



Doris Ward Odell

June 28, 1934 - December 2, 2020

Doris Ward Odell, 86, passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

A 2:00 p.m. graveside service will be held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Lebanon Baptist Church cemetery. Viewing hours are 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Forbis and Dick North Elm Street Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required for all events.

Doris was born June 28, 1934 in Guilford County, NC to the late William and Lulabelle Ward. She was a member of Gospel Baptist Church and a retiree of Sears and Roebuck as well as Guilford County Schools. Doris loved taking family trips to Florida as well as spending time with her great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed preparing great desserts for her family. Doris was a true “social butterfly,” often visiting with friends and neighbors at Carriage House Senior Living where she resided.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Max Odell, as well as their son, Timmy Odell. She was also preceded in death by numerous brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a son, Larry Odell and his wife, Wendy. Also surviving is a brother, J.T. Ward as well as 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at www.forbisanddick.com.

The family would like to thank Audrey Barham, a long time friend of Doris, for all the care shown. Additionally, special thanks to Reid Holt and Barbara Monk who provided lots of support and love over the years to Doris.

Forbis and Dick North Elm Chapel is assisting the Odell family.

Cemetery

Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery

4635 Hicone Road
Greensboro, NC, 27405

Events

DEC 5 **Viewing** 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Forbis & Dick Funeral Service - North Elm
Chapel
1118 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC, US,
27401

DEC 5 **Graveside Service** 02:00PM - 02:30PM

Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery
4635 Hicone Road, Greensboro, NC, US,
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Comments



“ From your Florida Niece, Mary and husband Dan. Our hearts are broken for loss of our beautiful Aunt Doris. I miss you so much it hurts but when I think of all the memories together I feel incredibly Blessed. I have so many fond memories from childhood to the present day. We talked many times of her famous chicken pot pie to her meat loaf. She always looked forward to our visits from Florida and always had to have everything just so. What a meal she would prepare. She was very meticulous and always aimed to please. We had so many nice visits when she would come to Florida and our trips to Orlando, to sipping on a Pina Colada at the Tradewinds on St Pete Beach. Her and her sister Betty loved to run with us and we had so many good laughs. She loved when Dan would cut up with her and my mom Betty and she said he always made her smile. I never knew she could laugh so hard and wish that I had videoed this. That's what it was all about making people smile. I so enjoyed all our phone visits on the phone these past several months and always worried about her social isolation. She always ended with I love you and Dan and looking forward to coming to Florida when this mess is over. She was so grateful for her Son Larry and his social distancing visits and his phone calls. He did so much for his mom that no one ever realized. If Aunty would even drop a hint of something she wanted I would tell him and he was there to make sure she had it. He made sure that she had a safe haven these past two years and that it gave her a little happiness and free from worry of being alone or falling. Thank you Larry for loving your mom the way you did and the kind things her daughter n law Wendy did for her. She might not have always showed it at times but she truly loved all the attention. There is no greater bond than that of a son and his mom. I could only hope that everyone would have a son who was as caring and compassionate as he was. She was a special aunt I will never forget. Her beautiful sweet smile gave her eyes that twinkled look when you were talking with her. She was such a jewel and I know God needed her to help brighten up heaven. Aunt Doris, we will never forget you and your smiles. Such a joy to be around. Fly high with the Angels in heaven Auntie, Our Family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one the chain will again. Although we cannot attend our spirit will be with you all as you move forward. Know we love you and are praying.

Mary Spikes-Powell - December 09, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Remember sitting under the carport talking to her and Max on nice summer evenings. She was the one that got up a petition for our street lights that we now have.

