



Marcella H Bordley

March 2, 1931 - September 14, 2022

Obituary

Marcella Handy Bordley of Grasonville, MD passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at the Barnette Center in Centreville, MD, at the age of 91.

She was born in Grasonville on March 1, 1931, to the late Stanley R. Handy and Mable B. Handy, but her birth wasn't recorded until March 2, 1931.

She became an avid reader at age five, attended school in Queen Anne's County, and graduated from Kennard High School in 1947. At Kennard, she was influenced and encouraged by her teachers which helped to set the course for her future teaching career. Marcella enrolled at the Maryland State Teachers College at Bowie, now known as Bowie University, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1951. She continued her education at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Maryland, Morgan State University, and Washington College, and obtained an Advanced Professional Certificate. Marcella spent the first 13 years of her teaching career in Pocomoke City in Worcester County, MD, teaching second grade at Stephen Long Elementary School. She held many fond memories of those early experiences, and in 1990 was honored at the Stephen Long Guild's Annual Banquet held in Ocean City, MD.

She returned to Queen Anne's County in 1964 to teach first grade at Kennard Elementary School in Centreville, MD. When the County schools integrated in

1967, Marcella was selected to teach first grade at Centreville Elementary School. During the 1991-1992 school year, she was selected as the first "Teacher of the Year" for Queen Anne's County. She completed 41 enjoyable and fulfilling years as a teacher in the State of Maryland and retired in June 1992.

Marcella was a member of Bryan's United Methodist Church and served as the Finance Chairperson for many years. Her civic and community service included: member of the Governor's Committee on the Hiring of the Handicapped, Chesterwye Center, Inc. Board of Directors, Queen Anne's County Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Life Member of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc., the Storytime-on-Wheels program reading to children in licensed home daycare centers, and the Grasonville Community Center. She was married to Elliott Bordley for 51 years before his death in July 2012. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Alfred R. Handy, stepchildren Bonita Turner and David Bordley, goddaughter, Pamela Spence, several sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law.

Marcella leaves to cherish loving memories: two sisters, Frances "Pat" Handy and Deborah (Charles) Brown; sister-friend, Shirley (Montro) Wright; goddaughter and niece Mildred (Robert) Seals; godson and nephew, Kevin (Alethia) Handy; son-in-law, Robert Turner, granddaughters Ginger and Keshia Turner; nephews, Alfred Larrie (Margarette) Handy, William (Rochelle) Turner, Donald (Lorraine) Handy and Charles (Martha) Heath; nieces, Charnessa Brown, Gretchen (Quincy) McKethan, Cynthia Heath, Jacqueline Wright and Denise (Roy) Hardy; devoted cousins, Van Whittington and Arlene Roberts, and other relatives; dear friends, Ruth Butler, Ruth King, Deborah Scott, Genevie Kennedy, Genevieve Doughty, and Charlotte Cuffie.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bryan's United Methodist Church
5608 Main St.
Grasonville, MD 21638

Visitation

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ I did not know Mrs Bordley but from reading this obituary I can see she was a remarkable woman and surely blessed many people in her time on this earth. My sympathy to those left behind.

Billie Carroll - October 04, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ Prayers and condolences. Farewell to a long and faithful servant.

Lloyd Ward - October 04, 2022 at 08:00 AM

JH

“ Judy Hynson lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley



Judy Hynson - September 25, 2022 at 09:33 AM

RB

“ Robin Brown lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley



Robin Brown - September 24, 2022 at 03:45 PM

LJ

“ May GOD Bless And Keep Each Of You In His Care As You Treasure The Memories Of Your Loved One. Those Who7 " DIE IN CHRIST NEVER SAY GOODBYE, BUT SEE YOU LATER."

With Prayers,

Lorraine Jenkins & Family (Philippians 4:13)



Lorraine Jenkins - September 23, 2022 at 07:35 PM

MA

“ She will be truly missed. Condolences to the family.

