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Dolores E. Williams, age 90 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at Renaissance Healthcare, in Millsboro, DE. She was born on February 3, 1930 in Triadelphia, WV, daughter of the late John and Helen Pavlina.

Mrs. Williams was a manager at the Bella Via family restaurant in Triadelphia, WV for over thirty years. Upon moving to Delaware, she worked with her son and his partner for four years at the Kannery Sub Shop in downtown Rehoboth Beach.

She was an avid folk dancer for many years and formed many friendships as a result. Mrs. Williams was a loving and devoted mother of two sons and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her son, Thomas; and her nine brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Gregory S. Williams of Rehoboth Beach, DE; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren, in and around the Wheeling, WV area.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Mrs. Williams' memory to a local SPCA or a local Meals on Wheels.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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CZ

Charleen Zambito posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Aunt Dee. We spent a lot of time together at the Bella Via and she taught me a lot of things while I was growing up, like how to twirl spaghetti on a spoon (I think she got tired of listening to me slurp it). When I got older and had the pleasure of working side by side with her, she never ceased to amaze me with her work ethic and how tough she was. She could literally work circles around the younger kids!! I have so many great memories of her and feel very blessed that she was in my life. My whole family sends heartfelt condolences. Charleen Zambito and family

April 29 at 4:36 PM

TF

Terry Fawley posted:

All of my memories of Aunt Delores were fond, well, except maybe for the time she locked her son, my cousin, Tommy and I out of the house for the entire night because we weren't back at the EXACT curfew time...LOL! She did, however, put blankets and pillows on the porch for us. That was Aunt Delores, tough, but always fair. Another story I will never forget is the one she told me about how she broke her then very young son Greg of the habit of wanting to strike matches. Once again, tough, but fair. I'm sure Greg remembers the story very well! Sorry, Greg, just had to say... Aunt Delores would always buy me some school clothes when I came to visit with her in the summertime. I remember one time when I pitched a fit for a leather skirt that was very expensive. She said absolutely no, but then gave me the option of ONLY that skirt and nothing else, or I could have several other things instead. Quite another example of her tough but more than fair love. I can't close without mentioning Willie Martin just to touch on Greg's statement that his mother could make friends with anyone. Aunt Delores was the love of "Old Willie's" life. Willie was a homeless person who did odd jobs around our neighborhood, and when Aunt Delores visited, she, of course, was best friends with Willie. Willie would make sure he bought her candy bars whenever he knew she was coming to visit. Aunt Delores would tease Willie and Willie would tease her back. What a special person my Aunt Delores will always be in my heart and mind. I will love her always.

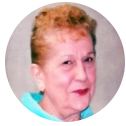
April 27 at 7:27 AM

JK

Janet Kalo posted:

Dear Greg, We were so saddened to learn about your Mother's passing. We became friends with her while folk dancing at Oglebay Institute. She was a lovely lady! After she moved to Rehoboth Beach, we kept in touch with her and visited while we were on vacation in Ocean City in 2007. We talked occasionally by phone as well. She will be missed - we have fond memories! Sincere condolences. Janet and Charlie Kalo

April 25 at 6:24 PM



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SM

Sherry Murphy posted:

Greg and Stan I am sorry for your lost. May Delores Rest In Peace now. I have only gotten to know her in the last 8 years or so but in that short time I knew she was a very kind person. I am sorry for your loss. Love Sherry Murphy my heart is with u all at this time and always. 🙏

April 24 at 7:55 AM

CP

Crispina Palacio posted:

Dear Delores, May you Rest In Peace. I'll miss seeing you around the holidays and your pumpkin roll. I hope your with my Grandma I'm sure you both will have lots of stories to share. Love, Chrissy

April 23 at 3:40 PM

DS

Diana Slabaugh shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



April 23 at 2:10 PM

JP

Joan Pavlina May 21 at 8:24 AM

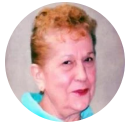
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DS

Diana Slabaugh posted:

One of my earliest memories as a youngster is visiting "Great" Aunt Dolores and Uncle Tom on Oakland Ave. in Wheeling. It is very sad to think of them both being gone now. Condolences from Diana Williams Slabaugh along with Curtis and Gerda Williams.

