11 PM



CP

Chip And Paula lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

October 31 at 4:12 PM



SW

Sarah Kelly (Whalen) posted:

My favorite memory is when grandma kate was stepping on the first step in her pool and I said, "Grandma kate, your dress is getting wet!" She looked at me shocked and said "it is?!?" And the dove in in her floor length dress. She made childhood fun

October 30 at 10:08 PM

MF

Mclaughlin Family lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

October 30 at 5:38 AM





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The Mclaughlin Family lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katherine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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