



# Mary Ann Torkelson

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## Mary Ann Torkelson

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**M**ary Ann Kile Torkelson, of Seaford, DE, passed away on August 29, 2023, at Tidal Health Hospital. She was born in Swoyersville, PA, daughter of the late Valentine and Mary Gavlick.

Mary Ann attended schools in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Fort Worth, TX, and Delaware Technical and Community College. She was employed as a secretary, piano teacher, and church organist for many churches with the last position as organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Georgetown, DE where she was also a member. Mary Ann was a member of the Sussex Festival Chorale, The American Guild of Organists, a board member of the Old Christ Church League, as well as secretary of the Seaford Community Concert Association. Mary Ann also served as a volunteer for Delaware Hospice and many other volunteer positions throughout the community. She was an avid supporter of the arts, particularly music.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ann is preceded in death by her second husband, John Torkelson; her sons, Lawrence Kile (Marcia) and Timothy Kile (Venus); her sister, Ruth Golias; and her brother, Richard Gavlick, She is survived by her sons, Randall Kile (Megan Cleary) and Brian Kile (Mia); six grandchildren: Monica Levine, Cody Kile, Erika Dower, Heather Thomas, Logan Kile; four siblings: Valentine Gavlick, Jr., Lorraine Cannon, Joseph Gavlick, and Arlene Adamchak; and numerous step children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 122 E Pine St, Georgetown, DE 19947 with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mary Ann's memory to St. Paul's Episcopal Church organ fund, P.O. Box 602, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



# Events


**Mary Ann Torkelson**

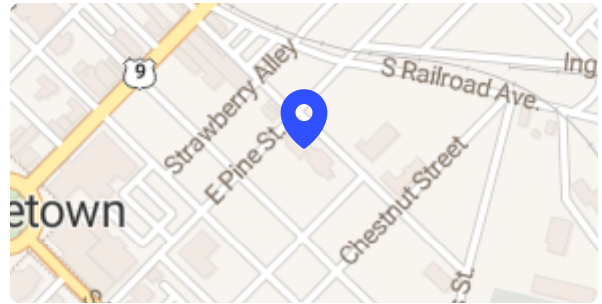
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, September 23, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **St. Paul Episcopal Church**  
122 E. Pine St., Georgetown DE 19947





## Tribute Wall

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RN

**Robert Naylor** posted:

I am so saddened to find out that we lost a very dear, sweet and faithful friend. She was always there when I needed her. Many an evening my wife and I stood around her at the piano and sang aloud. What happiness she brought us and everyone she came across. We have a recording of her playing Claire de lune that always brings her to mind whenever we hear it. And though we moved away many years ago, Mary Ann stayed in touch with us and came out to visit us in Oregon. She shall not be replaced. But the memory of her glowing smile and smiling face will never leave those who came to know her. God bless you, Mary Ann. May you rest with the angels and your savior. Robert and Vicki Naylor

December 27 at 4:11 PM

CM

**Cathy Millard** posted:

I was a neighbor of Mary Ann's for almost 9 years. She was a dear friend. She was always there for me & I was always there for her. We would go out for dinner & other places often. I will miss her dearly. She is singing & playing the organ with the angels in heaven now. Cathy Millard

September 2 at 7:58 AM

NG

**Nettie Green** posted:

I sang with Mary Ann in Southern DE Chorale. She was always such a personal friend and inspiration to me. I appreciated her courage, her creativity and humor, and her full of life self! We miss her. Sympathy to all of you. Nettie Green

September 2 at 4:16 AM

SM

**Sister Cynthia & Sister Melita** posted:

Mary Ann always spread joy through her sense of human. Even as a youngster, she made others smile. She will be missed by all. Sisters Cynthia & Melita - 2 of Mary Ann's Aunts

September 1 at 7:07 AM

SK

**Suzette Kile** September 1 at 4:21 PM

September 1, 2023. Today the news of my mom from marriage has passed . Maryanne is now in heaven with all that is good . My Father in Heaven sent me her along my life . She gave me the gift of love . When I say the gift of love , it was her son. Her son my ex-husband the love of My life also passed earlier this year. God created so much Love, Adventure and History with Maryann. Until we are together again ❤️



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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