Peanut & Marchelle Ryans



Marchelle - September 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM

PN

“ Mrs. Bordley was my 1st grade teacher in 1980. Her compassion, attention, and intuition around my learning differences set me on a positive path for seeing my differences as strengths. It is no wonder that I became a teacher; her wise example, her patience, and her caring nurtured a calling in me that is a huge part of who I am. I am sure that so many of her students feel the same.

Paige N. - September 23, 2022 at 02:47 PM

RH

“ *Roxanne Hollis lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Roxanne Hollis - September 23, 2022 at 08:07 AM

TM

“ *Condolences to the family! She will be missed! I will forever remember our Easter dinners!*



Tysheeda Roberts Mumford - September 22, 2022 at 08:17 PM

BL

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Marcella Bordley. She was quite an outgoing lady.*

BESSIE Y LIVELY - September 22, 2022 at 06:06 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Plummer lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Lisa Plummer - September 22, 2022 at 12:56 PM

DB

“ *Deborah L Brown lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Deborah L Brown - September 22, 2022 at 10:35 AM

LR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Bordley.*



LaNessa Reese - September 22, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JN

“ *Joe & Jeannie Nickens lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Joe & Jeannie Nickens - September 22, 2022 at 06:46 AM

PC

“ *Peg Chlada lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Peg Chlada - September 21, 2022 at 09:27 PM

WG

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family.*



Wallace & Lorraine Gould - September 21, 2022 at 07:45 PM

SB

“ *She was very nice and sweet lady . Been knowing her every since I was a little girl.* 🙏
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Sheeda Whittington- Bonn - September 21, 2022 at 07:39 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Morris lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Nancy Morris - September 21, 2022 at 07:30 PM

SP

“ *Sharon Paige lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Sharon Paige - September 21, 2022 at 05:12 PM

SP

So sorry for your loss, praying for you and the family.

Sharon Paige - September 21, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Dazz Mann lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Dazz Mann - September 21, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CK

“ *Carol Kamp lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Carol Kamp - September 21, 2022 at 03:39 PM

GH

“ *As a niece of the late Amy Johnson of White Haven, MD I grew up knowing sweet Ms Marcella. She was always such a darling and had a warm endearing personality. Sending prayers and condolences to her family and circle of friends from me and the Tull and Gattis families.*

Gwyn Gattis Harris - September 21, 2022 at 02:25 PM

CB

Thank you so much. Your Aunt Amy was like family to us. I have fond memories of her. They were the best of friends.

Charnessa Brown - September 21, 2022 at 08:47 PM

MH

“ *Sorry for the loss of a beautiful person. You have my deepest sympathy. Madelyn Hollis*



Madelyn Hollis - September 21, 2022 at 10:53 AM

LD

“ *Lawrence Dunn lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Lawrence Dunn - September 21, 2022 at 09:23 AM

FT

“ *Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Faith Tull-Church - September 20, 2022 at 02:34 PM

KB

“ *Kay L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Kay L. Brown - September 20, 2022 at 10:38 AM

KB

Aunt Marcella R.I.P. Loved by so many!

Kay L. Brown - September 20, 2022 at 10:42 AM

JP

“ *Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Janet Pauls - September 19, 2022 at 09:35 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of Marcella H Bordley*



Debbie Scott - September 19, 2022 at 05:10 PM

DS

I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Bordley's passing. She was a dedicated and passionate teacher for many years. I was blessed to have her as a mentor when I began teaching at CES. We have stayed in touch through the years and I feel blessed to have called her FRIEND. God be with her family at this difficult time.

Debbie Scott - September 19, 2022 at 05:14 PM

YH

Mrs. Scott, when she would come get her hair done at the beauty salon where I was, she would often say how the two of you would still go out to lunch and how much she enjoyed it. She will be missed by many.

Yolanda Hughes - September 21, 2022 at 04:02 PM

RP

“ *Our condolences to the family,
Heaven has gained an angel! Praise God
because she lived a beautiful holy life.
Rusty & Geraldine Pauls*



Rusty & Geraldine Pauls - September 19, 2022 at 03:49 PM