

***Dr. Charlotte Ferencz***

***October 28, 1921 – September 27, 2016***



*Charlotte Ferencz*

***October 25, 2016; Our Lady of the Angels Chapel,  
Charlestown Retirement Community, Catonsville, MD***

*Baltimore MD - Dr. Charlotte Ferencz, a long-time resident of the Charlestown Retirement Community, died Tuesday the 27th of September, at home, at the age of 94. Daughter of Dr. Pal Ferencz and Livia Ferencz (née Fekete) and sister of the late Agnes Welsh, Dr. Ferencz was born in Budapest, Hungary on October 28, 1921. After a cherished time in Piesteritz, Germany and Budapest, Hungary, she and her family moved to Montreal, Canada in 1939, where she attended McGill University to pursue studies in medicine.*

*Dr. Ferencz had a long and distinguished career in the fields of Pediatric Cardiology and Public Health that took her to Buffalo NY, and, in 1973, to the University of Maryland in Baltimore. She rose to become Professor of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in 1978 and Professor of Pediatrics in 1985, as well as Senior Associate, Department of Epidemiology, in the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins. In 1981, she embarked upon the most important project of her professional career as the Principal Investigator for the comprehensive Baltimore-Washington Infant Study, a population-based etiologic study of congenital heart disease.*

*Dr. Ferencz was passionate about her profession and indebted to the educational institutions where she studied, worked, and fulfilled her tireless ambition to contribute, through meaningful work, to the betterment of society.*

*Dr. Ferencz was a kind, compassionate, and deeply caring person to her family, many friends, and colleagues. Her intellect, passion, curiosity, commitment, and courage fueled her life's work and provided inspiration to others. She will be deeply missed.*

*She is survived by her niece Clara Arnold of Toronto and nephew Angus Fergusson of Gananoque as well as loving grandnieces and nephews spread out across the world.*

*Donations may be made to the Ferencz Endowment Fund - online:*

*<https://umaryland.givecorps.com/projects/3189-hs-hsl-the-dr-charlotte-ferencz-endowment> or by check, payable to the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation / Ferencz Fund (Health Sciences and Human Services Library, 601 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201).*

## **Order of Service**

**Prelude -- "Die Gedanken Sind Frei" (German folk tune, Unitarian  
Universalist Hymnal #291)**

**Opening words and prayer**

**Remarks: MJ Tooley, Bonnie Kawecki, Clara Arnold**

**Hymn – "Thanks Be for These" (Hungarian melody, UU Hymnal  
#322)**

**Moment of silence**

**Benediction**

***Pianist: Judith Kierstead***

***Officiant: Diana Davies, First Unitarian Church of Baltimore***

*Thanks be for these,  
For birth and death;  
Life in between with meaning full;  
Holy becomes the quickened breath;  
We celebrate life's interval.*

*Thanks be for these,  
Who question why;  
Who noble motives do obey;  
Those who know how to live and die;  
Comrades who share this holy way.*

*- Richard Seward Gilbert*