



Kathleen M Doddridge

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Kathleen Moore Doddridge died peacefully at her home in Lansdowne on Friday December 16th.

Kathy was born in Buffalo, New York on September 13, 1948, to Cecil and Marion Moore. She grew up in Buffalo, where she graduated from Bishop O’Hern High School and Canisius College, majoring in Political Science and History. After a high school trip to Washington DC, she knew that she wanted to work on Capitol Hill. So, shortly after graduation from college, she moved to Arlington, Virginia and found her passion as a Research Librarian for the Congressional Research Service (CRS) at the Library of Congress.

During her 35 years at the Library of Congress, she received numerous awards and honors for her work on projects including the Watergate Hearings, energy policy, the drug crisis, and many others. She retired after a career of interesting and fulfilling work in 2006. One of her colleagues described Kathy as the quiet one, but the smartest person on her team. “She kept her light under a barrel, but it shone brightly once she spoke.” Another said: (I was) “always in awe of her unbridled dedication and consummate work ethic. There was no one whom I admired more for her quiet yet effective way of answering the most difficult requests that we received.” After retirement from the CRS, she worked at the Alexandria Public Library as a Librarian for five years.

In 2010, Kathy and her husband Jim moved to Lansdowne Woods to be closer to their daughter and her four children. It was then that Kathy found her new passion: working with horses and special needs children at Morven Park, the original home of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding. For eight years, she found great joy in helping others find confidence and strength through the healing power of horses, as she volunteered as a side-walker to a horse and a special needs rider. Always the researcher, she took riding lessons during this time to help her understand the interactions and bond between horse and rider.

Kathy was also a dog lover. She loved them all, but her favorite was Flopsey, a beloved black Standard Poodle, who provided many years of enjoyment for her and the family. More recently, she enjoyed dog-sitting her grand-dog Cooper, a small white Havanese that loved sitting on her



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lap.

Kathy cherished time with her children and grandchildren, whether it be at family gatherings over dinner or at the beach – or on the sidelines of their wide-ranging sports activities: swim team, basketball, baseball, or lacrosse. She was one of their biggest fans, attending games as often as possible. She also adored attending their choral and band performances.

She will be most missed as a loving wife, mother, and friend. One friend noted: “She was the complete picture of a friend with a warmth that eclipsed the term.” Another said: “She never did anything in life that would cause others any sadness or pain. May she now rest in peace with the assurance that she brought life, peace, and happiness to all who were near and dear to her.”

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jim, and her children Sharon Doddridge Renehan of Purcellville Virginia and Christopher Moore Doddridge (Ashley) of Ft Myers Florida, her six grandchildren, and her brother Rod Moore of San Anselmo, California.

Viewing at Loudoun Funeral Chapel on Monday, January 2nd from 5:00-8:00 pm.

There will be a Funeral Mass held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 10:30 am on Tuesday January 3rd.

Graveside Services will be held on a date to be determined at Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, Lovettsville VA 20180.

Share condolences with the family at: www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com



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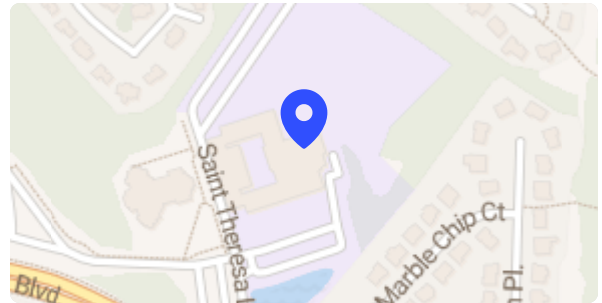
Visitation

- Monday, January 2, 2023
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175



