



## Mary Katherine Baumeister

April 29, 1943 - August 24, 2021

Mary Katherine (Kathie) Baumeister, of Alexandria, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Kathie is predeceased by her parents, John K. and Mary T. Mahaney and her brother, John K. Mahaney, Jr. She is survived by her loving sons, Kurt Baumeister and Ian Baumeister, siblings, George Peter Mahaney (Maria) and Mary Claire Mahaney (Herbert Walter), nephews, Sean Mahaney, Brian Mahaney, Mark Mahaney, Edward Mahaney-Walter, George Mahaney-Walter, niece, Kristen Chabak, and sister-in-law, Jolean Mahaney.

A graduate of St. Mary's High School (Warren, OH) and Mercyhurst University (then College), Kathie worked as a pharmaceutical patent agent. Trusted advisor to many pharmaceutical firms and independent PhD chemists, Kathie's professional practice focused on drug development. She was a standout student in high school (class valedictorian) and college who retained her early loves of literature, the arts, and animals throughout her life. A generous patron of the arts, environmental, animal welfare, and many other charities, Kathie will be missed deeply by her children, extended family, many friends, and others whose lives she touched.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to the American Heart Association or the ASPCA in Kathie's honor. Please view and sign the online guestbook



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Katherine Baumeister*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I'm very very sad to learn of this news. Kathie was one of my very favorite people to work with during the past 15 years. Kathie and I worked together for many years doing Patent Prosecution. She was like family to me and my son. I wish I had stayed in contact after I left my last Firm. She was an extraordinary woman! Her heart was made of Gold and her personality and spunk were even more precious! She will be missed dearly! XOXO MKB*

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**Rebecca Brimmer** - April 29, 2022 at 02:09 PM

NB

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Kathie’s passing. Our long association started in the 1970s, when she and attorney Norman Stepno handled my patent applications while I was at INTERx in Lawrence, Kansas. I managed to lure her away from Norman to work for me in Gainesville FL at Pharmatec in the 1980s. Years later when she returned to Virginia to work for Norman at a law firm again, she continued to help write and prosecute many of my patents – the number she helped secure easily exceeds 200. She was extremely intelligent and her contributions were invaluable. While piecing together the applications was great help in itself, she did far more than that. When discussing the inventions, she asked thought-provoking questions and presented her ideas in such a way that led me to improving them further, bringing out the best in me as a scientist. During all of the years working together, Kathie also became a very close personal friend to me and my entire family. Every time she could, she traveled to join us at conferences, weddings and birthdays both in Florida and abroad to Japan, Greece and Hungary. She was a delight to be around, well-known and loved by virtually everyone at these events. Kathie will be greatly missed, but we are grateful to have had her in our lives.

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**Nicholas Bodor** - September 09, 2021 at 02:31 PM

KB

Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts and memories, Nic. One of our mother's great professional joys was the long working relationship she had with you. As you said, she considered you and your family to be great personal friends and was thrilled at any chance she had to spend time with you. We will keep you updated as to plans for a memorial service. We are hopeful that by Spring the world will be normal enough to have something without endangering people's health. Kurt and Ian

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**Kurt Baumeister** - September 12, 2021 at 06:01 PM

JE

“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Kathy's family. Kathy and I attended Mercyhurst College at the same time. I always saw her at University reunion time. I will miss her. My she rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Judy Emling  
Mercyhurst 1966

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**Judy Emling** - September 09, 2021 at 12:03 PM

KB

Thanks for sharing, Judy. It's very much appreciated. -Ian and Kurt (Kathie's sons)

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**Kurt Baumeister** - September 12, 2021 at 06:03 PM

CK

“ Kathy was such a good friend of mine at Mercyhurst. She was quite witty and fun to be with. My condolences to her family and friends.

Carol Klein '65

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**Carol Klein** - September 09, 2021 at 08:12 AM

KB

Thanks, Carol. Our mother's memories of her time at Mercyhurst were ones she returned to often. -Ian and Kurt (Kathie's sons)

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**Kurt Baumeister** - September 12, 2021 at 06:04 PM

EG

“ I was lucky enough to have met Kathie in the mid-1990s through Dr. Nicholas Bodor, whom she had worked with for years in helping write patent applications for submission and seeing them through to granting. She was very patient as she guided me (a complete novice) through the process and made sure I understood what I needed to know in order to keep things running smoothly on my side. Her attention to detail was amazing. I was even more fortunate in that, during the process of working on the patent issues, we also became good friends. We shared a love of Scottie and Westie dogs and would often exchange stories of their personalities and quirks. In particular, I enjoyed hearing about the antics of her pups Angus and Gordie. Kathie was a wonderful combination of high intelligence, strong common sense, and a loving heart as well. We will all miss her terribly.

