



Doris Ann Smith

July 1, 1930 - May 20, 2025

Doris Ann Smith of New Castle, Delaware died peacefully on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

She was born in Elkton, MD and raised on her grandparent's farm in Rising Sun, MD. Her love of Cecil County never waived. She was a proud graduate of Rising Sun High School Class of 1948. Her yearbook entry noted her desire to come to Wilmington, Delaware and become a secretary which she did. She worked for the DuPont Company, Junior Achievement, and Intercontinental Chemical Services (ICS) located just outside the Port of Wilmington. If you called her at work, you would get to hear that wonderful telephone voice. Her favorite job was bartending because she got to meet so many interesting people. She usually bartended at the local VFW or American Legion. She worked at Durney Post, Diamond State, or 7th Avenue just to name a few. She also played Shuffleboard at those locations. She was a ferocious reader & full of curiosity. Every day she read the Wilmington News Journal, Cecil Whig and NY Post. If she wasn't reading the newspaper, she is reading a magazine or a cookbook. She had an extensive cookbook collection. In the summer, she loved sitting outside, getting tan and listening to country music. Eating crabs was another favorite pastime. If she went out to dinner, a Southern Comfort Manhattan was her drink of choice.

She is survived by her children, Jim Carlisle (JoAnn) and Lisa Hudson (Robert); sister, Betty J. Smith; grandson, James R. Carlisle (Brittney); niece,

Ronda Baker and nephew, Ron Baker. She was predeceased by her mother Anna R. Anderson (Smith); uncle F. Auvan Smith; and the grandparents who raised her & were affectionately called Mommy and Daddy, Harry H. Smith & Etta May Smith (Slicer).

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Carol Regan for her care and companionship as well as the staff of Delaware Hospice during Doris' final months. This includes her nurse Decia, aide Erica, Chaplain Lee, social worker Christine, and her entire on-call staff. We will be eternally grateful.

Relatives and friends are invited to the visitation on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, from 6 to 7 PM at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road in Newark, where a memorial service will be held at 7 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Doris' memory to Delaware Hospice, 630 Churchmans Road, Suite 200, Newark, DE 19702 or to Humane Animal Partners 701 A Street Wilmington, DE 19801.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd.
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Renee Deramus lit a candle in memory of Doris Smith



Renee Deramus - May 31, 2025 at 09:43 AM

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“ To the Smith family,
Ms Doris was a very friendly neighbor of mine for several years, and speaking with her, she always had me laughing at one thing, or another. I told her, I'd like to be like her if I was to grow to that ripe age. The one thing that got me was a couple of years ago, I seen the truck of a friend of hers would drive, and to my surprise Ms Doris hopped in the truck and drove off. It was a fairly large truck (maybe of Ford 150) She had to have been at least 90 yrs old then. WOW, was all I could say. I use to wish her good luck when she would go to her BINGO dates with her niece. She had a great fulfilled life she did, and she will be missed. R. I. ETERNAL PEACE Ms Doris.

Your Neighbor Lil

Lillian Roy - May 27, 2025 at 09:38 AM

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“ A friendship doesn't need daily conversation, maybe just a yearly phone call. It doesn't always need togetherness, as long as the relationship lives in the heart. Doris was my oldest and dearest friend. I truly looked forward to my yearly birthday call from her. I was blessed with being able to sit, and talk non-stop for three hours with her last Saturday. We talked like we spoke every day for the last forty years. It's true what was written in her obituary. We spoke of her cookbooks and she asked if i had any. Her love of reading a newspaper to which i told her of my husbands recent subscription to Lancaster Farming. She told me she used to clip recipes from the paper and save them. We talked of where I had worked and when she was bartending. Told me about the people she met. It was truly an honor to spend the time with her. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Nancy Gouge - May 23, 2025 at 07:00 PM