



Margaret Nelson

July 7, 1946 - April 7, 2026

Margaret Nelson, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026, surrounded by her cherished family. Margaret was born on July 7, 1946, in Wilmington, Delaware. She lived a life filled with love, warmth, and joy. Her passing marks the end of her courageous battle with various health issues, but her spirit and memories will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

Margaret was the daughter of the late Clarence and Margaret Sharpe. She was preceded in death by her sisters: Gertrude Dunn, Louise Carothers, Annabella Bielicki; and her brother, Robert Nussbaumer. Despite these losses, Margaret remained a beacon of strength and resilience, traits she carried throughout her life.

In 1964, Margaret graduated from H. Fletcher Brown Technical High School with a diploma in Beauty Culture, a testament to her passion for beauty and creativity. She devoted many years to her career as a beautician at Westover Beauty Salon, where her clients became lifelong friends, drawn to her sweet personality and warm smile.

After a 5-year engagement, on October 26, 1968, Margaret married the love of her life, Allen G. Nelson Jr., affectionately known as Bud/Buddy. Their 57-year marriage was a testament to unwavering love and partnership. Together,

they raised three wonderful children: Dawn Schantz (husband Kevin), April Nelson, and Tracy Nelson. Margaret was a proud grandmother to John DuRoss Jr., Ashley Renfro (husband Casen), Aidan Nelson, Alayna DuRoss, and Chad Pennington, and a doting great-grandmother to four great-grandchildren.

Margaret's life was a tapestry of vibrant hobbies and interests. She had a green thumb that could coax the most reluctant plant to bloom. Her vegetable garden was a source of pride, and she delighted in sharing her homegrown tomatoes with neighbors. Her home was always filled with the beauty of flowers and houseplants, lovingly tended by her gentle hands. During the holiday season, Margaret's creativity shone as she crafted beautiful Christmas ornaments, each one a reflection of her sparkling personality.

Known for her kindness and generosity, Margaret had a gift for making everyone feel welcome and valued. Her cheerful and loving nature left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Margaret's legacy is one of love, laughter, and a life well-lived.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 6PM-8PM at Strano & Feeley Funeral Home, located at 635 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19702. A service to honor and celebrate Margaret's life will be held on May 8, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Strano & Feeley, followed by interment at Gracelawn Memorial Park. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Ascension Providence Hospital for their compassionate care during Margaret's final days.

Margaret Nelson will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. As her family lovingly expressed, "Forever in our hearts."

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Burial

MAY 8 (ET)

Gracelawn Memorial Park
2220 N Dupont Hwy
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 654-6158

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Cliff and Carol Dempsey, Amy and Cliffy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Nelson.*



Cliff and Carol Dempsey, Amy and Cliffy - May 04 at 11:54 AM

CC

“ *Cliff and Carol Dempsey, Amy and Cliffy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Nelson.*

Cliff and Carol Dempsey, Amy and Cliffy - May 04 at 11:54 AM

CD

“ *We are like a ghost from your past. Never have we forgotten you and all of the good times we shared. Neighbors for years and memories that seemed like yesterday from our homes in Oak Run. Miss you Margaret and family so much!
Cliff (Nelson) and Carol Dempsey*

Carol Dempsey - May 04 at 11:43 AM

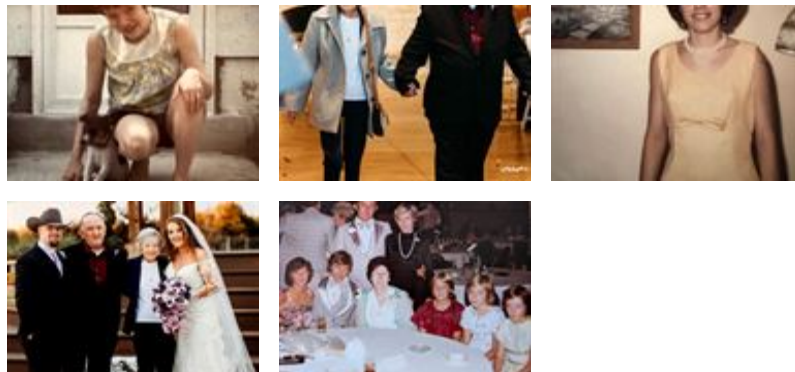
JJ

“ *Mommom I love you so much an I miss you a greatly! everyday I wake up an look at the sunrise thinking of ya!*

John john - May 01 at 12:10 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory - April 27 at 01:48 PM



“ *From the moon and back I'll love you forever.*

Alayna DuRoss - April 16 at 10:14 PM



“ *Mom , I wish time could stand still and we could see each other again . I miss you and love you always and forever. I will always miss you and carry you in my heart . Love
Your little Tracy* 🍷

Tracy - April 16 at 06:23 PM

AN

“ Mom, you were the light and the love of the family. I wish we had more time with you and I am already missing your voice, but your love will always live within my heart. I miss you deeply.

Until we meet again, I promise to stay strong.

I love you!

April

April Nelson - April 16 at 05:05 PM

AN

“ Will always miss you Mommom. Always thinking about you, especially when the sun comes out. Love you lots, and I will always be your Aidan -Aidan Nelson

Aidan Nelson - April 16 at 04:44 PM

PS

“ Remembering the times we laughed as you did my hair while Uncle Buddy and Brandon watched every Star War movies made. Sending love and hugs to Buddy and family

Pat Nelson Stombaugh - April 16 at 02:22 PM

BN

“ Sunshine I love you and wish we were together for 57 more years .
Your # one Nelson,

Bud Nelson - April 16 at 12:24 PM

PM

“ Phil & Glenda McClellan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Margaret Nelson.



Phil & Glenda McClellan - April 15 at 10:36 PM

PM

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BF

“ Beth and Paul and Family purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Margaret Nelson.



Beth and Paul and Family - April 15 at 03:38 PM