



Delores M. Guest

June 1, 1939 - December 4, 2023

Born in Binghamton, NY to the late John and Eleanor Madison, she was the oldest of three children. Surviving are brother, John Madison Jr., her loving husband of 65 years, Claude Edward Guest Jr., daughter, Karen Upton (Jimmy), and granddaughter Devyn Upton (Michael Chemell, fiancé). In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by an infant daughter, Lisa Diane Guest and sister, Elaine Humphries. As an executive with Prudential Insurance Company, her father moved the family from New York to Lakeland, Winter Haven, and Jacksonville Beach, Florida and finally to Marietta, SC in December 1956. She finished her last 5 months of high school at Slater-Marietta in June 1957 honored as valedictorian of her class. In November 1957, at a high school basketball game, she met the love of her life for the next 65 years, Claude Guest, Jr., also of Marietta. Delores went on to make a career as executive secretary for several companies over the next 26 years, then finished her working career as administrator for Boiling Springs Fire District for 22 years, retiring in March, 2005. She and her husband enjoyed travelling the surrounding states upon retirement, particularly the beaches and mountains. In 2012, she and her husband renewed and reinforced their marriage vows at Groveland Baptist Church in Taylors, SC. Also, in that year she co-authored a 240-page biography of their lives. She was an accomplished pianist and an avid knitter. If she knew of one expecting a baby, she got busy and knitted a baby set for them. In later years, he and her husband enjoyed weekly entertainment at The Silver Dollar Music Hall in long

Creek, SC. where she occasionally played the piano, and, by October 2022, she began receiving home hospice care. After celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary in June 2023, her health declined exponentially. The family thanks the staff of Interim Health Care of Greenville hospice team (Nina, Helen, Bianca, Annie, Rachel and numerous aides for their extraordinary care given to Delores over the last 14 months. Memorials may be made tog to a local Alzheimer's research foundation. Wood Mortuary in Greer, South Carolina announces that visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2023 at the mortuary, followed by the funeral service in the mortuary chapel at 1:00 p.m. Burial will take place following the service at Greenville Memorial Gardens, US Hwy 25 in Piedmont, SC.

Cemetery Details

Greenville Memorial Gardens

7784 Augusta Road
Piedmont, SC 29673

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Delores M. Guest*



The Wood Mortuary - December 11, 2023 at 10:38 AM

ER

“ *Delores, my sister-in-law, was a loving and beautiful person. She always had a hug and smile for me when we were together. I loved seeing the videos of her playing hymns at Silver Dollar Music Hall in Long Creek where they would be every Friday night. I attended a few car shows where she and Claude proudly displayed their 1961 Buick convertible. Last June, she had a cheery “thank you” for everyone as she was wished a happy anniversary. Her smile brightened everyone’s day. I will miss her but know she is gloriously happy and pain free now.*

Emilie Rossi - December 15, 2023 at 10:49 AM

DF

“ *Ms. Delores you will be so missed. I looked forward to seeing you and Mr Claude every Friday night at the waffle house. Your smile lit up my night everytime I saw it. You are a beautiful soul and will never be forgotten. May you rest in peace. With lots of love!! Donna*

Donna Fisher - December 11, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Delores M. Guest.*



December 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Doyle and Marian Burton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores M. Guest.*

Doyle and Marian Burton - December 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Deborah Bray sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores Guest*



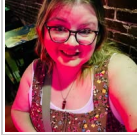
Deborah Bray - December 09, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Janet Buchanan Gravely lit a candle in memory of Delores Guest*



Janet Buchanan Gravely - December 08, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *My beloved Aunt Delores will be sorely missed. Even though, we didn't see other as often as I might have liked, she was always in my heart. When my grandmother (her sister) passed, I held it together until I saw her and I always remember hugging her in the church. Growing up, I remember hearing many of their conversations on the phone. The bond of sisters was something special. I know that she is reunited with her now in Heaven (along with their parents). I take comfort in knowing they are together again. I am also glad any pain or suffering she felt on this earth is done. Grief is the price we pay for love and I know Uncle Claude and Karen are feeling that pain now. Know that I love you and will be praying for your solace during this difficult time.*

Layne Womick - December 08, 2023 at 01:22 PM

PP

“ *Thanks for inviting us to your 65 wedding anniversary. It was a honor to have been to this special celebration!*



Pat and Ted Price - December 07, 2023 at 03:59 PM

PP

“ *Delores was such a sweet and beautiful lady. She will be missed by so many family and friends.
To know her is to love her.
We will see you again one sweet day!*



Pat and Ted Price - December 07, 2023 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ *Marian McClure lit a candle in memory of Delores Guest*



Marian McClure - December 07, 2023 at 10:59 AM

MM

“ *We will surely miss Delores at the Silver Dollar. She was such a sweet ,talented lady. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain.*

Marian McClure - December 07, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Delores M. Guest.*



December 06, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Delores M. Guest.*



December 06, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Mark & Chiree Gordon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores M. Guest.*

Mark & Chiree Gordon - December 06, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Delores M. Guest.*



December 05, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Delores was a delightful and always cheerful Christian. Always ready to help out with her wonderful musical talents. Everyone at Groveland loved her.*

Dora Wells - December 05, 2023 at 08:40 AM