



Doris Lester

December 10, 1931 - October 27, 2019

Doris Louise Spratley Lester, was born on December 10, 1931, in Northampton County, Virginia, to Alfred Spratley and Laura Collins. She passed away on October 27, 2019, at the Pinnacle Nursing Home in Smyrna, Delaware, after a lengthy illness.

Doris attended public schools and graduated from Northampton County High School. From there, she migrated to Amityville, New York and established a career as a circuit board electrician. She later moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she met the love of her life, Hansom “Hank” Lester II. The two were married on June 22, 1974, and began a happy life together. The couple later moved to Richmond, Virginia and spent many years traveling and enjoying life. Although Doris never had biological children, she was a wonderful stepmom and was instrumental in the development of her nieces and nephews.

In 2006, Doris and her husband moved to Dover, Delaware, where her sisters reside. Doris joined Calvary Baptist Church and enjoyed the wonderful services, when her health permitted her to attend. She was particularly fond of the Mighty Men of Song and would always comment on how well the men could sing.

We will miss her humor, smile and deep concern for family.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Hansom Lester who transitioned in 2011.

Doris leaves to cherish her loving memory, two sisters, Gloria Reddick (Tomey) and Barbara Spratley both of Dover, DE; stepchildren, Clifford Lester (Raneil), Linda Lester, Hansom Lester III (Christina), Tara Willis (Robert); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Brenda Downey, Ronald Lester (Lisa), James Lester, Gwendolyn Bates, Larry Lester (Rita); and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins; and a special nephew, Renwick Spratley of Wyandanch, NY, who was her right hand and helped her navigate during her illness.