

CATHERINE KELLEHER OBITUARY

KELLEHER-- Dr. Catherine McArdle. Dr. Catherine McArdle Kelleher passed away on February 15, 2023, at Necitas, her assisted living care facility in Silver Spring, MD, from complications of cardiovascular disease. Decorated for her public service by both the American and German governments, she taught and wrote extensively on conventional and nuclear arms control as well as German, Russian, and European security issues. Dr. Kelleher held multiple academic appointments, including at the Universities of Michigan, Denver, and Maryland, as well as the National Academies of Sciences, the Brookings Institution, the Aspen Institute, and the Naval War College. She also served as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia; as the Secretary of Defense's representative to NATO; and on the National Security Council. At the University of Maryland, Dr. Kelleher founded the Center for International and Security Studies; she was also the first president of Women in International Security. Educated at Mt. Holyoke College, the Free University of Berlin, and MIT, Dr. Kelleher is survived by her children, Michael Kelleher (Dayna Kalleres) and Diane Kelleher (David Attis), and four grandchildren. Dr. Kelleher's husband, Dr. James J. Kelleher, Jr., died in 1996. The family will hold a private funeral service. A memorial service will be held later at the Cosmos Club. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Catherine M. Kelleher Fellowship for International Studies at the University of Maryland. (<https://go.umd.edu/Kelleher> Fellowship)

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