



Caroline M. Short

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Caroline Mairs Short, a life-long Delaware resident passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on January 27, 2024. Caroline was born in Wilmington, Delaware on December 6, 1927, to the late Mary Jane (May McCall) and Thomas Mairs.

She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1946, where she served as Senior Class Vice President. Upon graduation, she was recruited by the Delaware Chapter of The American Red Cross as the assistant to the Director of Junior Red Cross. She held various positions, both volunteer and professional, throughout her career. Caroline's positions included Fund Raising, Service to Military Families, Director of Transportation and Community Services, Director of Disaster Services and she retired in 1988 after 43 years serving as Director of Volunteer Services. Following her retirement from the Red Cross, Caroline moved to Rehoboth Beach working with Coldwell Banker Rehoboth Beach Realty for over 25 years.

Caroline started many community programs over the years and her most satisfying were "I'm Okay" for the elderly that was started as a security program in many senior housing buildings and also The Pet Therapy Program, in concert with Wilmington SPCA, which brought pets to hospitals and nursing homes to interact with the residents. The very first visits were to the Elsmere Veterans Hospital which not only started to allow pets but actually adopted their own kittens.

Over the years, Caroline was recognized with many awards. In 2000, she received the prestigious Red Cross "A Plus for Delaware" award for outstanding volunteer work for fund raising efforts in Sussex County by organizing and chairing the annual Red Cross Nouveau Beaujolais Wine Tasting and Action for 20 years. As a realtor, in 2008, she was awarded a membership into the International Diamond Society.

Caroline has participated in many state and local organizations that included Delaware Volunteer Coordinators, Wilmington Women in Business, The Pilot Club of Delaware, American Legion



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Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge and the Prince of Piedmont Lodge.

In addition to her parents, Caroline was predeceased by her husband James Short, Sr. (Big Jim) after 60 years of marriage; her infant son, Thomas Mairs Short; her beloved daughter, Sherri Short Eastburn; her extraordinary son James Short Jr. (Jimmy/Shorty); and her brother, Tommy Mairs.

Caroline is survived by her family: Lynn and Anthony Iorii, Cynde Andress and Steve Ademski, Nancy and Phil Durney and Page Holt. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Michael (Juliet) Iorii, Brian (Lisa) Andress, Jamie (Clint) Thomas, Karie (Larry) Hart, Kristin (Damian) Hamlin, Nicole Durney, Michelle Iorii, Philip Durney III, Casey (Brian) Millard, Courtney (Kyle) Moore, Casey, and Conner Bell; her great-grandchildren include Isabella and Sophia Iorii, Scarlette and Sean Andress, Lilly, Piper and Avery Thomas, Ashton and Dylan Hart, Melia, Zoey and Bryson Hamlin, Peyton Saienni, Wade Millard, Campbell and Sutton Moore; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and her beloved grand-dogs.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 11:00 AM at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 18 Olive Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations in Caroline's memory to Humane Animal Partners, <https://www.degives.org/orgs/humane-animal-partners>, or All Saints, 18 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

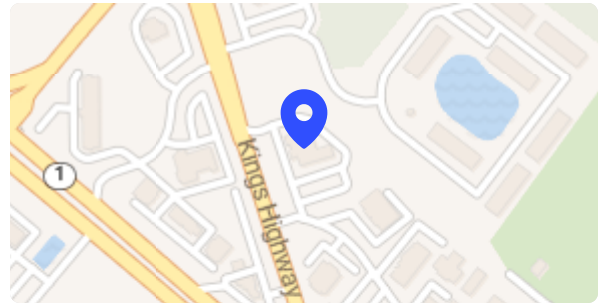


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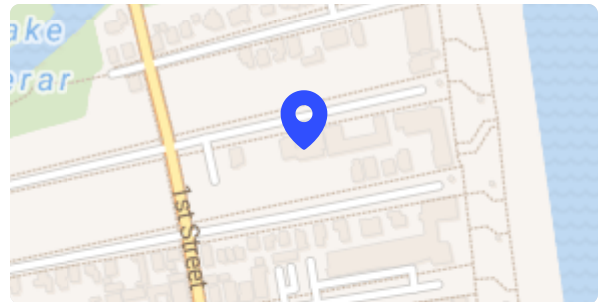
Visitation

- Sunday**, February 4, 2024
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Second Visitation

- Monday**, February 5, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- All Saint's Episcopal Church**
18 Olive Ave,, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971

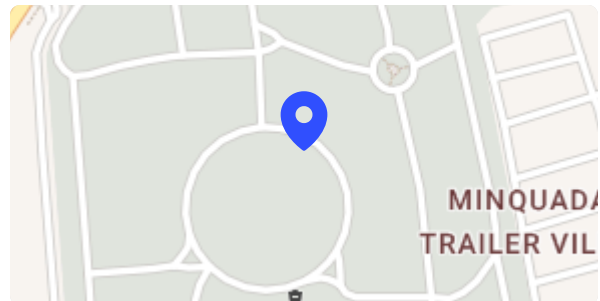


Funeral Service

- Monday**, February 5, 2024
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- All Saints' Episcopal Church**
Rehoboth Beach DE 19971

Interment

- Monday**, February 5, 2024
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Gracelawn Memorial Park Cemetery**
2220 North Dupont Highway, New Castle DE





Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium scheduled a Webcast Video for 1:00 AM ET on Feb 6, 2024 in memory of Caroline M. Short.



