



## Delores Firebaugh O'Brien

August 26, 1932 - January 13, 2017

Delores Firebaugh O'Brien, age 84 resident of Charlestown Retirement Community and formerly of Kent Island, passed away on January 13, 2017.

Despite her long struggles for many years with COPD, she lived life to the fullest. She is no longer struggling to breathe and is in the loving care of her Lord and Savior. The reunion in heaven with her beloved relatives and friends brings us great peace and comfort. God truly blessed us in having her in our lives and family for so many years. Delores loved people and was very instrumental in organizing and gathering friends and family for outings and parties.

Born in Baltimore, MD, on August 26, 1932, she was the daughter of Gernie and Charlotte (Bock) Firebaugh. She graduated from Forest Park High School, Class of June 1950. Her federal career started at Fort George G. Meade, MD. She later went with the Social Security Administration, retiring as a Fiscal Management Analyst, after 37 years of service. During her career, she received numerous awards, including the DHHS Award and Commissioners Citations. She married Anthony "Alfie" O'Brien in September 1953. They moved to Chester, MD, in 1974. She was a member of St. Christopher's Catholic Church and held offices in various local organizations.

Delores is survived by a son, Terence (Cathy) O'Brien of Jarrettsville, MD; and

a daughter, Colleen (Buddy) Thomas of Stevensville, MD; two grandsons, Russell (Sara) and Cody Thomas; and three great-grandsons, Gavin, Sam, and Jake.

In memory of Delores, please consider carrying out acts of kindness to others or simply send a card of encouragement to someone as this is what she did her entire life.

In lieu of flowers, Delores had several favorite charities she believed in, including Chesterwye, Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, Compass Regional Hospice, and Fishes and Loaves program at the Kent Island United Methodist Church.

A funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday January 16, 2017, at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, with a visitation one hour before. Interment will be at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Burial

JAN 16 (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery  
5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 13, 2017 at 01:16 PM

CC

*Colleen & Buddy,  
Sending you thoughts and prayers, God Bless, your mom was such a sweet person.  
God Bless.  
Courtney & Bruce Chambliss*

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**Coutney Chambliss** - January 14, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

AM

“ *I always had fun with Miss Delores. Such a kind soul: she is truly missed at Grasonville Senior Center. So sorry.*



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**Ann Martin** - January 24, 2017 at 09:16 AM

BS

“ *BARBARA STOOPS lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**BARBARA STOOPS** - January 18, 2017 at 11:55 AM

GB

“ *Thank you Delores, dear neighbor, for your unwavering friendship, your kindness, your smile, your strength and generosity, you will live in my heart forever*

*Gisela  
Calvert Road*

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**Gisela Blades** - January 18, 2017 at 10:14 AM

DT

“ *Debbie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Debbie Thomas** - January 17, 2017 at 08:23 AM

KO

“ *Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Kari Oulahyane** - January 17, 2017 at 07:48 AM

JM

“ *1948 was a special year for me. It was the year I met your mom, my forever friend. I have such special memories of her. Being her maid of honor, watching Terry and you grow up, parties ( St Patty's Day) good times on Kent Island to wonderful times in Fl. Sharing laughs and tears. I can't imagine my life without her in it.... I thank God for our friendship and I'm truly blessed for the years we got to spend together! Today was beautiful and once again, all of you made her proud! I'll miss my friend... but I'll smile thru the tears.*



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**Jean Moore** - January 16, 2017 at 05:51 PM

DM

“ *Deb And Mooch lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Deb and Mooch** - January 16, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien.*



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January 16, 2017 at 06:43 AM



“ *I remember the OLPH dances where we had a lot of fun carrying-on. Delores was easy to know. In the past year she visited me bringing her photo albums .We had fun singing together and talking about the old crowd.*

*Patricia Benton*

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**Patricia Benton** - January 15, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ *Terry in memory of your mom*



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**The LaRue Family** - January 15, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ *Cindy Dill lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Cindy Dill** - January 15, 2017 at 02:44 AM

