



# Doris Ellen Delaney

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## **Doris Ellen Delaney**

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**D**oris Ellen Delaney, age 78, most recently of Lewes DE, where she passed peacefully after her battle with cancer. Doris was born December 28, 1938 in New York City and grew up in Sunnyside, Queens, NY with sisters June, Maureen and Patti, raised by stepdad Ed Brady and loving mother Kay (Ward).

She graduated LIC High School in 1956. Doris had a lovely singing voice and was a favorite local performer in Sunnyside, Woodside and Astoria, Queens. Astoria is where Doris and first husband, Dominic DeBonis, laid down their beautiful family roots on 46th St and Ditmars Blvd in St. Francis of Assisi parish. Doris and Dom raised 4 loving children, Roger, Richard, Mary Ellen and Michelle, all four catholic-schooled and devoted to a wonderful mom. In June of 1987, Dominic suddenly passed, leaving Doris at 48 a widow whose 2nd chance at a new life was yet to unfold.

After a love at first sight meeting at Tavern on the Green in Central Park, Doris married retired NYPD Sgt. Brian Delaney in May 1991. They were married just under 26 years, lived for most of their time in Briarcliff Manor, NY, moving to Lewes in 2010, and having great winters in Port St. Lucie, FL. Doris was a Lector and Leader of Song, beloved part of every parish she graced!

The rest they say is history. As a most devoted couple, a romance by any account, Brian and Doris Delaney joined families, with Brian's children, Billy (dec), Dorothy and Timmy embracing Doris and the DeBonis children doing the same for Brian!

Doris and Brian were proud and devoted grandparents to Ryan, Liam and Roisin DeBonis; Elish, Colleen and Shane Conlon; Michael, Dominic and Christina Matica; and their latest and adorable Haden James DeBonis; Matt and Dan Pinkston; Kate, Lauren and Jack Delaney. Rarely is love so beautifully and unconditionally honored. RIP with the Lord, Doris. It is accomplished!

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond the Apostle Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM.



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Friends may also call from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and again from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday March 20, 2017 at Parsell Funeral Homes, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Mrs. Delaney's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 11 AM, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES..



# Events

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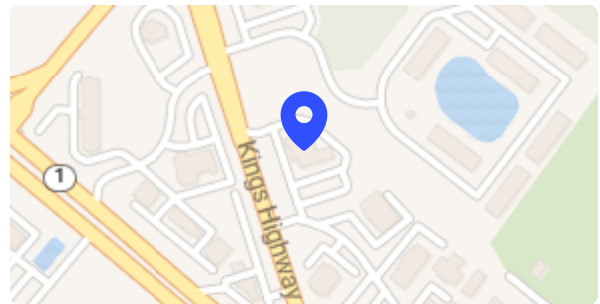
## Viewing

**Monday**, March 20, 2017

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



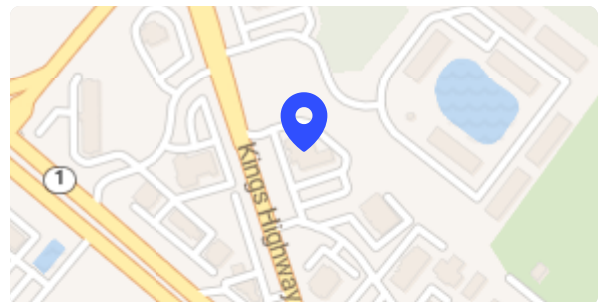
## Rosary

**Monday**, March 20, 2017

4:00 PM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

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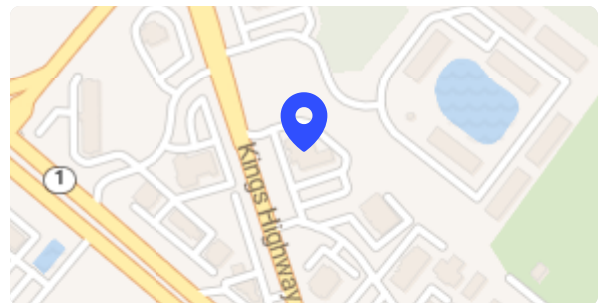
## Viewing

