



# Dolores Ann Shoop

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**D**olores Ann Shoop, loving and caring mother, adopted grandmother and friend went to her heavenly home on July 21, 2025. She passed away peacefully in Lakeland, Florida at the age of 90.

Dolores is survived by her daughter, Joy Cheatham and her husband Dana; her son Craig Shoop and his wife Michelle; her brother in law Jack Mead and 2 nieces. She was adored by her great niece and nephew Olivia and Coleman Armstrong. She was deeply loved and cherished by her adopted family; Alex and Rebecca Lamvol and their children Sophia, Annette, Oliver and her best friend Theo (11).

Dolores is preceded in death by her father, Ralph Alexander Henk and her mother Laura Ann Henk; Her brother Harold Henk and his wife Sally; her sister Jane Mead and 3 nephews. She was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania on October 15, 1934.

She also lived in Syracuse, Cleveland, Chicago, Connecticut and Florida. She had a love of learning and attended the University of Pittsburgh. She retired from GE where she was employed for 23 years. A member of Black Rock Congregational Church in Fairfield, Connecticut she served on the Mission Board for 11 years.

Dolores had a great love for world missions and participated in eight short-term mission trips to Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Peru, Ecuador, Austria and Croatia where she ministered to refugees one mile from the front lines of the Croatia and Bosnian war. She sang in the choir for over 20 years and served as a Deaconess.

She cherished serving in the nursery at Black Rock Congregational Church where she would meet a family that so beautifully changed her life forever. She volunteered her time at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, where to the ladies delight she would bring home baked cookies every week.



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Dolores enjoyed traveling, reading, writing and walking outdoors, especially on the beach in the sunshine. She loved the rain and fine china. She relished day trips exploring the state of Connecticut. Dolores loved Pepe's Pizza and Haggen-Dazs Chocolate Coffee Chip ice cream.

She was happiest when she was spending time with her children and friends. She had a beautiful smile that she was well known for. Most of all she took great pleasure in serving and giving to others.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Black Rock Congregational Church in the fall of 2025. Contributions may be made to Black Rock Congregational Church World Missions.



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MJ

**Mary Ellen Judy** posted:

So many fun memories of Dolores whether in Maryland when she'd be visiting Jane, or at Myrtle Beach, or when we'd visit her so many times at her home in CT. She drove us to Mystic Sea one time, her car broke down and we all ended up in a tow truck! Dolores was a good cook, seamstress, listener, always put others first, loved to read, loved to walk, loved meeting other people and loved God. I'm so glad we got to visit her in Lakeland not long ago and yes, always a smile, no matter how she was feeling. We will miss her.

July 30 at 4:31 AM

JS

**Janet Stepp** posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of visits to my Aunt Laura's. Dolores was older than me so we were never playmates but she was always so kind and thoughtful to my Mom and Dad. I will always cherish our visit a couple of years ago. Your cousin Janet

July 29 at 4:18 PM

JC

**Joy Cheatham** July 29 at 5:10 PM

Thank you Janet. Mom had such good memories of times with you and your parents.



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DB

**Dearl And Sue Broward** posted:

Dolores was such a joy to be around. We were so blessed each time we visited her. Loved seeing her come to Bible Study with that beautiful smile and getting those special hugs. She will be greatly missed.

July 29 at 3:19 PM

MF

**Michael Fuller** July 30 at 12:58 PM

I absolutely loved Dolores. She was a joyful presence in the Connect group at church, where I have the privilege of teaching. She always sat in the second row alongside Joy, and I can still picture her with that ear-to-ear grin — so full of life and warmth. While the rest of the class might have been a bit sleepy at times, Dolores was fully present, engaged, and radiating kindness. She was consistently sweet to everyone around her and brought light to every gathering. She will be deeply missed, but we hold onto the reality of seeing her again — “When we all get to Heaven...”

JH

**Jan Hunter** July 29 at 6:34 PM

My sympathy to Joy and Dana. I am so glad you were able to have her last days with you. Your Mom was a delightful lady. Always positive and always smiling. Jan Hunter

JC

**Joy Cheatham** July 29 at 5:29 PM

Thank you for welcoming her and loving her. She enjoyed your visits and seeing you every Sunday. Thank you for your ministry and friendship to her.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dolores by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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