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**Elvie Guy** - September 05, 2021 at 10:34 AM

KB

*Elvie, Thank you so much for sharing. Our mom spoke of you all the time. She drew special happiness from visiting you, your family, and your dogs! -Kurt and Ian*

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**Kurt Baumeister** - September 12, 2021 at 06:06 PM

GM

“Kathie was a dear sister to me, a loving sister-in-law to my wife, a most generous god-mother to our son and a caring aunt to our grandchildren and their mother. She had a great heart, always thinking about others and thus loved by everyone. She was tremendously giving, not only to her sons and extended family, but to anyone in need. She loved her dogs and cats and when her brother died, she volunteered to take care of his two aging cats. She was extremely intelligent, worked as a patent agent until recently, read books extensively and was a great patron of the arts. She enjoyed traveling and gathering together with her college classmates. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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**George & Maria Mahaney** - September 04, 2021 at 12:30 PM

KB

*Thank you for sharing your memories, Uncle George and Aunt Maria!  
Love, Ian and Kurt*

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**Kurt Baumeister** - September 19, 2021 at 09:27 AM

CP

“I met Kathie in 1979 when I went to work at the Burns, Doane, Swecker and Mathis law firm. We became close friends over the years. We attended shows at the Little Theater, ate out frequently and enjoyed celebrating birthdays and Christmas with CJ, Pennye and Debbie. I traveled with her to Ireland and Wales in 1999. We also went to Cape May, NJ a couple of times, one of those times with Joanne Harrington. Kathie was so considerate she provided Joanne and I with earplugs because she snored! I visited Kathie and Ian when they lived in Gainesville, Florida and she visited me in Florida. I'm so glad I was able to see her in June when I was in Northern Virginia. She will be part of my good memories for the rest of my life and will be truly missed.

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**Carol Pilkenton** - September 03, 2021 at 09:34 PM

KB

*Carol, Thanks for sharing your memories. Our mom treasured your friendship. She was very happy to see you that last time in Virginia along with C.J. and Penny. -Kurt and Ian*

**Kurt Baumeister** - September 14, 2021 at 01:42 AM

CM

*“Kathie and I met at work decades ago and over the years became close friends. She was smart, thoughtful, funny, generous and one of my dearest friends. I'm blessed to have so many good memories of time spent with Kathie.*

**CJ Monson** - September 03, 2021 at 06:57 PM

KB

*Thank you, CJ. You were one of our mom's great friends. She loved going to your holiday parties so much over the years and seeing you for lunches and birthdays. -Ian and Kurt*

**Kurt Baumeister** - September 14, 2021 at 01:44 AM

BP

*“Ah Kathy - I didn't know you anywhere as closely as the rest of the group but you were always there. I'm so glad we all managed to get together for lunch this past June. Miss you.*

**Barbara Parker** - September 03, 2021 at 09:13 AM

KB

*Thanks for sharing, Barbara. We truly appreciate it. -Kurt and Ian*

**Kurt Baumeister** - September 14, 2021 at 01:45 AM

PP

“Kathie was a coworker who became a dear and lifelong friend. We shared many laughs together over lunches and dinners with mutual friends, some of whom traveled abroad with Kathie. She got teased a lot because she was a slow walker, but there was nothing slow about her mind. She was well respected among patent attorneys, coworkers and her fellow pharmaceutical patent agents. She could hold your attention telling long but wonderful stories. She loved reading, collecting art, and tending to the variety of cats and dogs she owned over the years. I will miss her laugh and great smile. I am sad to lose her, but I'm glad she was my friend.

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**Pennye Perez** - September 02, 2021 at 03:05 PM

KB

*Thank you so much for sharing, Pennye. She spoke of you often over the years. The Christmas/birthday lunch group was something she took joy in. -Ian and Kurt*

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**Kurt Baumeister** - September 14, 2021 at 01:48 AM