



# Carolyn Diana Lewis

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**C**arolyn Diana Lewis, age 86 of Ocean View, DE, passed away on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Greenwood Country Rest Home. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, on September 8, 1931, daughter of the late John and Lillian Lewis.

Ms. Lewis grew up in Tucson, AZ, where she graduated from the University of Arizona. She received a scholarship to study at the University of Oslo in Norway and on her return, met and married Michael O. Berntsen, an Australian ship's officer. Ms. Lewis moved to Sydney, where she resided for thirteen years, establishing a journalism career in radio, television, and newspapers. After her divorce, she returned to the US, settling in Washington, DC. She reported for the Washington Post and for Post-Newsweek radio and television stations as Capitol Hill correspondent. Ms. Lewis covered city riots and anti-Vietnam war protests, and later for Public Television, hearings on the impeachment of President Nixon. President Jimmy Carter appointed Ms. Lewis to the commission to investigate the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Lewis taught journalism at Boston University and was associate dean at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism. She authored a text, "Reporting for Television", published by Columbia Press. When Ms. Lewis retired, she moved to Ocean View, Delaware, where she wrote features for the Wilmington News Journal and was later hired full time for the paper.

She is survived by her sons: Peter Berntsen and his wife Marie of Frankford, DE and David Berntsen and his wife Janice of Lennox Head, New South Wales, Australia; her grandchildren: Elizabeth, Michael, Kathleen, Rachel, Jessica, and Rio; her great-grandchildren: Mason, Gianna, Rogan, and Iris; and her brother, Avrom D. Lewis of Woodbridge, VA.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 2:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, 34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE, where



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friends may visit beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Ms. Lewis' memory to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 310; Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018 TO OUR OCEAN VIEW LOCATION.




# Events

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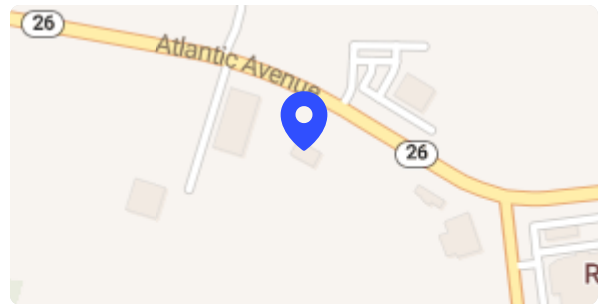
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 18, 2018

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel**

34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View DE



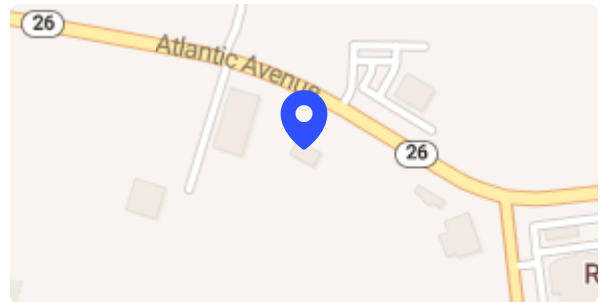
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**Ford Rowan** posted:

Carolyn was a wonderful person and a great journalist. What a sad loss. She was a friend and colleague. I regret I was unable to attend the memorial service; I was out of the country and only returned recently. I love her choice of a charity; I will make a contribution to the Salvation Army. Best wishes for her family and friends. Ford Rowan

September 3 at 1:59 PM

HV

**Heidi Vanderhook** posted:

Very blessed to have known this amazing woman, she made this world a brighter and better place. She was strong and kind, with an insatiable curiosity of people and happenings around the world. Amidst her pain she still gave you a smile and a thoughtful hello. Carolyn made such an impact on my life, her beautiful spirit will live on in her wonderful family and all who were lucky enough to meet her. Rest easy Carolyn...you made the world a better place. ❤️ Heidi Vanderhook

September 2 at 6:31 AM

MK

**Margie Klapper** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I met you once, about three weeks ago at Beebe Hospital. It was a Monday, my Golden Retriever Ani's and my day to visit through Paws for People. You smiled and welcomed us in so that Ani could give you some comfort, which she was born to do! During that time you talked about your family, the rich life you had lead, and your acceptance of your imminent death. You were so brave, so deep, so fascinating. Thank you. I will never forget you!



August 11 at 11:18 AM



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**Kathryn And Rc Smith** posted:

Carolyn was a dear friend. We shared an Elderhostel trip to Dublin and subsequent amazing, fascinating conversations annually for many years, and a lively correspondence. We will miss her so much... Kathryn and RC Smith

August 8 at 11:28 AM



**Arnold Holtzman** August 20 at 4:04 PM

We were also on that trip and became close friends of Carolyn from then. Phyllis and Carolyn corresponded weekly and we visited her each summer when at Bethany Beach. A delightful person with sharp insights into the ongoing saga of the world. We loved her insights and fantastic sense of humor. The world would be a better place with more people like Carolyn. It was also wonderful to be with Kathryn and RC at that time. Arnie will email Kathryn and lets try to stay in touch. Arnie & Phyllis Holtzman



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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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