



## Lenore Elise Waite

December 3, 1939 - June 18, 2019

Lenore Elise Waite, age 79, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at Bayhealth Hospital in Dover, Delaware. Lenore was dearly loved by her family and friends. She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, mother, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend to so many. Her death was sudden and unexpected, which makes it very difficult to say good-bye. She was a strong woman with a big heart, and she will be missed by many.

She was born on Sunday, December 3, 1939, in Basseterre, St. Kitts, to John and Rhona Battice. She was a Rhodes Preparatory High School graduate, of the class of 1958, in New York City, then she earned a college degree in accounting. She married Wallace Waite, Sr. and they had two wonderful sons, Wally Jr. and Stanley, who were the pride and joy of her life. After their divorce, Lenore raised her sons as a single mother and devoted her life to her family. She worked as the Director of the Fiscal Office for the Delaware Department of Public Health, for twenty years, before retiring from the State of Delaware. Lenore was a charter member of the Hattie S. Blackwell Chapter #16 Order of the Eastern Star (OES), Prince Hall Affiliation, State and Jurisdiction of Delaware) and has been a member since its inception in 1972. She served as a Worthy Matron of this chapter, then became an Honorary Past Grand Worthy Matron of St. Matthew's Grand Chapter. She also had other fraternal affiliations. Lenore was a member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church for over 40 years. One of her favorite hobbies was bowling.

She was a member of the Lower Delaware Bowling Senate. Lenore was a master in handling fiscal matters, which was evident in her 35 years of service to the State of Delaware, as well as serving as treasurer for: the Hattie S. Blackwell Chapter OES, Whatcoat United Methodist Church and bowling leagues. She developed lifelong friendships through her years of service to these organizations, as well as her 50 years of residency in Dover.

She is survived by her sons, Wally Waite, Jr. and Stanley Waite; grandsons, Quincy, Isaiah, Kristopher and Stanley (“Evie”); sisters, Jacquelyn Warner, Carolyn Battice Perkins and Yvette Blake; daughter-in-law, Margie López Waite; sister-in-law, Angela Battice; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family not related by blood, but from the heart. She was pre-deceased by her parents John and Rhona Battice; sister, Cynthia Battice; and brothers, John and Henry Battice.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Lenore touched are invited to Whatcoat United Methodist Church, 341 Saulsbury Road, Dover, DE, from 10am-12pm for the public viewing and/or 12pm for the funeral service, followed by a repast. There will also be a special service at 9am to honor Lenore’s 47 years of dedication to The Order of the Eastern Star, a Masonic organization. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Lenore’s name to her beloved church – Whatcoat United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Lenore and I met at our moonlighting jobs at JCPenney. It was there I got to know her and her love for her 2 sons, Wally and Stanley. She was so proud of both of them and her face lit up speaking about them. I hadn\u2019t seen her in a few years and then we reconnected at the Polytech soccer games cheering on our beloved grandsons, Rhett and Evie. I was shocked to hear she had passed over and will miss seeing her. To her sons,, I will be thinking of you and your families in your time of grief. My deepest sympathy, Debby Golden

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**Deb Golden** - June 28, 2019 at 02:12 PM

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“ Love always, Selena and Michelle

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**The Blake Family** - June 27, 2019 at 11:17 PM

LG

“ Wally, Stanley, and all the Waite family,Our heartfelt sympathy to each of you on the loss of this very special lady. Bob has many fine memories of her during the years he worked for the state of DE, and of course our family was blest with knowing her sons, and Margie and have kept in touch over the years. We know she will be dearly missed by all, and we send our thoughts, prayers to each of you. God will give you the gift of her memory in your hearts forever. Much love to all...Bob and Lucille Gambardella and family Lewes, DE

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**Lucille Gambardella** - June 27, 2019 at 04:06 PM

PP

“ No words can express my sadness and sympathy for the Waite family during this difficult time. Wally and Stanley, your mother was so proud of you and your families! May the memory of her love comfort you. I send you my prayers, and God\u2019s omnipotent blessings. Always, Patrice Beasley Park

Patrice Park - June 24, 2019 at 10:17 PM

CF

“ Lenore was my Jazz buddy because we would always check the schedule at the Rehoboth Jazz Festival each year to see which one we would attend. I manage to find this one.

Carol Forbes - June 23, 2019 at 08:23 AM

HI

“ This Towne Point Household served as an epicenter of the Towne Point / White Oak neighborhood during the 1970's & 1980's. Mrs. Waite and her sons poured into me during my developmental adolescence. I love this family, and the matriarchal touch that transcends her sons to the lives touched by Lenora Waite.

Hampton Trigg II - June 22, 2019 at 10:11 AM

KW

“ Stanley, Sending you and your family support and prayers during this tough time. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Kevin Williams - June 21, 2019 at 07:42 PM

GJ

“ We have lost a true treasure. I will deeply miss her.

Gloria James - June 21, 2019 at 11:19 AM

VC

“ I first met Lenore in 1989, working as part of her staff in Public Health. I always admired her professionalism, proficiency, firm and directness. She was NO NON-SENSE when it came to proper procedures and business. She gained everyone respect. Through the years we became friends, even after retirement. Lenore was a family person. She often spoke of Wally and Stanley. They had her heart. We will miss her; but realize this life is NOT all there is, there is a new chapter, a better life ahead. The real life in God's Kingdom under Christ. My sincere deepest sympathy. Vernon & Alpea Collins

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**Vernon Collins** - June 19, 2019 at 11:54 AM