



Doris Staley Patnovic

January 3, 1920 - June 21, 2018

Doris Staley Patnovic of Newark, DE, died on June 21, 2018, at Compass Regional Hospice in Chestertown, MD. She was 98.

Born in Darby, PA, on January 3, 1920, she was the daughter of Wilford Staley, Jr., a building contractor, and Martha Elizabeth Schubert Staley, a seamstress.

She grew up in Philadelphia and was a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls. She graduated from Moore College of Art in 1942 and later earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Delaware in 1969. After graduating from Moore, she worked in Philadelphia for several years, including serving as art director at an advertising agency. She also taught classes at Temple University.

She and the late John Robert Patnovic were married in Philadelphia on May 9, 1943, and in 1948, they moved to Newark, DE, where they raised their family. After her children started school, she returned to work and taught art to elementary school students in the Christiana school district for many years, retiring in 1982.

She was an accomplished artist with a special talent for oil paintings of flowers and landscapes. She also enjoyed traveling, needlework, watching the

Philadelphia Eagles, and especially visiting with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, John and his wife Libby Patnovic of Chestertown, MD, and Sandra Patnovic of Newark, DE, three grandchildren, Beth Patnovic and her husband John Bozinovski of Victoria, BC Canada, and their children Ellie, Lauren, and Andrew; Martha Callahan and her husband Patrick of Oxford, MD and their children Justin and Joseph; Amy Patnovic of Washington, DC; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice 160 Coursevall Dr. Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Staley Patnovic*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Doris Staley Patnovic*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Doris Staley Patnovic*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Doris was our art teacher when I was principal at Downes
Elemenary. What a lovely caring person. Prayers for her family, Dr,
Ann Patton*

ann patton - June 28, 2018 at 09:03 AM

MC

“ I’m 67, and if I remember correctly, I had art class with Mrs. Patnovic in the second or third grade at Jennie Smith Elementary School, near Brookside, DE. I saw the obit in the News Journal and remembered the name and that I had a Mrs. Patnovic for art class. So, I went to the website to see if this is the same Mrs. Patnovic, the art teacher, and it was. I wasn’t her best student, no doubt, but she and the other art teachers I had, while in school, gave me an appreciation of making art. I’m retired now and have gotten into black and white pencil drawing, color pencil drawing, and water color painting. I probably can give some credit for that interest to Mrs. Patnovic, and the other art teachers, who brought the world of art to a bunch of kids. I’m sorry for your family’s loss.

Mike Cannatelli

Mike Cannatelli - June 27, 2018 at 04:37 PM

LS

“ Many wonderful memories of Mrs. Patnovic at Downes Elementary School in the 60s! So sorry for your loss!
Lynn Strauss

Lynn Strauss - June 27, 2018 at 06:41 AM

RJ

“ Ms. Doris was an amazing lady. I enjoyed each evening I’ve had over the last few years with her. Always had a smile to share and an nteresting story of her earlier years with her husband to tell you. She loved her family and was very thankful for all of them. I will miss her so much but I know she’s better off now and when I’m down, I will think of her and smile. Rest easy now, Ms. Doris.

Rita Jackson - June 23, 2018 at 10:24 AM