



## Mrs. Marion Helena Kaple

November 9, 1939 - January 13, 2023

Mrs. Marion Kaple, age 83, of Alpharetta, Georgia passed away Friday, January 13, 2023. Marion was born on November 9, 1939 in Watertown, South Dakota, the daughter to the late Charles and Aletta Keeler.

As a young woman, Marion found her calling in the Church and joined the Sisters of St. Francis in Rochester, MN. Marion left the Order in 1968 when she moved to Atlanta. There she met and married the love of her life, Donald Kaple. Marion and Donald were true soulmates who shared a lifelong passion for spiritual self-development and discovery. They were blessed with a daughter Katie in 1969, and a son Daniel in 1972.

Marion dedicated her career to continued medical education. She was an accomplished education coordinator and administrator, working with the Emanuel Medical Center in Omaha NE, Arthritis Foundation in Atlanta Georgia, and the Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville, NC. Upon retirement, Marion and Donald moved to Jonas Ridge in the Appalachian mountains of NC. Marion devoted remarkable time, energy, and love to her religious communities including becoming a Cojourner of the Sisters of St. Francis. Following the passing of her beloved husband, Marion returned to the Atlanta area, becoming an active member of the Contemplative Outreach of Atlanta and St. Thomas Aquinas small faith group. Marion was an incredibly loving, giving, capable and resilient person. Her kindness and warm personality touched many people and she maintained many lifelong friendships.

Along with her parents, Marion is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Kaple, and her cherished daughter, Katie Kaple Hummel. She is survived by her son Dan Kaple, his wife Franya Hutchins and child Lily Hutchins of Pittsburgh, PA, son-in-law Frank Hummel, and loving granddaughters Anna and Claire Hummel of Woodstock, GA.

The funeral service to honor the life of Marion Kaple will take place at ten o'clock in the morning on Friday, January 20, 2023 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta, GA. If you wish to honor Marion's memory, she would be pleased if you made a donation to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Sisters of St. Francis, Rochester, MN, or a charity of your choice.

Please visit [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com) to share memories and leave condolences to the family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
535 Rucker Road  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Just learned of Marion's passing thru Contemplative Outreach Atlanta. Have good memories of visits with her and Don both in our home and at theirs along with Jim and Jackie Lovejoy. May she rest in the Lord's peace.

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**Joseph Barta** - February 09, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KJ

“ I have been a Cojourner with Marion and Don ever since they became ones. We were on the first Cojourner Advisory Committee together and for a number of years have shared a monthly call with a group of Sisters and Cojourners. I was privileged to join the family on Jonas Ridge for the dedication of a tree to Don's memory. Marion was so committed, dedicated, and worked so hard at every undertaking. What a caring and deeply spiritual person she was. My heart aches for the family at this huge loss. We will all miss her so much.

*Kathy Johnson*

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**Kathy Johnson** - January 19, 2023 at 09:07 PM

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*“ I am saddened by the loss of my special friend, Marion. I met her and Don on Jonas Ridge, walked their labyrinth, shared blessings with them inside their own chapel out back, and loved conversing with them over pizza on the deck of their lovely home. We would move inside on chilly evenings and share our favorite readings and poems. Their place was a spiritual retreat for me, as was their friendship. Marion herself was such an open, inviting and kind person. She radiated love and was a light in this world. I am so sorry that she suffered the loss of her husband and daughter. My deepest sympathies to Dan and to her grandchildren and their father. Irene Honeycutt*



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**irene Honeycutt** - January 19, 2023 at 03:53 PM

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*“ Marion was a faithful servant who thought of others , creating space in her heart for those who suffered and who bore difficulties. She and Don made a great team. WE have held her sadness with the death of Don and her loving daughter . May her reunion with them give comfort to those who remain here. Thank you for your inspiration to me. s, Chris Stanoch OSF.*

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**Christine Stanoch** - January 19, 2023 at 03:23 PM

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*“ I have known Marion since first grade. She was a remarkable woman and faithful friend. She loved her family and will be missed.*

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**Christa M. Rivers** - January 18, 2023 at 10:41 PM

JS

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear this news. I was in an adult education class with Marion at St. Thomas Aquinas for several years. Marion was an inspiration to all of us in the class. She was so knowledgeable in theology and we all learned so much from her. She will be greatly missed.

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**Jan Spernak** - January 18, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marion Helena Kaple.



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January 17, 2023 at 07:11 PM