



Doris Eleanor Duncan

November 8, 1931 - April 5, 2019

Doris Eleanor Duncan passed away on April 5, 2019 in Waldorf, Maryland at the age of 87. She was born Doris Eleanor Holland in Washington, DC on November 8, 1931, the daughter of the late Herbert Clay Holland and the late Ruth Colburn Holland. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Earnie Duncan; her daughter, Judy Herdeman Polen; and her brothers, George Holland and Bill Holland. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her best friend and neighbor of 24 years, Harriet Tippet who considered Doris her adopted mother.

She grew up in Cheverly, Maryland and graduated from Bladensburg High School. She married Earnest "Earnie" Duncan. They moved to Landover, Maryland where she raised their children. She was active in their schools and activities. The family moved to Waldorf in 1978. Doris was a stay-at-home mom and enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, crafts, and playing bingo.

She is survived by her children, Michael Herdeman and his wife, Linda, Allen Herdeman and his wife, Debbie, Richard Duncan and his wife, Sherri, and Gail Duncan-Calvarese and her husband, Vince. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Travis Capps, Becky Capps-King, Sarah Herdeman, Eric Herdeman, Kevin Herdeman, Alex Herdeman, Bob Duncan (deceased), Alex Duncan, Justin Norris, and Steve Norris; 12 great-grandchildren; and her former neighbor, Brandon Theodore who adopted Doris as his grandmother.

Visitation on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 5-8PM and where Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 11:30AM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment to follow at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Maryland 20722.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Cemetery Details

Ft. Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Service

APR 10. 11:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Eleanor Duncan*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Doris Eleanor Duncan*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Eleanor Duncan.*



April 08, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Elisa(Lisa) sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Eleanor Duncan*



Elisa(Lisa) - April 08, 2019 at 07:43 PM

ST

“ To my beautiful friend, neighbor of 18 yrs and extended family. We struggle with your passing and will miss you every day, but you will never be forgotten. You will remain with us forever in our hearts and mind.

We are so glad to have been part of Doris's life and shared many happy memories. She was a positive and great influence on my son Brandon. She took on the role as grandmother when his other GMA was so far away. Her family took us in when we had no family in Maryland. Holidays and special events became happy occasions because we had her/them to share it with. We walked freely between the houses borrowing ingredients for a pie, playing cards, having drinks and just good ole' gossip between friends. Many summer nights were spent by the kitchen table, talking, laughing until the wee hours of the morning. We helped each other with yard work, shopping, and a ear to listen when times were tough. She watched Brandon before and after school when he was young but as he grew older, you could find him at her house playing cards or just talking sharing his day, as he listen to her about hers. He not only found a friend but they became a big part of each other's extended family. He was at her house at least once a week up until he moved to Ca a year ago. He went back 3 times to see her during that time, Jan being the last.

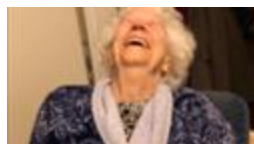
My heart broke when I moved to Ca leaving my friend behind. I knew her memory was fading when we moved but when going back to visit, we found she forgot many things, but she never forgot us. Like we will never forget her.

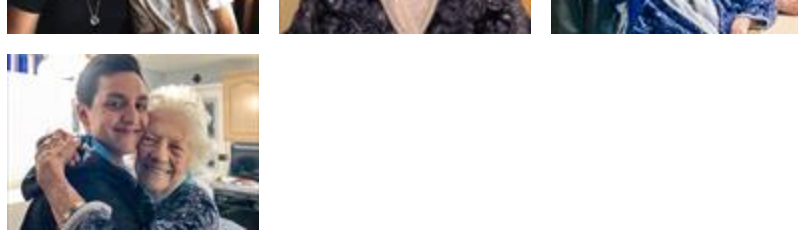
The time has come to let her beautiful soul go, to not have her suffer. We are grateful for all the moments she has given to my family.

My prayers to the family she has left behind. Saying goodbye is difficult.

My deepest condolences.

Sandy and Brandon Theodore





Sandy Theodore - April 08, 2019 at 07:33 PM

RD

“ *It’s hard to say goodbye. I wish that we had more time with you, and perhaps that during the time we had, we had spent more of it together. I wish that the last few years of her life had not been lost to her illness, that things could have been different for her, and for us.*

While we know that she is at peace and that her recent battles are over, there is pain and sadness for those she left behind. But even though she is gone, our sorrow will be slowly healed by the memory of her love and perseverance. The ways she touched our lives will remain in our hearts, and I ask you to keep those memories alive by sharing them with Mike, Allen, Gail and me....and with one another.

Rick

Rick Duncan - April 08, 2019 at 05:56 PM