



## Katherine Manly Bell

July 9, 2019 - July 9, 2019

KATHERINE MANLY BELL, September 25, 1949 - July 9, 2019

Katherine Manly Bell, beloved wife and mother, died on July 9, 2019 after a courageous year long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 69 years old.

Raised in Raleigh, North Carolina, Kathie was the daughter of Isaac V. Manly and Peggy Lou Sawyer Manly. She completed her secondary schooling at Saint Mary's School in Raleigh following which she matriculated at Wellesley College. At the end of her sophomore year she transferred to The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from which she received her BA and MA degrees in Art History. In 1981 Kathie moved to New York City where she worked for Hirschel and Adler and Edward Thorp Galleries.

Kathie married Jeffrey Graham Bell on July 30, 1983 in the Chapel of St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan and became a step mother to Jeffrey's eight year old daughter, Whitney Page Bell. Being a mother was one of Kathie's greatest joys. In 1989 she and her husband adopted their twin boys, Jeffrey Sawyer Bell and James Graham Bell. The Bells moved their family to the Main Line of Philadelphia where they lived in Haverford and Bryn Mawr for the next twenty-eight years.

Kathie was active in a number of organizations, including The Church of the

Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, the Woman's Board of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, The Gardeners, Community Bible Study, and her beloved Acorn Club. She was a member of The Colonial Dames of America and The National Society of Colonial Dames of America.

The Bells moved to The Landings in Savannah, Georgia in February 2018. Kathie adored returning to her Southern roots notwithstanding a multitude of friends elsewhere, especially in Philadelphia. She never tired of introducing her many house guests to the charm of historic Savannah and her beloved St. John's Church. She was known for her fashion sense and her signature hats. She never failed to light up a room with her smile and enthusiasm. She will be remembered for her gift of hospitality, her generosity of spirit and her fervent devotion to her faith.

Kathie is survived by her husband of 36 years, Jeffrey Graham Bell, her sons, Jeffrey Sawyer Bell and James Graham Bell, and her step daughter, Whitney Bell Corbett. She is the proud grandmother of Austin Graham Corbett, Connor Keegan Corbett, and Adeline Margot Bell. She is also survived by her siblings, James Sawyer Manly, Elizabeth Manly Jernigan, and Margaret Manly Graddy.

Her funeral service will be held at The Church of the Redeemer, 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Her burial will be private in the Churchyard. A Memorial Service in Raleigh, North Carolina will be scheduled in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Church of the Redeemer

## Cemetery Details

**Burial will be private.**

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

JUL 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer  
230 Pennswood Road  
Bryn Mawr, PA

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Barbara Gyde lit a candle in memory of Katherine Manly Bell*



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**Barbara Gyde** - September 22, 2019 at 11:04 PM

JP

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Kathy. They begin when we were at Daniels Jr. High. Kathy was brilliant in mind and spirit. Her eyes just sparkled and smiled.....smiling eyes.*

*Kathy was the cutest cheerleader you ever saw....perfection with “we’ve got a team; we’ve got a yell!” She had those poms poms shakin’!*

*Then on to high school at St. Mary’s..... always beautiful, always smiling.*

*I have pics of Kathy from jr. high at a sleepover at my house on Lake Boone Tr.*

*She has and always will have a warm place in my heart.*

*Jody Friedberg Pagano*

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**jody friedberg pagano** - September 05, 2019 at 09:45 AM

JB

Jody,

*Thank you so much for sharing your remembrance of my beloved Kathie. She was the love of my life, my best friend and my soul mate. I was blessed to share 36 years of happiness with her. I am heartbroken and miss her terribly, but I know she is in a better place. I love her so much.*

*I don't know where you live, Jody, We have scheduled a Memorial Service for Kathie on Thursday, September 26 at 2pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh. There will a low key reception in the Manly Garden following the service. If you attend, please seek me out as I would very much like to meet you.*

*Again, thank you for caring about my Kathie.*

*Jeff*

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**Jeffrey Graham Bell** - September 13, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Manly Bell.*



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July 15, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Katherine Manly Bell.*



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July 15, 2019 at 02:59 PM

AG

“ Anita Goebel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Katherine Manly Bell.



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Anita Goebel - July 13, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Manly Bell.



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July 12, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katherine Manly Bell.



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July 12, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Manly Bell.



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July 12, 2019 at 11:10 AM

JD

“ To know her was to love her. Our shared passion for fashion brought us together first as competitors with Bill Blass New York and then 10 fun filled years as partners for Worth New York. Kathie loved her clients and they loved her back. She will live forever in our hearts.

*Janeen Dahlhausen*

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**Janeen Dahlhausen** - July 11, 2019 at 04:47 PM

CM

“ Kathie was a delightful woman! Her exuberant joy was contagious. I remember fondly singing in a Christmas ensemble for the Acorn club. Such a performer!!! And she supplied the hats!! Much love to you all,

*Cheryl Masterman, Church of the Redeemer*

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**Cheryl Masterman** - July 11, 2019 at 03:40 PM

CM

*oops, misspelled fondly!*

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**Cheryl Masterman** - July 11, 2019 at 03:42 PM

CM

*oops, misspelled!!*

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**Cheryl Masterman** - July 11, 2019 at 03:43 PM

JB

*Thank you for your kind words, Cheryl. I sure miss my girl..,*

*Kathie's family and I have planned a Memorial Service for Kathie in Raleigh on Thursday afternoon, September 26 at 2pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. The Redeemer is our home Church, but she has many friends in North Carolina as well.*

*Kathie loved to sing!!*

*Fondly,*

*Jeff*

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**Jeffrey Graham Bell** - September 13, 2019 at 12:55 AM

BG

*Dear Jeff,*

*I heard the sad news about Kathie only recently and you both, as well as Whitney and the boys have been in my thoughts and prayers ever since.*

*Kathie was someone who left the most wonderful impression on everyone she came in contact with. I have so many lovely thoughts and memories of her - her laugh, her warmth, her delicious sense of fashion and zest for life - and of course, her faith and love for you and your beautiful family.*

*She made the world a better place with her presence - and will always be remembered with smiles- and the thought of her smile lighting up a room. I know the stars in the night sky will be even brighter with her presence in heaven.*

*Sending heartfelt sympathy,  
Barbara*

*Barbara Gyde*

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**Barbara Gyde** - September 22, 2019 at 11:06 PM