



Madlyn F. Knowles

September 13, 1920 - January 13, 2022

Madlyn F. Knowles, age 101 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at The Moorings at Lewes. She was born on September 13, 1920, in Seaford, DE, daughter of the late Irvin and Martha (Ellis) Waite.

Mrs. Knowles married the love of her life, Horace Knowles, in 1940 and together they enjoyed 77 years of marriage. She was a talented seamstress and ceramist and enjoyed fishing aboard the family boat, "Madyln's Legasea". She was a faithful member of Blades United Methodist Church and Cedar Neck United Methodist Church. Her devotion to her family, however, took precedence above all. The time spent with those she held most dear was what she most cherished. Mrs. Knowles was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Loved by many, she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Knowles was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Horace Knowles; her brothers, Charles Waite, and David Waite; and her sisters: Helen Donnelly and Shirley Keller. She is survived by her son, Don Ellis Knowles (Nina) of Lewes, DE; her grandson, Christopher Knowles (Anastasia) of Larchmont, NY; her granddaughter, Donna Tomlinson (Marc) of Bear, DE; her great-grandchildren: Laura Tomlinson, Sarah Tomlinson, Rachel Tomlinson, Maya Knowles, and Christopher Knowles; and her 4 step great-grandchildren.

Services are private. Final care for Mrs. Knowles has been entrusted to Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriot's Way, Milford, DE 19963, www.delawarehospice.org/donate.

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“ Growing up with Chris and Donna as great friends, and through church, I got to know Mrs. Knowles when she visited on Sundays or at Birthday parties, etc. She was always elegantly dressed, understated and warm in her greeting, lovely and smiling. And what a wonderful family she brought into our lives. Sending peace and love. 🙏

Liz Joseph DeCastro - January 23 at 06:58 PM

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“ We'll remember always a very special lady for her big heart and bigger personality who could always make you laugh. She touched so many of us with her kindness and Jack will especially miss her delicious Applesauce Cake which she very generously made for him every Christmas. We were so blessed to have known her and we'll miss her lovely smile and that twinkle in her eye that would make you wonder what kind of mischief she was up to. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and Nina, Chris, Donna and our beautiful granddaughters who loved her so much. Sincerely, Jack and Rose Tomlinson

Rose Tomlinson - January 22 at 11:11 AM