



Barbara Ann Macaulay

May 31, 1931 - May 7, 2017

Barbara Ann Macaulay, 85, a lifelong resident of Dayton, died May 7, 2017. The daughter of Robert Ferguson and Norma Catherine Macaulay, she was born May 31, 1931. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Halberstadt and Norma Olds; brother, Thomas Macaulay; and two nieces and two nephews including Nancy & Dr. Thomas J. Forrestal, Jr. and Paul & Brenda Halberstadt both of Zanesville. She is survived by two nieces and seven nephews. Barbara graduated from Purdue University with a degree in English Education, and a Masters of Psychology from The University of Dayton. She taught English at Jefferson High School in Dayton, and Beavercreek High School in Beavercreek. She was a parishioner of Holy Angels Church and in later years, St. Albert The Great Catholic Church. Barbara enjoyed traveling, theater, opera, reading and volunteering at the Corner Cupboard. She enjoyed cooking and was a foodie. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 3, 2017, at St. Albert The Great Catholic Church, 104 West Dorothy Lane, Kettering Ohio, 45429. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Corner Cupboard Thrift Store, 504 Xenia Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45410. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Macaulay*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ Dear Ms. Macaulay's family and friends,
This is a tribute to Ms. Macaulay that I wrote for a course I'm taking to become a substitute teacher and to explore a new career as an ESL teacher in the public schools. Thank you for sharing this dear teacher with us at Beavercreek High School over the course of many years. Blessings to you! Sincerely, Susan Brown Ramsey, Class of '84

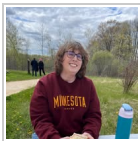
Ms. Macaulay was my English teacher during my sophomore year of high school. She stood out because of her quirkiness. This was a lady who was not afraid to be herself. Her passion for English literature was unparalleled. She introduced me to etymology which continues to fascinate me. Ms. Macaulay loved people-watching and often talked about the joys of observing real people in downtown Dayton. At the time, we thought it was odd, but now I recognize that was another unique quality that she had. Another educational approach that has left its mark on me is the “quotable quotes” assignments that she gave for most of the required novels. I use this approach with my students at Carthage as we read religious texts from a variety of traditions. This also worked well in my CS Lewis course because we were reading novels, Lewis’ autobiography and his correspondence.

The most significant actions Ms. Macaulay took related to the death of my mother in the spring of my sophomore year. She had my classmates sign a card for me and she brought several of my classmates to the visitation. I was really touched by her kindness and thoughtfulness. Ms. Macaulay’s actions helped me recognize that I mattered to her and she could provide some small measure of support amidst adolescent grief.

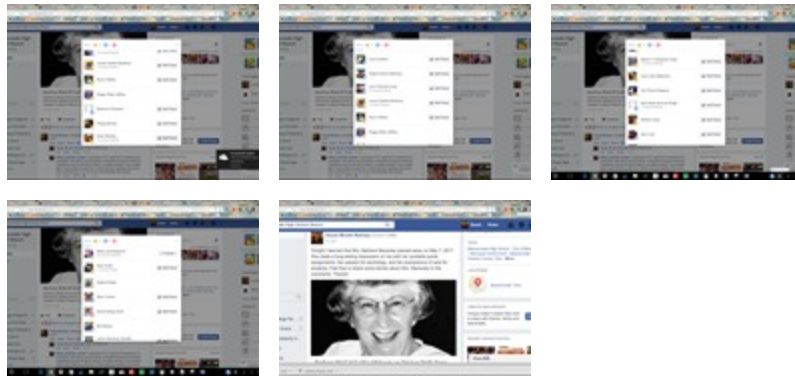
Because of Ms. Macaulay’s unusually excellent English class, I will strive to show passion and enthusiasm for the subject matter. Just as she kindled a lifelong love of learning in her students, I will model this enthusiasm to the students I teach. I will choose to be fully who I am while also providing space for students to be themselves. One

lesson I learned from Ms. Macaulay that has proven true throughout my life is authenticity. Sometimes I've envied more charismatic and extroverted teachers, but I see in this model teacher a confidence in her unique personality. This embodied teaching style demonstrated that an introverted teacher can leave an edifying formative impact and long-lasting impression some three decades later.

Susan Ramsey - August 16, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Facebook BHS Alumni Remember Ms. Macaulay



Susan Ramsey - August 16, 2017 at 12:07 PM

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“ She was a very special lady who loved teaching and cared for her students. We will pray for her. Condolences to the family.

Maureen O'Brien - June 03, 2017 at 04:39 AM

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“ *Debbie Tindall lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Macaulay*



Debbie Tindall - May 31, 2017 at 05:39 PM

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“ *Ms. Macaulay was one of my favorite teachers at Beavercreek High School. She had great expectations of us learning about Shakespeare and other classics. Ms. Macaulay brought much enthusiasm in teaching English. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Peg McDaniel - May 31, 2017 at 09:52 AM



Praises for a life well- lived! Ms Macaulay was a strong teacher, and I followed in her footsteps! Reading opens the world & writing bates our soul.

Chris Kirchner - May 31, 2017 at 11:41 AM



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“ *Ms. Macaulay was perhaps the most original and memorable of all of my teachers at Beavercreek High School. I wasn't particularly interested in mythology as an English class, but she had a wonderful way of bringing the stories to life. I remember her as a very kind lady who had high expectations for her students. I'm offering thanks for her life and prayers for those who will miss her.*

*Brad Gauder
Hilliard, Ohio
BHS Class of 1980*

Brad Gauder - May 31, 2017 at 07:17 AM