



Christel J. McDowell

July 23, 1938 - September 25, 2025

Christel J. McDowell, age 87, a longtime resident of Springfield, passed away peacefully on September 25.

Born in Philadelphia to the late John and Augusta Kelterbach, Christel was a proud graduate of Olney High School. She cherished time spent at her beloved summer cottage on the Elk River in Chesapeake City, Maryland, where she enjoyed after dinner boat rides and beautiful sunsets. She took pride in her many gardens and loved to travel, but her greatest joy came from the time she spent with her devoted family.

Christel was predeceased by her beloved husband, Clarence. She is survived by her loving children, Barry J. (Judith) McDowell, Lisa J. (Don) Sweet, and Brian W. (Vivi Fitzgibbons) McDowell; and her cherished grandchildren, Haley Sweet, Kristen (Ryan) Gerenser, and Caitlyn Sweet. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Christel's memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation at www.komen.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear John, Lisa, Haley, Kristen, Caitlyn, and Brian. I am sad to hear of your mom's passing. I will always remember her smiling face and lilting voice. May our Lord comfort you as only He can - with the hope of eternity:)*

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