



Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres

December 27, 1930 - February 9, 2022

Doris (Dee) Ann Whiteley Ayres of Easton, Maryland, passed peacefully into God's eternal glory on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. She was 91 years old.

Dee was born on December 27, 1930, in Easton to the late George Lee Whiteley and Della Rena Mullikin. After graduating from Easton High School in 1947, Dee entered nursing school at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. After a brief illness, Dee decided she wanted to go to school closer to her home. She entered the McQueen Gibbs School of Nursing where she graduated and started her nursing career in 1952. On September 19, 1953, she married the love of her life, Howard Richardson Ayres from Deep Creek, Virginia.

Dee and Howard made their home in Easton on Peachblossom Creek and started a family of their own.

Dee leaves behind two sons, Mark and Jeff Ayres of Easton; two grandchildren, Molly Mellor (Matt) from Cordova, MD, and Howard Ayres (Lauren) of Trappe, MD; and three great-grandchildren, Kendal Mellor, Adalyn Mellor, and Chance Ayres.

Dee was a dedicated nurse throughout her entire career, always putting patients and families first. She loved every aspect of the nursing profession

but emphasized that working at the bedside with patients was “what nursing is all about”. She started working in private duty nursing and in 1964 she decided to work at Easton Memorial Hospital, where she remained the rest of her career. She was highly respected and worked in almost every department at Easton Memorial Hospital. Her favorite unit that she worked in was the emergency department. Dee retired in 1992 as the Assistant Director of Nursing Service.

After retirement, Dee enjoyed travelling with her nursing friends (Marian Wood, Mary Jean Knox, Annette Embry, Anita Ayres (sister-in-law), and Peggy Howard, attending the First Baptist Church in Easton, Maryland, gardening, reading, shopping, and spending time with her family.

Dee was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Ayres, and her sister, Lee Walls.

Dee was a beautiful woman both in appearance and on the inside. She lived each day of her life one day at a time, always putting others ahead of herself. Dee was the type of person that would give others the shirt off her back if they needed it. She touched the lives of everyone she met and always made others feel good. Dee will always be remembered for her kindness, beauty, loving nature, and her faith in the Lord.

Dee’s funeral will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam’s Funeral Home in Easton on Thursday February 17, 2022. Friends and family may pay respects from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Dee’s service will be held immediately after.

Burial will be held at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery for immediate family only.

Dee was a lifelong member of The First Baptist Church in Easton. She would have asked that, in lieu of flowers, everyone have faith in God and treat

everyone you encounter with nothing but kindness and love.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 15, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mrs. Ayres was the night supervisor for my first nursing job, when she came on the floor you knew things better be right, in hindsight I learned a lot from her. Always the professional, not many nurses like her left. Will miss her, she taught the night nurses so much just by her example.*

Anne George - February 17, 2022 at 06:29 PM

MC

“ What a kind and beautiful person Dee certainly was! She always looked her best and was certainly always there for her family no matter what! The first time I met her she made you feel like you were family. She will be greatly missed! Rest in Peace and Prayers to the family. Missy & Jeff



M Callahan - February 16, 2022 at 01:31 PM

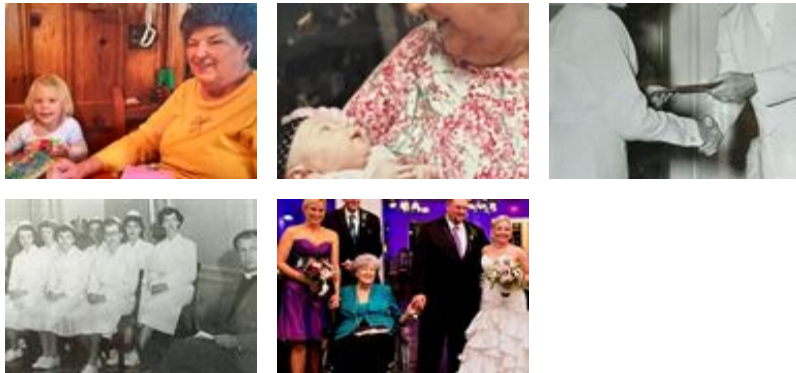
FT

“ From the GGS team purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres.

From the GGS team - February 15, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 15, 2022 at 10:13 AM

LC

“ I too worked with Dee years ago when nursing was nursing. Can't find a better example of a professional nurse.



Lynn Crouch - February 15, 2022 at 07:08 AM

RJ

“ I worked at the hospital for 45 years many of these years with Dee. What a beautiful lady inside and out. She was a wonderful role model for nurses and such a professional.



Ruth Ann Jones - February 14, 2022 at 08:44 PM

GA

“ Gatr And Nancy Ayres lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres



Gatr and Nancy Ayres - February 13, 2022 at 10:34 PM

LL

“ Linda & Robin Lyons lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres



Linda & Robin Lyons - February 13, 2022 at 08:17 PM

BA

“ Barbara Ayres lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres



Barbara Ayres - February 13, 2022 at 07:05 PM

CR

“ Colleen, Kelsey, Jake, and Rick purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres.



Colleen, Kelsey, Jake, and Rick - February 13, 2022 at 02:09 PM

LG

“ Mrs Ayres was a great role model.



Lori Geisler - February 12, 2022 at 03:59 PM

ST

“ It was a privilege & honor working with Dee.



Stacey Truitt - February 11, 2022 at 10:22 PM

TL

“ Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres



Tammy Larrimore - February 11, 2022 at 07:30 PM

DB

“ Worked many years with her. What a beautiful obituary and picture of her. May we all dedicate ourselves to nursing like she did.



Diane Blazejak - February 11, 2022 at 05:43 PM

CR

“ Christine Ayres Romanelli lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres



Christine Ayres Romanelli - February 11, 2022 at 04:43 PM

MM

“ Through the Easton Police Dept I had occasion to meet Mrs Ayers in the emergency room Easton Memorial Hospital when we brought someone in. She was respected by her coworkers and law enforcement. She will be missed by many.

Melvin E Marshall - February 11, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *One of the first night time supervisors I had the pleasure of working with as a new nurse.* 💖



Vicki Morris - February 11, 2022 at 12:32 PM

DW

“ *My first memory of Dee was her in the kitchen at FBC preparing to get started on our weekly dinners we used to have. What a joy to get to help her. Then the get together at her home. She impressed me so much with her sewing. Dee seemed to always share a sweet smile and a positive thought. Rest in Peace my sweet sister in Christ. Love Diana*

Diana L. Wilson-Hancock - February 11, 2022 at 09:01 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*



Agnes Blades - February 11, 2022 at 07:44 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*



Phil Foster - February 11, 2022 at 04:38 AM

LD

“ *Lisa Dyott lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*



Lisa Dyott - February 10, 2022 at 04:43 PM

JC

“ *Jacki Kirwan Carels lit a candle in memory of Doris "Dee" Ann Ayres*



Jacki Kirwan Carels - February 10, 2022 at 03:58 PM