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7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

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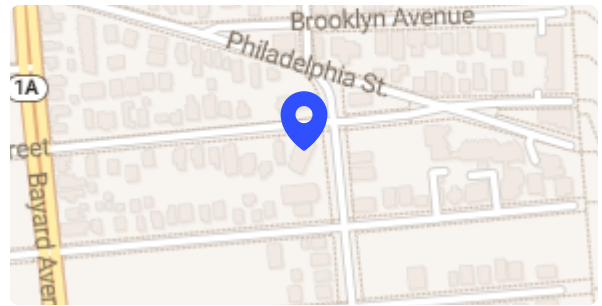
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## Viewing

**Tuesday**, March 21, 2017

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**St. Edmond Catholic Church**  
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE  
19971

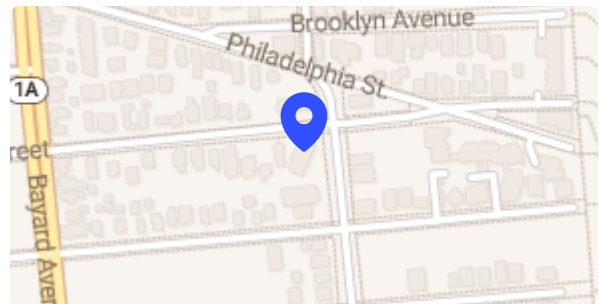


## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Tribute Video**.



March 22 at 4:49 AM



**Gio Mangano** posted:

To Doris' family -Michelle, Mary Ellen, Roger and Richie; so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful Mom! I have such beautiful memories of her and her love of all of you. Love and prayers from Gio.

January 25 at 9:48 AM



**Ann** posted:

When Doris moved to Briarcliff Manor, New York, she gained an immediate and loyal following of friends! Her beauty (both inside & outside), her faith, and her compassion were all evident to those who were lucky enough to know her. Doris' presence in the community became ubiquitous; tennis at Club Fit and church at St. Theresa's and frequently an amazing dinner at her gorgeous home became the norm. Doris shared her heart and home with so many people. She prayed for whatever you were praying for & she would most definitely give you the shirt off of her back. If I live to one hundred years of age, I will never ever meet anyone as kind and generous as Doris Delaney! God Bless Doris and the entire family. She was an outstanding & amazing person and by now she has already joined the choir in heaven and has made dozens of people happy. Doris, you are missed here on Earth. I am blessed to have been your friend. God Bless! Much Love, Ann Fagan Briarcliff Manor, New York

April 24 at 8:54 AM



**Rhona Prescott** posted:

Doris was a faith filled member of Hope and Healing Charismatic Prayer Group. With her belief in the healing power of God, she put the cancer at bay for quite a while. She was an inspiration to the rest of us and I trust she is interceding for all of us now. Rhona Prescott

March 25 at 7:35 AM



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MM

**Michelle Debonis-Matica** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

All your grandchildren miss you so grandma.

March 21 at 12:20 PM



AO

**Angela Obrien** December 26 at 1:32 PM

Peace to u doris in heaven u suffered enough love angela obrien

VZ

**Virginia Zrake** posted:

My condolences to Doris' family. I only knew her a little and only briefly, from singing in St Edmond's choir several years ago. She did have a lovely voice and a sense of fun. We bonded over the fact that we were originally from NYC. Rest in peace. Virginia Zrake

March 21 at 10:08 AM

MB

**Marie Bratt** posted:

So many wonderful memories we have of Doris and her beautiful voice. She was an amazing song leader in church but above all she was a wonderful and loving person. Doris was always smiling and looked terrific, happy and thoughtful. We still have the holy water she and Brian brought back from Lourdes and her thoughtfulness in so many ways still abounds. God bless you Brian as well as your families. Gary and Marie Bratt

March 21 at 8:44 AM

MT

**Maureen Thaler** posted:

Doris and I shared some experiences together. Some great, some not so good. We both loved to sing and loved to do the 5:15 Masses on Saturday night; we both had lousy spines, hips, and things like that. We would always try to make each other laugh through it all. I was lucky enough to see Doris in November, I'm so glad I did. God Rest Your Beautiful Soul, Doris. Love, Maureen Thaler

March 21 at 6:56 AM



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AW

**Adrienne Weber** posted:

Doris was a beautiful soul, rich in love & laughter, blessed with such faith, family & friends. I admired Doris for all her words & actions. I will miss her smile, laugh, guidance & grace. My thoughts & prayers with all of you. Love, Adrienne weber.

