



Martha G. Kistler

May 12, 1938 - December 17, 2020

Martha (Garner) Kistler, age 82, wife of Paul M. Kistler, of Kimberton, PA, formerly a longtime resident of Red Fox Lane in Strafford, PA, passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2020, a resident of Spring Mill. Born on May 12, 1938 in Melbourne, FL, daughter of Lewis S. and Frances (Guice) Garner.

Martha was a graduate of Evanston High School in Evanston, IL, and would go on to study Art and receive her Bachelor's degree from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO. An accomplished artist, she focused primarily in drawing and charcoal sketches. An avid gardener, she was a Past President of the Gardening Club of the Main Line. For over 25 years, Martha was a volunteer at the Bryn Mawr Hospital, retiring in 2019. She was a social member of the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company and greatly enjoyed attending their events over the years. A lover of all animals, she pledged her support with countless animal organizations, including the ASPCA, the SPCA, the Humane Society, the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, and the Franciscan Home for Smaller Animals.

In addition to her husband, Martha is survived by two children, Carol K. Pitts of Kimberton, PA and Kenneth P. Kistler (Kim) of Kimberton, PA; one brother, Robert B. Garner (Cheri) of Pleasantville, NY; three grandchildren, Kendra L. Davis, Michael P. Pitts, and Dale L. Kistler; one nephew, Bryan Garner (Kelly), and one niece, Melissa Adelman (Jesse).

Funeral and burial services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals, 328 Upper Gulph Road, Radnor, PA 19087. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ As youngsters, Mar and I loved to go to the beach, spend all day, and never get enough.

We learned to ride bicycles at the same time and she was always out front. We played hide-and-seek until way after dark and she seldom got caught. When we took swimming lessons, Mar was the first one to jump off of the high diving board.

In high school, Mar, always a great dancer, taught me "the Bop." She and her friends would force me to dance (but I always secretly loved every minute of it). Mar and I even won a dance contest, wouldn't you know, dancing the Bop. We, Mar with her date and I with mine, double-dated and were very comfortable being together.

When Mar married and started her own family, that beach life continued. Mar and her family had an annual place right on the beach called Happy House. I was invited and spent weekends there. Mar had signs on the walls for everything: rules of the house, games, menus, activities, and so much more. The signs always conveyed a message, demonstrated fantastic artistic skills (of which she had many), humor, and added color to our gatherings each year.

Mar has always been a beautiful person, loved family dearly, was the consummate hostess, a fabulous cook, loved art in all forms and has always provided wonderful memories for 80 plus years.

I love you Mar, and know that you are now in the loving arms of the Lord.

Bob Garner (brother Bob)

Bob Garner (brother) - December 23, 2020 at 02:10 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 23, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss Carol and Ken. As I write write this I am listening to Supermarket Flowers. In time, hearing this song, after losing my mother made me smile. It is such a shock losing your Mom. So hard to absorb it. Listening to Supermarket Flowers, I think it is especially appropriate, as your Mom really loved flowers and gardening.*

I share her love of animals and have four on my chair right now. Your Mom was a very giving person, I am sure God will give her an extra big hug home. And I am praying He will graciously give give you both the hug and strength you need to take you thru this time. Spike, what can I say? I can't imagine the pain. I am so glad Jack saw you both before Martha got sick. Know we hold you in our prayers, and if it weren't for covid we would be there, so sorry we cannot be. Please remember you are loved. Saying good-bye is hard, see you later is so much better.

Love,

Lynn (and Jack too)

Lynn Kistler - December 22, 2020 at 03:28 PM

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“*Syl and I share our finest condolences on the passing of dear Marta. We fondly recall many pleasantries exchanged at VFFC social events over many years.*”



Sal and Sylvia Katz of Phoenixville, PA - December 19, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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“*Growing up, I was always impressed by Aunt Mar’s creativity and humor. I remember her nickname for brother Robert (“Bob”) was Row-bear. And each Christmas, she would create, by hand, a little bear rowing a different kind of boat and use it to decorate an always immaculately wrapped Christmas gift for my dad. We always looked forward to seeing what she would create. I remember spending summer vacations with Mar and all the Kistlers at the appropriately named “Happy House” in Fenwick Island, Del. There was lots of laughing, eating, card playing and fun-filled days on the shore. Mar loved her family and she enjoyed these festive times together. I also remember fondly the Thanksgivings she and Spike would host at their home on Red Fox Lane. All the family chatter in the kitchen, jokes and stories, much love and fun. For me, these will always be my fondest memories of our family and Mar. My heart goes out to Spike, Carol, Ken, Kim and all the Kistlers. While our faith assures us Mar is with the Lord and at peace, I know her loss is no less difficult for those who loved her. May God bless Mar and the Kistler family. With love and prayers for God’s grace for you all - Bryan, Kelly, Emma and Graham Garner*”

Bryan Garner - December 19, 2020 at 02:18 PM