



Doris Jean Watson

July 13, 1943 - March 15, 2023

Doris Jean Watson, daughter of Walter and Ozella Coleman, and older sibling to Karen Coleman passed away on March 15, 2023, at her home in Woodbridge, Virginia. Born on July 13, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri, and raised in East Saint Louis, Ill. Doris graduated from East Saint Louis' Lincoln Senior High School, attended Southern Illinois University, and obtained her degree from Strayer University. On March 29, 1969, she married the love of her life, John Henry Watson. Doris was a dedicated and hard-working civil servant, working for over 30 years with various federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration, where she retired as a respected and valued employee. Doris was an active member at Alfred Street Baptist Church and various organizations such as the Garden Club of Lake Ridge and the Northern Virginia Urban League Guild, where she served in various capacities. Doris had the privilege of living abroad in Augsburg and Nuremberg, Germany. She also lived in Yuma, Arizona, Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Glastonbury, Connecticut before she and John settled in their forever home in Woodbridge, Virginia. Doris was known wherever she lived as a kind, warm, and generous woman who was appreciated by all who knew her. In her free time, she enjoyed exercising, gardening, and spending time with her loved ones. Doris will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and especially by her surviving family members. She is survived by her daughter, Charis (Al) Jones, residing in Tega Cay, South Carolina, and her son Greig (Melissa) Watson, residing in Antioch, CA. She was a loving

grandmother to Malik Watson, Sailer Hampton-Watson, Jarrett Jones, Brooke Jones, and Kennedy Watson. Doris also will be missed by all of her nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Henry Watson. Their memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved them.

in lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to The Lustgarten Foundation - <https://events.lustgarten.org/fundraiser/4533728>

Services will be held Thursday March 23, 2023 at Alfred Street Baptist Church 301 S Alfred St, Alexandria, VA 22314 Viewing 10:00 am followed by Service 11:00 am Interment Delayed Burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave
ARLINGTON, VA 22211

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ Doris was a dear friend since our days in Glastonbury, Connecticut. She was kind and generous in every way. I loved going to her home for the festive holidays and the Independence Day cookouts. She was a spectacular decorator in her home and a very well dressed lady! I saw her last when we both were visiting family and friends in Glastonbury. We made a plan to visit in Virginia but unfortunately it didn't come to pass. We spoke occasionally on the phone and also wished for her to visit me in Barbados. That didn't happen. I will remember my sweet and gracious friend in my heart for the rest of my life. May Greig and Charis find peace knowing that they were parented by the best mother ever! May her soul rest with God!

Maurva Moseley Gay - March 23, 2023 at 11:14 AM

RM

“ In loving memory of Doris Jean Watson, Charis , Greg and family Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. May your hearts soon be filled with God's wonderful memories of joyful times with your mother as we celebrate a life well lived. The Mauldin family.

MR. RONALD MAULDIN

RONALD MAULDIN - March 23, 2023 at 10:43 AM

CW

“ I had the privilege of talking to Mrs. Doris several months ago with her daughter Charis.....what a beautiful soul. I love her through Charis! What a legacy she leaves in Charis and Brooklyn! Peace bestowed to them in Christ. ❤️❤️❤️



Cindy Wanthal - March 22, 2023 at 11:21 PM

CH

“Doris, you were always smiling, encouraging and an absolute joy to have in our Court Service Unit! You touched more lives than you will ever know, and are truly loved and missed.

Christy - March 21, 2023 at 03:25 PM

FG

“I recently learned of Ms. Doris illness and was so very sad to hear this. I met Ms. Doris as a volunteer w/the 31st Court Service Unit. She volunteered at our court desk. Ms. Doris was always pleasant and willing to help anyway that she could. She and I would often discuss "shopping" for all things. Our conversations also centered around family. To her family, I send my deepest sympathies during this time. It is never easy losing someone you love but it helps to remember the wonderful times shared with them. God Bless

Felicia Garnett - March 21, 2023 at 03:22 PM

SF

“I had the privilege to know Doris as a client and more important as a friend. We laughed and loved just visiting and sharing ideas. When I helped her and John design the inside of their home she loved everything and the beautiful "wall". I will miss her and her wit and charm. May you have my heartfelt sympathy at this most difficult time. Susan/ Smart Windows and Interiors.

Susan Fice. - March 20, 2023 at 04:55 PM