Larry McNeal - December 06, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Doris was a neighbor of 36 plus years, but she was so much more than that, she was like family. We shared meals, stories, laughs and a lot of porch sitting. She was our first baby sitter to my oldest daughter Hannah. I told her once in a card that I was adopting her as my second Mom. If she needed anything she called me and I did the same with her. She was such a blessing to me and my family and we will miss her more than words can say. I know she is rejoicing in heaven with Max and Timmy as well as other family members that have passed on before her. She truly loved her family and friends sharing stories of them and praying for them. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee: and be gracious unto thee, The Lord lift his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Phyllis Williams - December 05, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ I met Doris at the Carriage House and cherished our friendship. There were four of us who were very close and called ourselves the "Golden Girls." Even after I moved out of the Carriage House, we still kept in touch. I am deeply saddened by her loss and send my sincere condolences. May the Lord bless and keep you. Lorene Farrar

Lorene Farrar - December 05, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ I met Doris at The Carriage House (tCH) when visiting my mother Allene Shaffer. Doris' smile was infectious and she loved everyone unconditionally. My Mom was already in a wheelchair when Doris came to tCH, usually wrapped in lap robes for warmth, and Doris always spoke to her and fussed with the coverings to ensure Allene was warm. My Mom died about 8 days before the lockdown. I knew the isolation would be hard for every resident, their family, and tCH staff members but would be especially difficult for Doris because, as documented in her obituary, she was a gifted and "true social butterfly". As hard as it is for her family and friends, I know Doris is at peace. I hope your wonderful memories of Doris will help you at this difficult time. I'd also like to add the flowers her brother bought from his Sunday church services were always beautiful and enjoyed by all residents/their visitors. Sincerely, Janice Shaffer

Janice Shaffer - December 04, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ I really appreciate your kinds words Janice. I remember telling me mom was also looking out for over residence needs. Thank you so much for sharing your story of my mom

larry odell - December 05, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ Thank you for that memory. You brought a smile to our faces today. Wendy Odell

Wendy Klein Odell - December 05, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ I will be forever grateful for the many memories I have had the pleasure of sharing with aunt Doris. Her visits to Florida, our visits to NC, and the time I went with aunty and her sister, my mother, Betty, to visit the Alamo in San Antonio. I found aunt Doris to be sweet, gentle, and at times witty. I will miss our phone conversations this past year while she was so isolated and at times lonely. Larry and Wendy-you could not have been any better to your mother. You made sure she wanted for nothing. Aunty was so happy with everything you did for her, including bringing her her favorite milkshakes. But especially for surprising her with a socially distanced birthday celebration. She told me how much that meant to her. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. With love, your cousin, Lena Kass and husband Larry

Lena Kass (niece) - December 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Thanks so much Lena for the kind words. She really loved her family in Florida. I was so glad she got several years to spend with you guys

larry odell - December 05, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Lena, she always had the best time when she visited you guys. I am so glad she was able to do some traveling.

Wendy Klein Odell - December 05, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ We were so fortunate to get to know Doris and came to love her like family. She was a wonderful neighbor, and we loved visiting her, taking her out to eat sometimes or bringing her some take-out lunch. She was so sweet, kind and loving and we will miss her and that sweet smile so much.
We will keep the family in our prayers.
Edith & Ronnie McNeal



Edith McNeal - December 04, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Thanks so much Edith. You and Ron were a blessing to me knowing you guys were just across the street for mom. She really love Ron & You. Thanks for sharing

larry odell - December 05, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Ward Odell.



December 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Debbie & Larry McNeal lit a candle in memory of Doris Ward Odell



Debbie & Larry McNeal - December 04, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ We loved Doris and all the family. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Debbie & Larry McNeal - December 04, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your moms passing. Thinking of you and family. Debbie Overbey Way

DEBBIE WAY - December 04, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ Thanks Old friend for your kind words

larry odell - December 05, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Doris was a sweet and lovely woman that me and my family will surely miss. Throughout the years every time I saw Doris she always asked about my brothers and sisters by their names which I have 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Every time I saw Doris she was always the same kind, loving, generous, beautiful spirit. I can see her with Max and Timmy. Heaven gained another angel. My thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Cindy Carter - December 03, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ We are Praying for Larry, Wendie, and the Family ! Kim & Barb are sending their Deepest Sympathy, Love, and Prayers ! We were Very Blessed to Know Your Mom Larry, she is With Jesus Now Sweetie - But - Wants to know that All of her Family will join her there ! She was a Wonderful Christian Lady, and Our Dear Friend ! Again, Kim and I, are Sending You - Our Love and Prayers !

Barb and Kim Monk

Barb Monk - December 03, 2020 at 06:12 PM