



Cora Garrison Deihl

October 14, 1935 - November 25, 2021

Cora Garrison Deihl, 86, Beloved Wife, Mother, and “Mimi”

Cora Garrison Deihl, 86, passed away ever so peacefully and with grace on Thursday, November 25, 2021 at Washington Hospital Center. She was born October 14, 1935 in Hayesville, N.C., the daughter of Grady and Lois Garrison.

Cora, affectionately known as “Mimi” by her granddaughters, their school friends, and her great grandson, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She left a lasting impression on anyone who met and knew her. Cora was somewhat of a Renaissance Woman. She was raised on a farm in North Carolina during an era where you grew the food you ate, and you sewed the clothes that you wore. Her seamstress skills came in handy in later years as she made her own evening gowns, clothes for her son and daughter, and even Barbie and Baby Doll clothing! She looked forward to summer each year when she would peruse local farmer’s markets for the freshest produce for her weekly meals. She loved nothing better than a fresh tomato sandwich with mayonnaise on white bread.

She was the model of southern hospitality which was evident each time she opened her home to others for celebrations (cocktail parties, baby showers, birthday parties, and crab feasts). She was a most gracious hostess who

loved spending time with family and friends, cooking and sharing with all the dinners she had prepared. An invitation to the Deihl's Annual Christmas Dinner Party was coveted each year as everyone looked forward to the menu as much as the decorations, especially her Dicken's Village display that took up an entire room!

Cora was married to her husband, Cecil for 63 years. They met on a blind date and were married on June 28, 1958 in Hampton, Virginia. They relocated to Maryland where she worked with her husband as he established his two companies, Deihl Enterprises and National Floral Supply of Maryland. The latter allowed Cora the opportunity the "see the world" as she and her husband traveled abroad as members of The World Flower Council. Some of her favorite memories from their travels included an Ostrich farm in Australia, Vatican City, the spice markets in Turkey, an in-home dinner with a family in Russia, the snowcapped alps in Switzerland, The Eiffel Tower in France, Tulip fields in Holland, and the Kruger Park Safari in South Africa. She was an avid Redskin fan during the George Allen and Joe Gibbs tenures. She and her husband were fortunate to attend several Super Bowl Championship games during those years.

Cora's blessings were many, but she counted her children, granddaughters, and great-grandson as her greatest ones. Her first grandchild, Courtney, was born on Cora's birthday which established a truly loving bond that existed throughout her lifetime. Cora realized early on that her heart was exponentially large and shared that love with her second grandchild, Kaitlyn. Cora was extremely proud of "her girls", and all their accomplishments. She was their biggest fan and supporter, attending school field trips, dance competitions, golf tournaments, and football games at East Carolina University. Mimi's boy, her great-grandson Titus, was born in 2018. Although the distance between them was great and the visits limited due to the Covid pandemic, Cora thoroughly cherished her time with him; whether in-person or

on Facetime chats.

Cora's passing was unexpected and left a hole in the hearts of many. But it is our fervent belief and with assured faith that she has been reunited with her son, Ricky, in heaven. She was preceded in death by her parents Grady and Lois Garrison, her sister Winna Fae Napier, and her son Richard Ellis Deihl. She is survived by her husband Howard C. of Swan Point, MD., her daughter Kathleen Burke (Paul) of Swan Point, MD., her grandchildren, Courtney Terrell (Terrence) of Dallas, TX., Kaitlyn Simmons (Lance) of Centennial, CO., her great-grandson, Titus Jett Terrell of Dallas, TX., and her precious pups, Benji and Margo.

Invitations to a celebration of life luncheon to be held at Swan Point Yacht and Country Club after the first of the year are forthcoming. The family would like to thank the team of doctors (Satler and Lee) and nurses (Lauren, Sabrina, Jean, and Holly) that provided care and comfort to Cora in the cardiac ICU unit (2 NE) at Washington Hospital Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cora Garrison Deihl*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Cora Garrison Deihl*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Cora was the heart of the family. We were honored to be friends with her and the family for many years and always enjoyed the times we were able to get together with them. She was a gracious host along with Cecil and will be forever missed. Our condolences to the family for their loss.*
Steve and Brenda Lowe



Steve and Brenda Lowe - December 15, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Frank M. Culhane lit a candle in memory of Cora Garrison Deihl*



Frank M. Culhane - December 11, 2021 at 09:44 PM

LH

“ Always loved Cora, she was a very special lady. I know she will be missed by so many!❤️❤️ Condolences to all the family. Laura Harris

Laura Harris - December 11, 2021 at 11:27 AM

PR

“ I have fond memories of fun rimes with Cora in Upper Marlboro. Love to Cecil and Kathy

pat reneman - December 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

LT

“ Cora and I had good times being advisors for the church youth group! It was always a challenge to try outsmarting the teenagers!! We were very pleased when she came to our house to visit with our daughter, Wendy, and her new little puppy, Higgins!!!

Louise Tucker - December 10, 2021 at 09:55 AM

JE

“ My life was blessed to call your family ours. Momma Cora was so dear to me. I thank you for sharing her with me. My life was richer for calling her my best friend and Momma. May God bless each of you with strength and cherished memories. Your family had a close love and bond. We love each of you and wish you comfort going forward on this difficult journey. May Cora rest in the peace of the Lord, may perpetual light shine upon her. The reunion in Heaven with Ricky makes my heart rest easier.🙏💖💔🕊️



joyce edelen - December 09, 2021 at 05:40 PM

ST

Courtney I send my deepest condolences for the loss of your Grandmother. May the life she lived always be your comfort.

Sherine Taylor - December 10, 2021 at 09:08 AM

CC

Such a beautiful lady inside and out. Always depicting a warm smile and a caring heart. You will be missed. Rest in Heaven.

Cynthia Corbett - December 13, 2021 at 09:04 AM