ND

“ i met your mom thru Janet Breeding. Went to the ocean and a few trips with her. She was a lot of fun to be with.i know she is at peace now with her Alfie. May peace be with you all at this time. NOrma Dean



norma dean - January 14, 2017 at 08:32 PM

DC

“ Debbie Clarke lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien



Debbie Clarke - January 14, 2017 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ Terry,  
Joe and I want to offer our prayers for you and Cathy. We know how much you will miss your mom, and the time you shared with her. She had such a love for life, which she has passed on to you.  
Joe and Marge

marge stricker - January 14, 2017 at 04:27 PM

DC

“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien



David and June Clark - January 14, 2017 at 02:43 PM

JM

“ Jayne Moore lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien



Jayne Moore - January 14, 2017 at 12:28 PM

BM

“ Bruce, Jayne, And Angela Moore lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien



Bruce, Jayne, and Angela Moore - January 14, 2017 at 12:27 PM

DD

“ Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien



Debbie Dean - January 14, 2017 at 11:55 AM

DD

*Dear Colleen and Buddy,  
Find comfort in knowing that your mother touched many hearts.  
Wishing you and your family strength, courage and peace at such a sad time.*

Debbie Dean - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM

LB

“ Dear Colleen,  
So sad to hear that your sweet Mom has passed. Wish I could be with you for the funeral, but I'm out of town. She left you with so many precious memories.  
Her obituary was beautiful!

Love,  
Liz Broderick

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**Liz Broderick** - January 14, 2017 at 08:43 AM

MM

“ So sorry she at peace no more pain



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**Mary martin** - January 14, 2017 at 08:08 AM

KJ

“ Colleen and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was always so gracious, and also loved any opportunity to have fun! May she rest peacefully now.  
Alex and Katy Johnson

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**Katy Johnson** - January 14, 2017 at 06:15 AM

JB

Colleen and family, so sorry for the loss of your mom. Julie and Charlie Bryan

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**Julie bryan** - January 14, 2017 at 06:33 AM

KR

“ Sending our prayers and love to all of Ms. Delores' family. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many. Hugs to all of you. Scott and Kim Ruth and family

Kim Ruth - January 14, 2017 at 04:28 AM

VI

“ Colleen and Buddy and the rest of the family!! We are soo sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. May knowing our Lord and Savior comfort you at this time and give you the peace that goes beyond all our understanding!

Val whaley ivins - January 13, 2017 at 09:35 PM

CA

“ I feel very blessed to have had you back in my life during your time at Charlestown. My mom and I enjoyed dinner, mass and catching up with you. Keeping everyone in my prayers. - Carol Ormiston Dix and Marion Ormiston

Carol - January 13, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LS

“ Laura Sadowski lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien



Laura Sadowski - January 13, 2017 at 08:40 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Adkins lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Lisa Adkins** - January 13, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien.*



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January 13, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien.*



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January 13, 2017 at 03:52 PM

BC

“ *Coleen and Terry and family*  
*I am so saddened to see the passing of your Mom she was a client and friend of mine for many years and I loved her and she always was kind thoughtful and had a great sense of humor. She made me laugh a lot .*  
*Coleen I send my thoughts and prayers to you saying so long is so very hard.*  
*Hugs to you*



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**Bonnie Coleman** - January 13, 2017 at 02:48 PM

TS

“ *Colleen....I'm sorry for your loss. I will always remember your Mom's sweet smile and her kind words to everyone. It was always nice to see her at our family get togethers, we will miss her. She is at peace and walking the streets of gold with our Mom. Take care of yourself and tell those little grandsons all about their Mommom D*  
*Love Billy and Terri*

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**Terri Schelhouse** - January 13, 2017 at 02:48 PM

DJ

“ *David,Annie,Amber & James lit a candle in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**David,Annie,Amber & James** - January 13, 2017 at 02:16 PM

JP

“ *Colleen & Family.....So Sad to lose my very special friend of many years....We were friends since we started our teens at 13....And shared many fond memories through out the years....We stayed close friends & I am so glad I had my last visit with her before she passed on the be with her beloved Alfie...My Blessings & Prayers are with your lovely family.....Love ("Duff")*

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**June Peterson** - January 13, 2017 at 12:39 PM

LP

“ *Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores Firebaugh O'Brien*



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**Lynda Palmatary** - January 13, 2017 at 10:19 AM

LP

*Coleen and family: I am so glad I got to be with your mother and see her before she entered the gates of heaven. I was with her for a while on Thursday afternoon. Said a prayer and held her hand. She was a great lady and we had good times on our bus trips. She was loved by so many people and surely won't be forgotten. My blessings, prayers and love to you at this time. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. Love and prayers, Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

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**Lynda Palmatary** - January 13, 2017 at 10:22 AM