March 20 at 1:58 PM

EA

**Evelyn Anthony** posted:

A few years ago we were out to dinner with Doris and Brian. I admired an aqua shawl she was wearing and asked her where she got it. I told her I was looking for one that color for my daughter's up-coming wedding. She took it off and gave it to me. That was Doris -- so generous, so sweet. We will all miss her. I wish all the sweet memories you have of Doris will bring comfort to all who knew and loved her. Sending prayers to all the family. Evelyn Anthony Port St. Lucie, FL

March 20 at 1:55 PM

TP

**Terry Palumbo** posted:

Doris was a beautiful woman, inside and out! Prayerful and devoted, sharing her talents with everyone she met! Her beautiful smile and the lovely woman she was will be missed by anyone who knew her! Our sincere condolences to Brian and the entire family! She rests with Our Lord now.

March 19 at 4:15 PM

HB

**Helena Brady Barthell** posted:

Our love and prayers go out to Brian and all the family. My favorite memory of Doris when she asked me to pray the rosary with her on the beach. I was embarrassed and didn't want to, but it was hard to say no to Doris and as we prayed I was transformed. The beach is now my favorite place to pray. Thank you Doris! God Bless You. You will be missed! Love Helena, Burley and Valerie Rose Barthell

March 19 at 1:24 PM

RS

**Rachel Strauss** posted:

I'll always remember her love and devotion to family and friends. Her smile and laugh lit up a room. Her faith was unwavering. Rest in peace beautiful Doris. Rachel Strauss

March 19 at 9:01 AM



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**Elizabeth Marrapodi** posted:

Sing with the angels our forever friend. Betty and Joanne

March 19 at 8:10 AM



**Sandy Mintz** posted:

I shall always remember my beautiful friend for her kindness and giving personality! She had a beautiful voice and a huge heart! She was a good friend and a true fighter. Rest in peace my dear friend, I miss you!Sandy Mintz

March 19 at 7:21 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Delaney family.



March 18 at 6:01 PM



**Dorothy Pinkston** posted:

The family of Doris Delaney requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Beebe Hospital Tunnell Cancer Center, 18947 John J Williams Highway Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 11971

March 18 at 2:34 PM



**Denise** posted:

Dear Brian and Family - It was a genuine honor and pleasure to know and sing with Doris during her time at St. Theresa's. I can still hear her infectious laugh and see her smiling face - the room just lit up when she walked in. Her strong faith was a beautiful example to all of us. The angel choir has gained another amazing alto! May she rest in peace. My deepest condolences to all of you.Love and PrayersDenise Perrigino

March 18 at 2:30 PM



**H.A. Bruno Events & Leading Edge Expositions** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Delaney family.



March 18 at 2:14 PM



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TD

**The Demilles** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Delaney family.

March 18 at 11:05 AM



MC

**Mary Ellen Conlon** shared an album called **Tribute wall**.

March 18 at 7:49 AM



WH

**With Love, Lynn Harmonay** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Delaney family.

March 17 at 7:00 PM



DD

**Dory Anne Demille** posted:

Spending all day thinking of my long history with my aunt, who was also my godmother. She was full of life, faith, laughter and love, and we know she's at peace and joyous. Praying for Brian and the whole family. Love, Dory Anne and Lance DeMille