April 23 at 2:09 PM



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Stanley Mark posted:

Dear Dolores, May you rest in peace. If you are up there with my mother Gwen I hope you are remembering the good times we all had around the holidays, like the time we took both of you to Annie's Paramount steak house in D.C for Christmas Eve, then past the white house and the Washington monument. What a fun time we had tooling around D.C. in the ole Cadillac Fleetwood. You will truly be missed and always in my heart. Love Stanley.

April 22 at 4:52 PM



Cindy posted:

Greg, I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing your Mom through my sister, Nancy. Dolores always made me feel welcome and I enjoyed hearing the stories of her life -- especially the story about the ham in the lasagna. Dolores loved her sons and had special fondness for her grand-dogs and of course, Smokey the cat. A truly special lady who will be sadly missed.Cindy Littell

April 22 at 12:53 PM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



April 22 at 5:37 AM



Debbie Hogan Barto posted:

Greg, So sad to hear about your mom. I have so many memories of growing up on Oakland. She was like a second mom and meant a lot to our family. Remembering the nights she came over for coffee and talk, her getting me a job at the Bella Via and being there the night my son was born. She and my mom can again have coffee and I know Tim would love a piece of fruit he always craved from the fruit bowl on your kitchen table. I wonder what ever happened to the stockings we exchanged every year. Cherish her memories. Debbie Hogan Barto

April 21 at 3:46 PM



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GW

Gregory Williams posted:

Mom had the unique ability to make friends with just about anybody, from the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, that showed up once at the Bella Via restaurant to eat....to numerous conversations with people she met on the greyhound bus she took at Christmas to come visit me.....to many locals in the resort town of Rehoboth Beach who specifically came to our sub shop to "catch the latest gossip" with her. She was a tireless worker who loved to be around children. She loved them and they loved her right back. She was truly one of a kind and she will be missed.

April 21 at 2:40 PM

DP

Don Pavlina April 23 at 9:12 AM

Greg, Melissa and I send our deepest sympathy. She meant the world to both of us. She will forever have a special place in my heart. She is the last of the Pavlina clan.

TG

Toni Gallihugh April 23 at 8:19 AM

Greg, it's cousin Toni. Please call me @540-399-5072. I am devastated to hear this, she was supposed to live forever.

RW

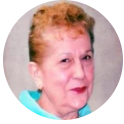
Randy Wharton April 23 at 3:16 AM

Growing up on Oakland Ave with Tom and Greg, Dolores was one of the great moms in the neighborhood. Like many of the people that I knew as the adults when I was a kid, we became friends when I became an adult. She would bring her car to our shop, dropping it off when she went to work at the Bella Via. She was a hard worker and someone I was proud to call my friend. Randy Wharton

NM

Nancy Mcfall April 22 at 12:28 PM

Sharing a house with her was a unique and rewarding experience that will benefit me all my life. One of her life tales I most remember is about how she met Elton John and dressed him for his performance in Wheeling. He praised her and gave her an autographed shirt! I have missed her so much!



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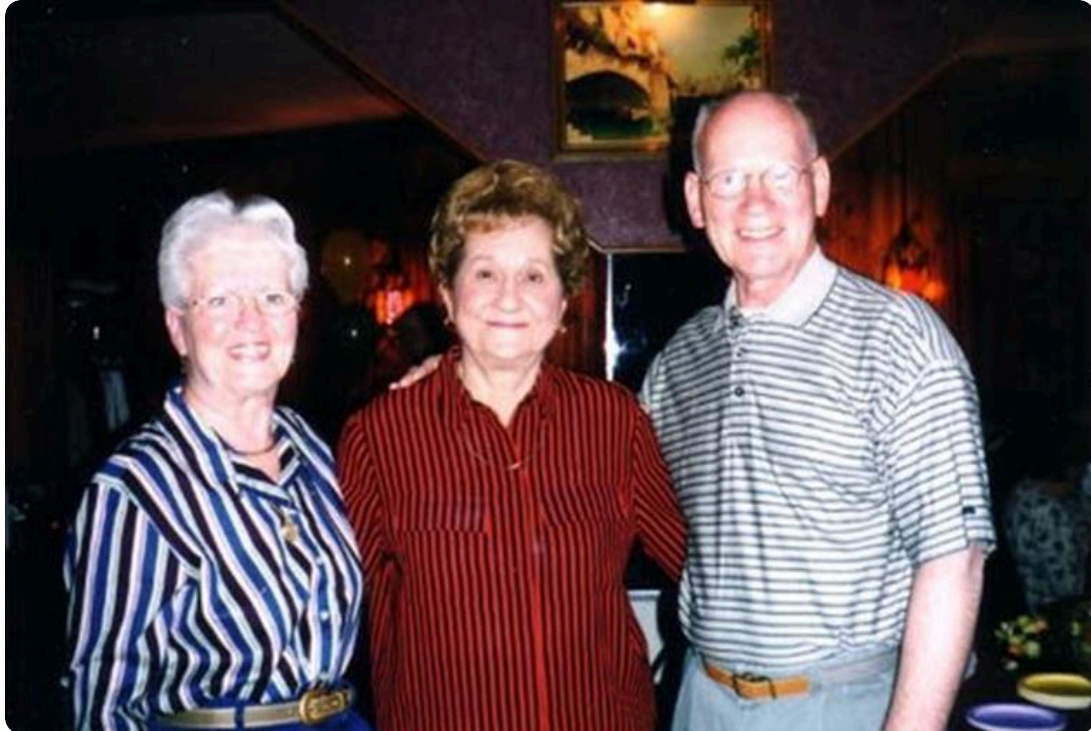
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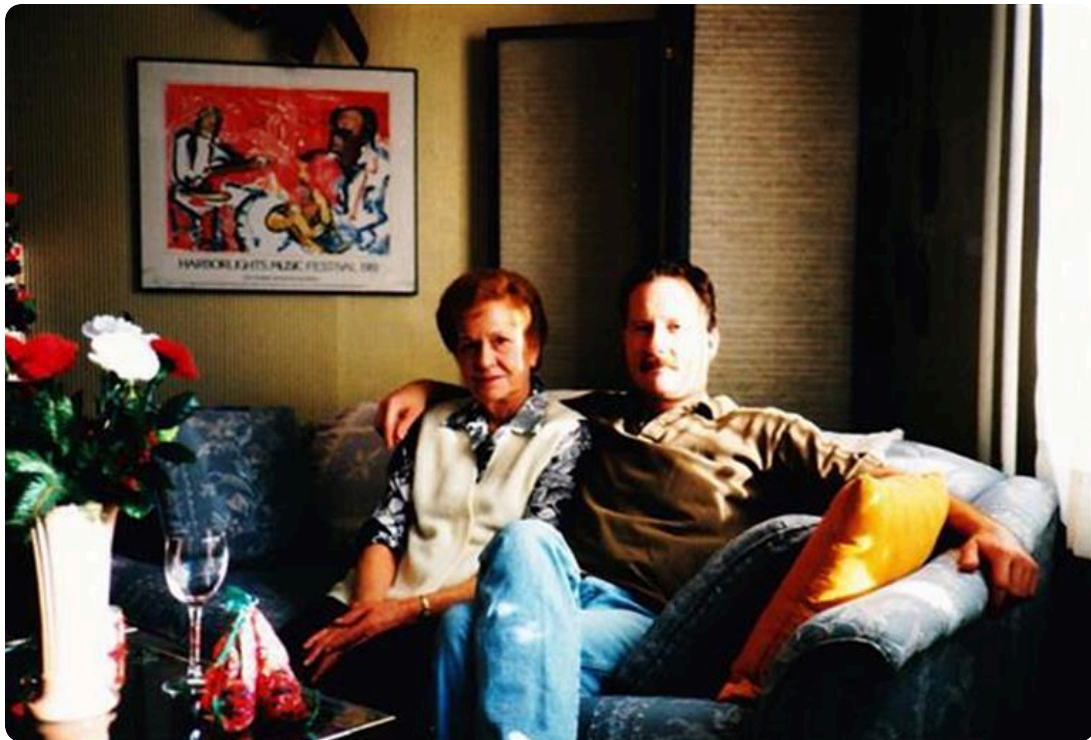
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Join us in honoring Dolores by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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