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Distinguished Citizens biography for:

Kathy Crone

b. 1949

Honored as a Distinguished Citizen in 2025

Kathy Myers entered this world on a snowy day, January 22, 1949, bringing along her twin sister Kristy, much to the surprise of her parents, grandparents, and 2 ½-year-old brother Kim. Her father, Austin, a B&O train engineer and the son of Oliver and Mary Myers of A Street, rushed around downtown Brunswick sharing the good news with anyone who would listen. Kathy's mother, Audrey Harrington Myers, was a homemaker and the youngest of ten children. She had grown up on N. Maple Avenue, where the couple raised their family. The Myers children felt fortunate to have many of their Harrington aunts, uncles, and cousins living nearby or elsewhere in town.

Kathy reminisced about growing up in a mid-20th century Brunswick, where neighbors looked after each other and children felt safe. Kids played outside, drank from the hose, and returned home when their mother rang the dinner bell. Front porch visits with family and friends were common, teaching young Kathy kindness, respect for elders, and the importance of caring for others.



Inspired by her parents' focus on education, Kathy became an early reader with a passion for learning. Influenced by her Brunswick Elementary School teachers—Margaret Strailman, Eva Magalis, and Lillian Cain—she decided early to pursue a career in teaching. She also credited Brunswick High School librarian Bill Harrington for guiding her through the magic of the library and Mary Cage for showing her how to share the love of learning.

Kathy was actively involved in Bethany Lutheran Church, school, and the community, participating in the church choir, glee club, and class musicals. She was active in Brownies and Girl Scouts and she held leadership roles as president of the Student Council and vice president of the National Honor Society at Brunswick High School. She overcame her fear of crowds during dance recitals at Betty Lou's Dance Studio. Kathy also volunteered to teach tennis at the high school summer parks program and supported events like the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and activities at the Brunswick Museum. She graduated with honors from BHS in 1967.

Kathy considered her first “real job” to have been working for three summers at the soda counter with Diane Wiggington (Dawson) at Bob Moler's Prescription Arts Pharmacy on W. Potomac



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Street. Eventually, she was promoted to the prescription counter and Mr. Moler encouraged her to consider a pharmacy career. While she gained valuable experience in business and customer service at the pharmacy, however, she knew teaching was her true calling.

With the help of scholarships from the Brunswick Lions Club and the State Teachers Association, Kathy graduated from Towson State Teachers College with a BS in Early Childhood Education in 1971. She was recruited by the Frederick County Board of Education and was offered a job at Brunswick Elementary School. She was thrilled to be coming home!

At BES, Kathy had the chance to teach alongside some of her former teachers and educate the children of family friends. She quickly earned the respect and support of the community, while her former teachers guided her in becoming an impactful educator. Living in the area allowed her to connect with students outside of the classroom, as she attended their sporting events, recitals, and church events. This inevitably led to longer trips to the grocery store due to frequent encounters with parents and students.

Kathy met Dwight Crone at the old Brunswick Bowling Alley on Souder Road after Dwight had returned home from a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967. They were married in a beautiful ceremony in November 1971 at Bethany Lutheran Church, just as Kathy was starting her teaching career and Dwight had begun a new job with the FAA at Dulles Airport.

In 1975, the couple moved from the Garden Apartments into Kathy's Grandmother Myers' house on A Street while Kathy taught full-time, worked on her Master's degree at Hood College, and was pregnant with their first child, Todd. Kathy and Dwight welcomed Todd home that same year. They then built their dream home on the Eagle Farm along Route 464, moving in during the summer of 1978. Their second child, Emily, was born on Leap Year Day in 1980, and Kathy graduated from Hood three months later. Both children later graduated from BHS. Todd pursued a career on the railroad, following family tradition, and now works on a horse farm in Virginia. Emily graduated from Hood in 2002 and also became a teacher, spending five years at the International School in Japan.

After leaving teaching in 2002, Kathy joined the Plamondon Company to help open a Residence Inn Hotel in Frederick, starting at the front desk. She later worked in Sales but missed guest interaction, so she transitioned into management and rose to General Manager at Residence Inn after short stints at Marriott Courtyard and Fairfield. While working at Courtyard, she received the "Manager of the Year" award from the Maryland Hotel and Lodging Association in 2009.

Kathy retired in 2018 and today enjoys a slower pace of life. She meets regularly with a group of 20 friends who started together at BES and graduated together from BHS. Kathy looks back fondly on two rewarding careers that gave her the chance "to meet and work with some amazing people."

The Mayor and Council and the Brunswick History Commission are proud to honor Kathy Crone as a Distinguished Citizen of Brunswick, Maryland.