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A Special Tribute to a lost member

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CINDY MYERS

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It is with great sadness that I write of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Cindy Myers, as she succumbed to pancreatic cancer on January 19th, 2011. Her time with us went by in the blink of an eye, but her accomplishments and relationships with those fortunate enough to have known her will resound beautifully for many years to come.

Wicked funny and razor sharp in her design awareness, Cindy's professionalism and artistry as a Certified Kitchen Designer resulted in countless awards in both Maryland and Pennsylvania. A member of The Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the NKBA, her numerous kitchen and bath projects adorned the pages of *Susquehanna Style*, *Baltimore Style*, *Chesapeake Home*, *Baltimore Magazine* and most recently *Better Homes and Gardens Special Interest Publications*. A picture says a thousand words I've been told, but even these wonderful photos cannot capture the precision, the ingenuity and the talent that Cindy Myers possessed.

Starting at Keener Kitchen Mfg Co at the tender age of 20, right out of York Vo Tech as a draftsperson, Cindy honed her sensibilities under the guidance of Steve Keener, CMKBD, and Jim Donnelly, CKD, CBD, long time mentor and close personal friend. Her design expertise was top notch, and her exceptional understanding of residential construction and functionality of a space made her a favorite and in-demand designer to numerous prestigious interior designers, home builders and remodelers as well as residential clients in both Maryland and Pennsylvania. And there were many. Those who were fortunate enough to have Cindy Myers design and execute their space knew of the tireless hours she put into a project, the meticulous level of attention to detail, the accurate hand drawings and floor plans and the fact that she never designed with the same solution twice. Her designs were as unique as she was, each one celebrating the individuality of her clients as well.

Pushing the boundaries of cabinet design and construction, Cindy constantly challenged the

Specials Department at Keener Kitchen Mfg Co with her new ideas. She designed with acumen, and more often than not, always had a hand in the engineering process of her cabinets. The shop abuzz with her latest invention, she pushed the envelope on a regular basis to achieve a higher standard in quality and workmanship. Her commitment to perfection set the standard for the company she represented for over 25 years and she forged life long relationships with all of those at Keener.

Her co-workers delighted in her joking – or “needling” as we called it. Many a time I would receive a phone call from her on a bright summer day. She’d be riding along the bay in Annapolis, MD, driving home from a job site. “Its’ 80 degrees and I’ve got the top down”, she’d taunt. I’d picture her in her blue convertible Mustang with her dark ponytail flying – smiling. And I’d laugh - wishing I were in the passengers seat beside her. It was her way of inviting me to be a part of the ride, even though we were miles apart.

There are no words to speak of how greatly she will be missed by so many. Cindy leaves behind her husband of 27 years, Joe Myers, and 16-year-old son, D.J. as well as her Father, brother and two sisters. Cindy was actively involved in their church, Cityview Community Church in York, PA and accepted the role of Youth Leader with the same passion that she put into her design work. The Youth Group relied on her as a trusted leader, knowing she kept their best interests close to her heart.

And so, too, did she with her colleagues, clients and friends. We’ve lost a bright light in the field of design, but she will always shine in our fond memories of all those precious moments we shared with her.

God rest Cindy Myers, with all of our love. And while the pain of missing her is still so close, I just bet that she’s redesigning the very gates of Heaven even as I write this...

A Quick Glance

Cindy Myers, was an amazing designer, one that will be missed for time to come. To show examples of your greatest work, well now that would take us forever. Pat Caulfield was kind enough to gather three examples of the astounding kitchens Cindy has designed.





So the first one you should recognize from Better Homes and Gardens Special Interest Publications “Beautiful Kitchens”. The second with its high style, streamline functionality, and custom green paint named for the homeowners. And the last beauty with its brick oven, driftwood pedestal, and stunning ironwork are just three examples of the wonderful talent Cindy has given us.

Important Reminders

Don't forget that there is a new way to report your CEU's for each meeting you attend. You will have to log into National's web site at NKBA.org. On the top right hand side there is a link labeled CEU credit reporting form. You will be asked to provide your information along with information on the program. You will be asked to submit the program title, a description of the program, the instructor's name, the location, date, and length of the program. So please remember to submit your request soon after the meeting so you don't forget anything. We will not be taking names during meeting times any longer.

Also to boost meeting attendance, we have a new promotion! Any existing member who attends three meetings from January until June will receive their fourth meeting free. Also at each meeting all members will be asked to submit their business card for a chance to win a monetary prize at our November Meeting. Prizes will range from fifty to one hundred dollars. Wish you all luck!!

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