



Mary L. Kohl

August 15, 1934 - December 29, 2024

Mary L. Kohl passed away at the age of 90 on Sunday, December 29th, 2024, at the Presbyterian Village at Summerville, SC.

She was born on August 15th, 1934, to Laurence Abraham Kilpatrick and Miriam Grace Miller Kilpatrick in Bethlehem, PA. At a young age, Mary accepted Jesus as her Savior and dedicated her life to loving and serving Him. She graduated from Liberty High School in 1952 and from Moravian College in 1956. She earned a degree in business education with a minor in English. She taught English at Catasauqua Junior High School before marrying the love of her life, Rev. Richard W. Kohl. Richard and Mary were married for 66 years. She was a pastor's wife for over 50 years. Mary was an organist, pianist, choir director, Sunday school teacher, ladies Bible study leader, hosted Bible clubs in her home, and spoke at numerous retreats. She supported Richard while he served as a chaplain in the US Army and in ministry with the Evangelical Congregational Church.

Mary is survived by her three children, Mary Elizabeth Saurman (Todd), Richard Woodland Kohl, Jr. (Martha), and Deborah Ann Blauch (Andrew); grandchildren Brandon Kohl (Jennifer), Jeremy Kohl, Rachel Premo (Craig), Alexandria Vaux (Jason), Rebekah Stauffer (Ben), Benjamin Blauch, Jacob Blauch (Rachel), Joshua Blauch, and Nathan Blauch; great-grandchildren Jonathan Stauffer, David Stauffer, Riley Vaux, Sophia Stauffer, Karis Stauffer,

and Callum Premo. She was affectionately called Nanny or Nana, and was a much-beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

She was blessed by the care of many wonderful nurses, aides, and staff at the Village at Summerville as well as Agape Hospice. Her family would like to thank her loving caregivers including the compassionate Dr. David Castellone. A visitation of family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 4th, 2024, from 10am to 12pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. A celebration of life will follow at 3:00pm at the Village at Summerville, 201 W 9th N St., Summerville, SC 29483 on Saturday. A committal service will be held at 2:00pm at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Rd, Columbia, SC 29229, on Monday, January 6th, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Evangelical Congregational Church Global Ministries Community. Checks should be made out to "The Global Ministries Community" and mailed to 100 W. Park Avenue, Myerstown, PA 17067 or donations can also be sent through the following link: <https://eccenter.app.neoncrm.com/forms/globalministriescommunity>. Online condolences can be given at www.jamesadyal.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Village at Summerville
201 W 9th Street North
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Rd.
Columbia, SC 29229

Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary L. Kohl*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 02, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CW

What a wonderful tribute to your mother! I am one of those who was privileged to know her through the EC Church. How grateful I am for her and your father's love for the Lord and their leadership to the Church.

Connie J Wright - January 04, 2025 at 10:12 AM

KM

“ *Kate Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary L. Kohl*



kate miller - January 03, 2025 at 09:13 PM

KM

“ *Kate Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Kohl*



kate miller - January 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM

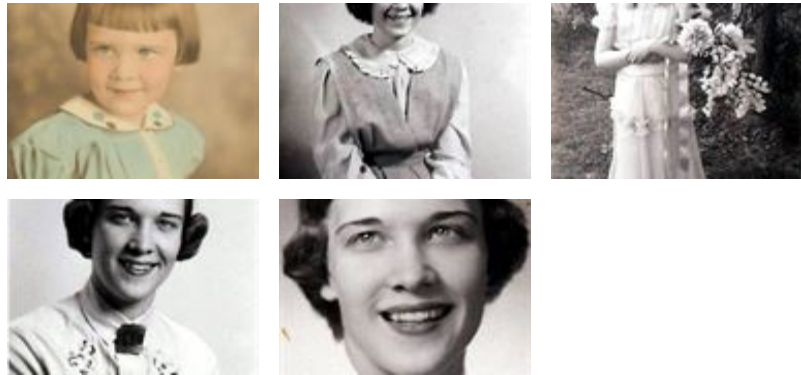
SH

“ Mary K. Saurman, hugs and prayers for comfort for you & your family. I remember meeting your family when we traveled from Slippery Rock. What a gift to worship with all of you. Prayers for comfort and a heart full of good memories. I am grateful with you that you could spend these last weeks with your Mom. Our Faithful Father is so good to send us to be with our family at these tender times even when our ministries keep us apart so much of the year.