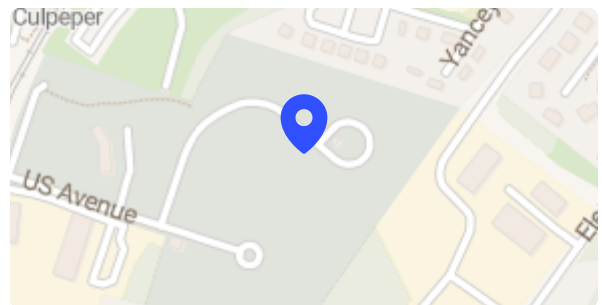
Catholic Mass

- Tuesday, January 3, 2023
- 10:30 AM ET
- St. Theresa Catholic Church**
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn VA



Cemetery Details

- Culpeper National Cemetery**
305 U.S. Avenue, Culpeper VA





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MM

Mary C Merigold posted:

I don't know what prompted me to google Kathleen but was saddened to see that she had passed away. We were second cousins, her grandmother Margaret Law Gibbs and my grandmother Amelia Law O'Brien were sisters. I have found memories of visiting her parents Marion and Cecil with my parents. I recall bragging to my friends of her many accomplishments. I also attended her wedding and remember what a beautiful day it was. I think that was the last time I saw her but from reading her obituary she lived a full and beautiful life and was well loved. My Deepest Sympathies to her family Mary O'Brien Merigold Tonawanda NY

January 8 at 9:16 AM

RM

Roderick Thomas Moore posted:

Kathy was my younger sister. I have been reflecting on how good she was to me over the years, I could easily fill up this space with examples. She was a great sister. I was very fortunate to see her often with my work trips to DC. She also embraced our children 3 children even though they lived far away, she flew out to CA for all of their 1st Communion. And never forgot them on Christmas. When our daughter studied in the DC area, my wife and I were comforted knowing that Aunt Kathy was close by. I was happy they developed a close relationship. Even in 2022, she was planning a visit to see our son at Langley AFB VA. Rod Moore

January 2 at 12:07 PM

VA

Vanessa posted:

Dear Jim, Sharon and Christopher, Our deepest condolences to you at this very sad time. We hope these words will bring comfort to you in the days to come: "We live in deeds, not years, in thoughts, not breaths, in feelings, not figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. She most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, and acts the best." Kathy will be remembered as among the best and truest of friends one could have the honor to have. Vanessa Cieslak & Kevin Holloway

January 2 at 10:21 AM

RF

Rod Moore And Family sent a Serenity Wreath to the Doddridge family.



December 28 at 1:35 PM



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MW

Michael Waterhouse posted:

One measure of Kathy's loving and giving spirit is that you can't actually pick from Jim's tribute what was her best accomplishment. She did it all over a lifetime and careers of giving and friendships. All while being the nicest person anyone could meet or befriend. Jim was well partnered in life and accomplishments with Kathy and we know that will continue with him in her memory. Aletta and Mike Waterhouse

December 22 at 5:29 PM

JD

Jim Doddridge December 24 at 12:40 PM

Aletta and Mike, Thank you for your kind words in both your post here and in your private email to me. I always knew what a special person Kathy was, and how she tried to be a good friend to all, giving of herself in all endeavors, work, volunteering, and with others she knew or met. What I guess I never realized was the depth that she touched so many others. Reading the emails that have poured in has given me much joy, tears, and smiles. Jim

GR

Gail Reiman posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, we are so glad we were able to spend time with Kathy and Jim last Christmas at the beach and to celebrate Aniston's birthday. Gail and Steve Reiman

December 22 at 2:25 PM

RF

Richard W Fecher December 31 at 8:28 AM

Marion and I will miss Kathy very much but the memories of our fun and happy times will always be with us. They go back to weekend sailing on the Potomac in her "younger years" to celebrating another year passing over dinner dates in later years.

JD

Jim Doddridge December 23 at 6:35 PM

We both really enjoyed that trip. I think that we all had a great time on the trip and Kathy was so happy. She so enjoyed spending time with Aniston and Owen, watching them grow up. I find it so hard to believe all that has transpired in this last year.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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