



Micheline Murphy Kuipers, age 85, of Kensington, Maryland, died peacefully at home on Monday, May 29, 2023. Micheline was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who will be remembered for her boundless energy, love of people and positive approach to life. Everyone always remembered and loved Micheline. Her family knows she is in Heaven telling the Angels *"Bad things come in threes"* and *"it's not a mistake if you learned from it"*.

Micheline was born in 1938 in New York City, the third child of an Irish American doctor, John Raymund Murphy (who was also the team doctor for men's Columbia University basketball) and a French nurse, Naomi Hollard. Micheline graduated from Emma Willard High School in Troy, New York and earned a B. A. from Columbia School of Nursing. While working as a nurse, Micheline also earned her M.S. degree in social work from the University of Maryland in 1969. She had a long and illustrious clinical nursing career, then later as a nurse case manager for Erie and Aetna Insurance. She poured her heart and soul in to helping others.

In 1965, Micheline (with her young son, John, from a previous marriage) married Ronald Kuipers along with his three children, Kimberly, Gregory and Mitchell. They added a fifth child, Derek, in 1966, for a total of five children. All the siblings were in elementary school at the same time which made for a busy and fun household. She enjoyed attending the kid's sporting events, traveling and spending time on family vacations, especially the beaches of North Carolina. Micheline is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Ronald, her sons, John Lloyd and Derek Kuipers (Tracy), stepdaughter Kim Maines, and two stepsons, Gregory Kuipers (Katherine) and Mitchell Kuipers; 12 loving grandchildren and five great grandchildren; brother, Dr. Jerome Murphy (Julie). Her eldest brother, Gerald Murphy, preceded her in death.

A celebration of Micheline's life for family and friends will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kensington, Maryland on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 11am. Visitation with family and a reception will immediately follow the service in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers and to honor Micheline's love for animals, donations may be made in her memory to: **Lucky Dog Animal Rescue** (online or mail to 5159 Langston Boulevard Arlington, VA), a 501c3 non-profit animal rescue and foster organization that has rescued over 12,000 cats and dogs, including Mich and Ron's dog, Higgins.