Sheila - January 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 02, 2025 at 12:26 PM

AS

“ To the Family of Mary Kohl,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of mixed emotions as you celebrate Ms. Mary being in heaven and reunited with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Bishop Richard and others who have gone before. On the other hand, you are grieving the death of someone you loved and will continue to love for the rest of your lives. We thank you for allowing us to help in the care of Ms. Mary. She touched all of our lives.



From Rev. Tim: It was a pleasure to talk with Ms. Mary as I followup with her after homegoing of Bishop Richard. Our conversations were about Jesus, what he meant to each of us and thankful for relationship with Jesus. She was an encouragement to me in my faith in Jesus. I picked the Bible as that is what she lived her life after (Jesus and God's Word).

Agape Hospice Staff - January 02, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary L. Kohl.



January 01, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RG

“ *I was only a part of Mary's life for 2 years in Heidelberg, Germany. That was in 1976-1978. But she has been a friend to me until she was called to Heaven.*

When I think of Mary, I immediately think of smiles, laughter, deep down joy, all because of her dear relationship with her Savior and Lord.

A pastor's wife, keeping your husband happy, keeping the congregation happy, caring for her own children required many hours of prayer asking God for help in every situation. I was just a plain ole' friend, praying with her, helping out when I could. She needed me to bake 4 apple pies for her as she hosted the chaplains. Done. Needed me to play a duet with her for the Sunday morning service. Done. (her the organ, me the piano). The kitchen at the chapel needed cleaning. Done, as we laughed together cleaning out refrigerator and stove. She needed help with a Women's Retreat at Hirshhorn Castle on the Neckar. Done. What? You want me to have a devotional at the retreat? I thought that a little too much to ask, but she knew that the Lord would help me and that I needed to do it. She was right!

Visiting in my home, over the years, after the military years, always brought back such fun memories and we still felt that wonderful bond of friendship.

I will see her soon and I can't wait to visit with her and "Sir". Thank You, God, for the joy from You, which was expressed in her life to everyone, especially to me!!!

Ruth Gunnell - January 01, 2025 at 09:51 AM

CS

My claim to fame is that Mary held me when I was five days old as the Kilpatricks were our next door neighbors. I thank her parents for the love of the Lord and the Evangelical Congregational Church because when my family was looking for a new church, they joined Olivet EC Church. It was through that church that I was given a firm foundation in the Lord and that I met my husband. We reconnected when Dick became Bishop of the EC denomination and Bob was Conference Secretary. They also moved to Schuylkill County living only a few miles from us. In 2008, Bob was assigned to Schuylkill Haven Grace where the Kohls were members. When they moved to SC, we began our yearly visits that continued through 2023 only missing in 2020 because of Covid. Mary and Dick were not only friends but also mentors to us. Bob always enjoyed visiting with Dick and talking EC news while Mary and I would talk about family. Mary and Dick became like family as we had the wonderful privilege of knowing that only them but also their children and grandchildren.

Bob and Chris Stahl

Christine Stahl - January 02, 2025 at 08:20 AM

GS

God's peace and comfort. My mom (Elizabeth [Bettie] Clark) was at The Village for 6 1/2 years and she graduated 9/22/2024. She really enjoyed the Kohl's and their deep faith matched my mom's. Mom shared what wonderful people the Kohl's were and I was blessed to have a few opportunities to be in their presence. Their legacy is those of us who live on and it is up to us to share the love of Christ with others. May we all rest in peace and rise in glory when our time comes as those saints who have gone before us.

Gene Scarborough

Gene Scarborough - January 10, 2025 at 11:18 AM