



# Hope C. Tyler

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**H**ope C. (Rowlings) Tyler, age 72, died Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Harbor Healthcare, Lewes, DE. She was born in Philadelphia, PA on October 16, 1942, daughter of the late Edward F. and Edythe (McFadden) Rowlings.

She was a wonderful mother, a loving grandmother and for more than 53 years was the best friend of her husband Michael. She loved Lewes and was a familiar friendly supporter of her adopted town. A victim of dementia that robbed her of her beautiful smile and willingness to help and be involved in her community, she will be long loved and remembered for her volunteering at Lewes Public Library and for her daily walks into town and to the city beach.

Hope, a Philadelphia native, moved to Delaware nearly 50 years ago. She graduated from St. Basil Academy, Jenkintown, Pa. in 1960. She also studied at the University of Delaware. She was a staff member for Governor Pete DuPont and later served on Governor Michael Castle's staff and spent ten years as director of the Governor's School for Excellence, a college preparatory program for gifted and talented Delaware high school students.

Upon moving to Lewes in 1991, she and her husband operated Wild Swan Inn, an award-winning Victorian Bed and Breakfast through 2000 when they moved to their present home in Lewes in Drake Knoll. She served for eight years as president of the Friends of Lewes Public Library and for many years was the Library's coordinator for community displays for the Lewes Library showcase window. One of her greatest achievements was initiating the republishing of a long out-of-print popular historical account of the War of 1812 "Cornstalks and Cannonballs," a story for young readers by Delaware author Barbara Mitchell. She oversaw the book's production and managed the distribution and sales of the book which was a key fund raiser for the library. She was named Library volunteer of the year by the Friends in 2010. She had been a library volunteer since 1992

She was co-chairwoman of the Christmas Tour of Lewes for the many years, securing homes for the tour, preparing the ticket booklet and overseeing what has become one of the Lewes



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Historical Society's most popular fundraising events. She served as a docent at the Rabbits Ferry House on the Lewes Historic Complex.

Hope is a former member of the Lewes Chamber of Commerce and worked as a judge at the annual Kite Festival for more than a dozen years. She also served as a volunteer at Shield's Elementary School where she was a mentor in the school's academic structured student Hosts Program.

She worked for more than a decade as a co-leader for the Lighthouse Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, a support organization assisting families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age.

Hope was preceded in death by her oldest son, Michael Edward in 1997. She is survived by Michael, her husband of more than 53 years; three children: Karen of Eugene, OR; Chris and his wife Jackie of Aspen CO and Laura Goodwin and her husband Randy of Gotha, FL; seven grandchildren and a younger brother Ed Rowlings and his wife Cyndee of Bakersfield, CA.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 11 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10 AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Beebe Hospital's Gull House, 38149 Terrace Rd, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, Delaware Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 625, Georgetown, DE 19947 or the Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please visit Hope's Life Memorial webpage and sign her online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com).

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DS

**Diane Vzatek/Shoup** posted:

Rest In Peace SBA Sister..

July 2 at 8:00 PM

JG

**Joanne Pizzuto Giordano** posted:

My deepest sympathy to Hope's family. I will always remember Hope's humor and smile as a classmate at SBA. She surely will be missed. May she rest in peace.

July 2 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Joanne Connolly-Raczkowski** posted:

Prayers for a good friend and SBA classmate. Hope will always be a "Basil girl" in the very best way. Much love to the family. We will miss her.cwf

July 1 at 8:00 PM

LS

**Lori Arrivello-Smith, Sba** posted:

My deepest sympathies to Hope's family. My former schoolmate and I had many fun and funny adventures at and after SBA! Remembering her car and the crazy rides we took (all 6 of us) in that little car! May you rest in peace, dear Hope!! Lori

July 1 at 8:00 PM

CS

**Cassie Juzwiak Sutkaytis** posted:

Have many good memories of our days at SBA & our trips to Ocean City, NJ in your tiny car.God Bless

July 1 at 8:00 PM

MP

**Marsha Pyle** posted:

Mike, I was so sorry to read of Hope's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time and know that all of your wonderful memories of your years together will sustain you. All my best, Marsha Pyle

July 1 at 8:00 PM



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BS

**Bill Sargent** posted:

Mike:I think of you often. I will always remember Hope's smile and humor. You have lost a wonderful person.Bill

June 26 at 8:00 PM

LL

**Lewes Public Library** posted:

Hope worked long and hard for the library. She was a joy to be around. We miss her very much.Lewes Public Library

June 26 at 8:00 PM

MV

**Mary Kay Valentine** posted:

I took my Catholic confirmation name from Hope who was my sponsor. I asked her because I was drawn to her upbeat, gracious abilities to ignore conventions and speak from the heart, and I wanted to emulate such traits. Warm and generous, she opened her house to us many times and maintained that warmth even when confusion set in. Always upbeat and hardworking, always serving, always contributing to the flow of good will, Hope became hope for others. She has blessed us all and continues to do so from the other realm as she has reclaimed her mind and beauty.

June 25 at 8:00 PM

JT

**Jessica Tyler** posted:

I will miss the only other person in the family who could eat chocolate with me forever. Your laughter was infectious and I love you Grammy.

