



## Katherine Raiford

December 9, 1925 - February 26, 2009

KATHERINE WAYLAND RAIFORD, age 83, of Manassas, Virginia died Thursday, February 26, 2009 at Prince William Hospital, Manassas.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Leslie Carleton Raiford; two daughters, Diane Lewis and husband Bob and Debi Longhelt and husband Mark, all of Manassas. six grandchildren, Mark, Michael, Christy, David, Joel and Mary Kay and two great grandchildren, Mackenzie and Addison.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-4:00 P.M. Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street where funeral services will be held 4:00 P.M. Sunday with Pastor David Baird officiating. Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Kinina Ministries, c/o Washington Christian Life Centre, 10501 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia 20109.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Kitty was the epitome of unconditional love and gracious hospitality. She was kind and supportive, always available. It's hard to imagine how there was ever enough of her to go around to those who loved her - but, amazingly, there was. Kitty truly walked the walk. I am blessed to have known her and will always be grateful for all that she gave me.*

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**Eileen Manuel** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

BS

“ *Carleton, Diane, Debi and Family, please accept our condolences for your loss. Bob and I have wonderful memories of Kitty, and we loved her very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family! Much love, Bob and Kathy Simmons*

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**Bob & Kathy Simmons** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kitty was family to me and my whole family. There are few words that express the fullness of Kitty's heart for others. Our families camped together, worshiped and prayed together over the years. I will always keep her in my heart. She is with her Lord now. Dancing and singing his praises. When I, Chick, became a member of the Darcey clan I also got to know Kitty and Carleton. Kitty had to get used to "Chick" but ALWAYS was smiling and joking with me. She was a real sweetie and someone I'll always remember. I'm sure she'll even brighten up Heaven a bit! Our thoughts are with you all.*

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**Chick & Sheila Massie** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

KB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I wanted to thank your family for opening your home to the kids of Christian Assembly so many years ago, because it was there I became a christian, met my life long friend Dianna and have so many wonderful memories (the tire swing, sleeping over the barn, etc). What a gift you gave to so many just by sharing your home and now you are getting God's ultimate reward! Blessings to all of you. - Karen

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**Karen (Wooddell) Brendle** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

LP

“ Kitty was such a loving "mom" who made all of us who poured out hearts out to her at The Farm feel like she wanted nothing more than to sit there listening. She was the most non-judgmental, kind, giving person I've ever met. Thanks to all the Raifords for sharing her with us so graciously. And love to dear Carelton.

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**Laura Jackson Pedersen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Kitty was a wonderful loving woman and it was always such a joy to be in her presence. Every Saturday I looked forward to seeing Kitty at the salon where i had my first job. Her love of God and family was so evident.

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**Sarah Shepard-Kneip** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

RM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I hope all your wonderful memories will help carry you through this difficult time. You are in our prayers.

Love,  
Robin, Mike and family

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**Robin McLane** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry that we did not know in time to come to the funeral. We would have been there!  
We have seen the godly influence that has been passed on from generation to generation. Kitty was an example of what a Christian mom, wife, grandmother, and more, should be. It was an honor to have known her. I know she will be missed deeply by all that she has touched, and especially by her loving family. Our prayers are with you.  
Love,  
The Shepards

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**Bruce & Patty Shepard** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

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“ Thinking of you and your family

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**Susie & Tom Woomer** - February 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM