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Verna Elizabeth Hanes of Seaford, DE, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. She was born January 27, 1946, in Rosyth, Fife, Scotland, to the late Melvin E. and Margaret B. (Murray) Hanes.

Verna had a distinguished medical and military career, serving her country as a physician in the United States Naval Reserve and then in the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Colonel. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading medical mystery novels, and playing word games like Scrabble. More than anything, Verna treasured time spent with family and friends. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt; and was extremely proud of her family – especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Verna was predeceased by her son, Daniel Adam Schultz; and her brother, Melvin Angus Hanes. She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen (Schultz) Leebel (John); her daughter-in-law, Susan (Quinn) Schultz; her grandchildren, Else and Adelle Leebel; Madelyn, Avery, Sadie, and Quinn Schultz; her sister, Lorna Margaret (Hanes) Morrison; and many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Verna graduated in 1964 from Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, MD, and received a scholarship to George Washington University majoring in pre-medicine. After graduation she attended George Washington University School of Medicine. She completed her internship and residency at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC, and was awarded fellowships in infectious disease at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and later in microbiology at University of Texas, John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, TX. Verna was also a medical and microbiological researcher, publishing papers in journals such as the Journal of Clinical Microbiology and the Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography. She held several teaching assignments in her career including positions at George Washington School of



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Medicine, the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD, and the University of California at Davis in Sacramento, CA, where she was an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine. Later in her career Verna joined Greenbrier Physicians in Ronceverte, WV, as an internist and infectious disease consultant. She loved the beauty of West Virginia and cherished the friendships she made there. With retirement on the horizon, she moved to Seaford, DE, to be closer to family and served as a hospitalist at TidalHealth Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. Verna found her work in research and teaching rewarding, but she loved being a clinician, and over the years received numerous notes from patients and their families thanking her for the excellent care she gave them.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation <https://takeabreakfromcancer.org/> or Delaware Hospice, www.delawarehospice.org/donate/.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Robert Ferber posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Verna when she became a hospitalist at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. She was an excellent clinician who taught me more than a few things, while also managing to touch her patients in a special way. She had a very dry sense of humor that I will miss.

July 14 at 4:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hanes family.



July 8 at 12:35 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Verna.



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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Hanes family.



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Karin Halverson posted:

Dear Kathleen and family, My thoughts are with you all in the loss of your dear mom and grandma! I remember her well from when I first came to USA. She was expecting you Kathleen, and she was sitting on her knees digging in the flowerbed in Shepherd Street, when the car pulled up to the house with your dad her dad and me! Your dad got a little upset about it! But that was how your mom worked. She did not let a little baby stop her. She was a hard worker and she worked long hours in the hospital, sometimes 48 hours stretches, but when she came home, she was a full time mama and housekeeper! I know she must have been very tired sometimes, but she took care of her children as best as she could. For many years I have not seen her or heard much about her, but she put a mark on my life. She got me to USA and I have been here since and I should have thanked her for that! Much love from Karin Halverson.

July 8 at 9:16 AM

DH

Doug Hollingsworth July 23 at 8:46 AM

I will never forget the help Verna provided to me in 11th grade US History. She sat directly in front of me, and her upright posture helped me to hunker down and avoid Miss Roe's oral interrogations. I owe my A in US history to Verna.

KL

Kathleen Leebel July 10 at 3:06 PM

Thank you for sharing this story - I love it. I am eternally grateful for you - you have been such a positive light in my life. Your birthday cards sometimes came during very very difficult times and they really helped me. I love you so much and I know Daniel feels the same.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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