June 24 at 8:00 PM

DH

**David M. Hudson** posted:

Kay and I feel extremely priviledged to have known Hope. We extend our thoughts to your entire family.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



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CM

**Carol Mark** posted:

I mourn the passing of Hope, my friend since the 2nd grade, and send my love to Michael, to my god-child, Karen, Laura and Chris, and to her brother Ed. May Hope rest in peace knowing she did it all.

June 23 at 8:00 PM

NW

**Nadine Wick** posted:

Lewes has lost one of its finest. Hope was a gracious, warm smiled woman who I had the opportunity to know when we moved to Lewes. I will miss her and so will our town.

June 23 at 8:00 PM

JD

**Jeff Dayton** posted:

Mike, Karen, Chris and Laura, The warmth and sunshine Hope brought into any setting was remarkable. I enjoyed working with her, getting to know her, and call her my friend beginning in the early 1980's. She will be missed by all but I am sure she is enjoying her reunion with your son and brother Mike.

June 22 at 8:00 PM

JD

**Joan Dey** posted:

My deepest sympathy to Mike and family. Many of us in Hockessin still remember both Hope and Mike and wonderful children. Many fun times at Yorklyn Pool, swim team and general fun in Hockessin.

June 22 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Dinny Blake** posted:

I was so sorry to hear that Hope has passed. We worked together during the du Pont and Castle administrations and I remember Hope as a tireless and loyal supporter of both governors. Thoughts and prayers to Mike and the family. She will be missed.

June 21 at 8:00 PM



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LB

**Lisa Sapienza Boyles** posted:

I worked with Hope 31 years ago at Legislative Hall. Over the years I've often thought of funny stories she told about trying to get out of her house in time in the mornings when traveling to Dover. Those will stay with me as they continue to warm my heart and bring smiles all these years later. May God comfort you all with His peace which surpasses all understanding.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Janet Sutton Tcf** posted:

Mike, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family...

June 21 at 8:00 PM

MD

**Margaret Deemer** posted:

Hope, I miss our monthly lunches, trips to Cape May, our yearly birthday bash, and our trips to all the local thrift shops. You a beautiful person, kind spirit, and great friend. Prayers for your wonderful family. R.I.P dear friend, Sissy

June 20 at 8:00 PM

MW

**Melinda Watson** posted:

Hope and I worked together at Winterthur Museum. She had a way of making things new and refreshing. I remember the Winterthur bookstore ladies and I taking a day trip to the Wild Swan as guests and how gracious Hope and Mike were that day and how much fun we all had together. I will miss her.

June 20 at 8:00 PM

KH

**Karen And Jerry Hirst** posted:

This beautiful picture totally captures Hope's essence, love of life, love for her family, and joy of living in Lewes. She was a wonderful friend and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her spirit will continue to live on in Lewes, and we'll see her on the beach, in the town, and at the Dairy Queen. Here's to you, Hope...

June 20 at 8:00 PM



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LE

**Linda Eastburn** posted:

Dear Mike, so glad that I had the opportunity to work with you at DuPont and get to meet Hope. She made people feel so welcome in her home - she was definitely a very special person.

June 20 at 8:00 PM

AJ

**Andy & Jane** posted:

We send our sincere condolences to Mike and all the family at this sad time. Hope will be missed by everyone who knew her.

June 18 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Judi Schein** posted:

What a wonderful tribute to Hope. She was a beautiful person inside and outside and I am so fortunate to have been able to call her my 'cousin-in-law'. May God keep her close and bring comfort to Mike and the children and grandchildren.

June 18 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Joanne Mayer** posted:

Mike Thinking of you and your family. Prayers are with you.

June 16 at 8:00 PM

TB

**Trevor Mees & Betty Burleigh** posted:

So sorry to hear of Hope's passing. We shall miss her. She was an exceptional lady.

June 15 at 8:00 PM

BH

**Beckie Healey** posted:

Mike - Hope was one of the best friends of the Lewes Library. She worked very hard for the library for a long, long time. We've missed her for the past few years, and we will continue to miss her. You and your family are in our thoughts.

June 15 at 8:00 PM



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MS

**Michelle Tyler Scheen** posted:

Aunt Hope, You will be missed by so many. Your life impacted everyone you met. Thank you for your smile, your hug, your hospitality and your love. You always thought of my love of music as you visited antique shops. The hymnals you have given me are now a deeper treasure. Because of you, we have the Pickle Prize at Christmas time. I am glad you are free now. Love, Michelle

June 15 at 8:00 PM

AT

**Ann Marie Tyler D** posted:

My dear Aunt Hope. I was sad to hear the news but know heaven gained a new angel. You will always be one of my favorite Aunts! My fondest memories of you will be the times I got to see you when you came to Florida, your smile and most of all your infectious laugh! You truly are a gem and I look forward to the day I will see you again! Love Always. ---Ann

June 15 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Stan And Jackie Breita** posted:

wonderful lady ,so happy to have known her .be peaceful Hope

June 14 at 8:00 PM

KT

**Karen Tyler** posted:

You are all ways with us, mom!!! We love you and will miss your laughter and sweet smile. Shine on in the heavens.

June 14 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hope by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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