March 17 at 3:08 PM

PG

**Patricia And Kent Goodger** posted:

Doris was truly the definition of a lady. She had so much love, personality, happiness, charisma and of course, beauty. She would also give you the shirt off her back and help you in any way possible. If you mentioned a problem or someone you knew with a problem she would pray for them. We don't think we know anyone as religious as Doris. Her pray list must have been really long. We are so glad we were able to spend time with her in December and, of course, to visit with her again in SXM. I spoke to her on the phone for about 30 minutes on March 7 and we had a wonderful conversation. It was difficult for me to hang up because it was obvious to me that her days were numbered and I didn't want to think about the fact that I would never be able to talk to her and visit with her again. Our thoughts and prayers are with her, Brian and her entire family. We know she is in heaven. All our love, Kent and Patty Goodger

March 17 at 10:52 AM



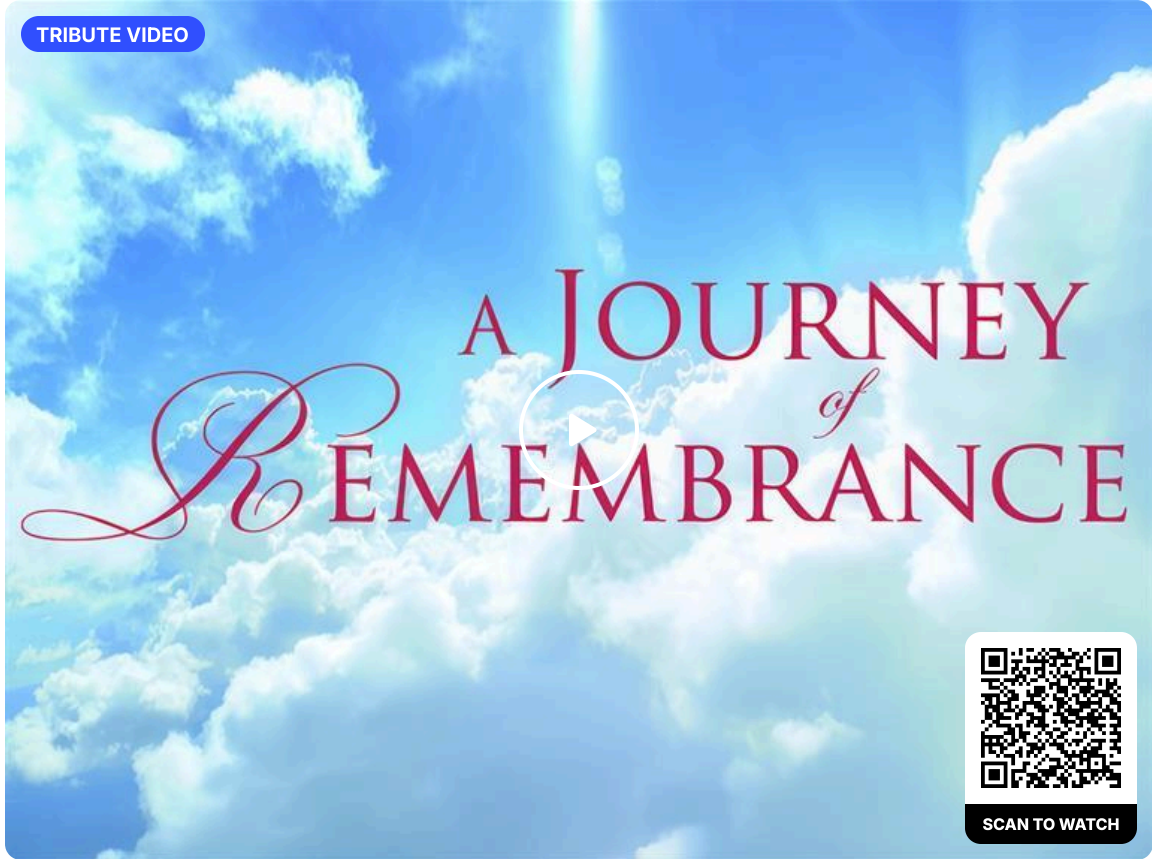
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March 22 at 4:49 AM



**Roger Debonis** January 16 at 6:04 PM

Nostalgic and precious pics of a wonderful woman and the best Mom ever! Teared up here, been a good while since I saw these pics. Love you Mom!!!Roger



**Gio Mangano** January 23 at 12:14 PM

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Dearest mommy thank you for your unconditional love you will live in my heart forever Mary Ellen



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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