

Katherine Mathews Polyson

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KATHERINE MATHEWS POLYSON

Katherine Mathews Polyson, 75, of Newport News, VA., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003. A native of Hinton, she had been a Peninsula resident since 1969.

Mrs. Polyson, a medical technologist, received a B.S. degree from what is now the Virginia Commonwealth University and her M.T. degree from the Medical College of Virginia. Among her honors was to be elected president of the West Virginia State Society of Medical Technologists. Mrs. Polyson helped in early efforts to establish her profession by working for the passage of laws governing education and qualifications.

She retired in Newport News in 1985 after an active career at Riverside Regional Medial Center where she served as the medical technologist on the team which installed the open heart surgery program. She also helped to develop a training program for students enrolled in the Medical Technology School at Old Dominion University. In 1980, she was named Employee of the Year at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Polyson was active as a Sunday school teacher, Cub Scout den mother and volunteer for the Red Cross. She was a member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church where she served as president of the Philoptochos Society (Friends of the Poor) and was a member of the Daughters of Penelope in which she started a program for the homeless for which she received a National Ahepa Award in 1990.

During her retirement, Mrs. Polyson became a published author of three biblical plays for children.

She is survived by her husband, Van Polyson; three sons, Dr. James A. Polyson of Richmond, Va., Philip C. Polyson of Newport News, and Thomas A. Polyson of Virginia Beach, Va.; a brother, Dr. William P. Mathews of Hinton; and seven grandchildren, John, Stephen, Danny, Christopher, Steven, Umberto and Lawrence.

A prayer service was conducted Oct. 19 at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

Funeral service was conducted Oct. 20 at the church with interment in Peninsula Memorial Park.