



## Bessie O. Houck

February 10, 1942 - June 19, 2025

Bessie Lee Houck, born February 10, 1942, in Greene County, Pennsylvania. She passed peacefully at the age of 83 on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at her home in Seaford, DE.

Bess was preceded in death by her mother – Lucy Iams Orndoff; her father – Clarence Orndoff; and her step-mother – Marge Orndoff. She is survived by cousins in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Bess graduated from Hollidaysburg Area High School Class of 1959. She worked as a legal secretary in Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. She retired as a legal secretary from the Hogan Levells Law Firm in Washington, DC. After retirement she moved to Seaford, DE to enjoy time with her many “Mica Boxers.” She spent countless hours: raising, training, and showing her precious Boxers. They brought much joy to her life. She was totally devoted to her Boxers and their well-being.

Bess was a devout Christian who worshipped at Gethsemane Church and The Life Center. She cultivated many lasting friendships at both churches. She adopted the family of: Justin & Heather Demastus and their children: Bryce, Adaline, and Gabriella.

She enjoyed playing “Bridge” with her card group at “Nanticoke Senior Center.”

A Memorial Service will be held for Bess at “Gethsemane Church” on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, with a visitation 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon and the Service will begin at 12 noon. The Service will be presided over by Pastor Tim

Banks, Pastor Jordan Forstan and Disciple Justin Demastus. All are welcome to attend.

A private burial will take place at Rosemont Cemetery in Waynesburg, PA on July 12, 2025. Officiated by Disciple Justin Demastus. Bess will be laid to rest next to her mother Lucy Orndoff along with the ashes of her many "Mica Boxers" at her side.

Contributions in Bess' honor can be made to any of the following organizations, Compassionate Care Hospice, Amedisys, Inc, Attn: Amedisys Foundation, 416 Williams Street, Suite 101, Milford, DE 19963, Gethsemane Church, 2701 Woodland Ferry Road, Seaford, DE 19973; or the Life Center, P.O. Box 878, Greenwood, DE 19950.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gethsemane Church  
2701 Woodland Ferry Road  
Seaford, DE 19973

## Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Seaford, DE 19973

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Nancy E. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bessie O. Houck.*



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**Nancy E.** - June 27, 2025 at 08:32 AM

PM

“ *This ole world wint be the same without you and your prayers. I love you...see ya in the morning!*

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**Pamela F McMillan** - June 26, 2025 at 04:11 PM