February 6 at 7:31 AM



Jim Chandler posted:

Sorry to hear of Caroline's passing. She and my parents were good friends through the Red Cross. When ever I would see Caroline we always had a warm conversation about the good old days. She will be missed. Jim Chandler

February 6 at 3:48 AM



Thomas Delle Donne posted:

My deepest sympathy at the loss of a truly amazing and wonderful lady. I met Mrs Short many years ago thru racquetball and my dear friend Phil Durney. Mrs. Short was always enthusiastic, kind and a great conversationalist. She made an investment in people and was authentic and kind. Mrs. Short gracefully navigated the aging process and retained her optimism and spirit well into her golfen years. I am saddened that she had to endure the loss of her son, but I am certain they are together again with the Lord. A truly remarkable person and life.

February 4 at 8:47 AM



Deborah Senior February 5 at 4:41 PM

My deepest condolences to the short family. Another angel has returned home to be with the Lord.



Gerry And Nancy Ssmson February 4 at 5:09 PM

Nancy and I send our condolences to the Short Family. Mrs Short aRest in Peace 🙏



Pam Edgar posted:

I will always remember this lovely lady here in Charlotte on Jamie's back deck, in her eighties and diapering her newest great granddaughter, Avery , like she did it every day! Our prayers for the family
❤️ Pam & Tom Edgar

February 4 at 7:30 AM



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Buddy Clark lit a candle in honor of Caroline.

Rest in Peace Caroline. God grant the family strength. Heaven has gained another Angel. 🙏 Buddy Clark

February 3 at 7:14 AM



Diane Stacy lit a candle in honor of Caroline.

February 2 at 7:42 AM



DS Diane Stacy February 2 at 7:54 AM

Sweet Caroline... A fun loving friend with a huge heart and a bright smile. You are free now. John 3:16



John Mulhern posted:

Prayers 🙏 from the Mulhern family RIP Mrs Short 🍀

February 1 at 5:34 PM



Larry Hart sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Short family.

February 1 at 3:36 PM



Larry Hart planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Caroline.

February 1 at 3:36 PM





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Karen Marshall posted:

I will never forget all the Summers we spent together as kids. All the help ypu gave me when Dad died. My heart goes out to you guys .Rest In Peace Mrs Short Karen Clough Marshall

February 1 at 11:12 AM



Cathy Clymer Matzuras posted:

She was a beautiful person there were not too many people that didn't know her. We were friends for 50 years. Always a good time with her and Jim many of trips we went on together. Her ideas were always great and so much fun doing them. R.I.P.

February 1 at 5:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Short family.

February 1 at 5:23 AM



Aub Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Caroline.

February 1 at 5:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Short family.

January 31 at 4:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Short family.

January 31 at 10:09 AM





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MD

Mario, Frank+Michelle, Rose,Joy+Dennis planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Caroline.

January 31 at 10:09 AM



GH

Ginny Hysock lit a candle in honor of Caroline.

Sweet Caroline. I loved getting to know you through real estate and will miss you. Rest in Peace with Jim, Jimmy and Sherry. 🙏

January 31 at 9:53 AM



JO

Joantyndall posted:

Dear sweet Caroline. I loved working with her as a realtor for many years. Rest in peace.

January 31 at 8:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Rose Remembrance to the Short family.

January 31 at 8:45 AM



LB

Love, Steve And Danielle Brady planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Caroline.

January 31 at 8:45 AM



FT

Frances Turner posted:

Aunt Caroline you will be missed. Dick and I remember our good times with you. Rest in Peace

January 31 at 4:52 AM



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Anonymous sent a Your Light Shines to the Short family.



January 30 at 7:49 PM



With Our Love, Jim & "Chrissy" Meyer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Caroline.



January 30 at 7:49 PM



Lots Of Love, "The Archmere Gang" sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Short family.



January 30 at 5:29 PM



Lots Of Love, "The Archmere Gang" planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Caroline.



January 30 at 5:29 PM



Kitty, Sissy, Sug, Pud ,Butch & Spouses sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Short family.



January 30 at 3:51 PM



Mary Ruth Wilson posted:

Caroline, I will miss you so. But you are at rest and with the people you loved so much. Jimmy needed you and so you went. We will miss you too but this was most important. Rest now.

January 30 at 1:06 PM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Short family.



January 30 at 9:43 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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