



## Darlene Elizabeth Kinley

October 3, 1960 - January 25, 2017

DELMAR- Darlene Elizabeth Kinley, 56, of Delmar, died Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at her home.

She was born in the Bronx, New York, a daughter of James Rudolph Kinley of Anderson, South Carolina and the late Helen Najarian Kinley.

Darlene graduated from Mahopac High School in New York. She loved the city and had many wonderful memories of growing up there and visited as much as possible once she moved away. She also came to love living on Delmarva where she loved the outdoors, working in the yard and hunting and fishing.

She was able to pursue her passion for restoring classic cars when she opened Kinley's Auto in Delmar, a business she owned and operated for several years. She was a talented mechanic and body repair technician and could fix anything. Her annual trips to the MOPAR Car Show in Pennsylvania were something she looked forward to. She also worked with her husband Pete doing handy work.

Darlene always put others first with a smile on her face no matter what and didn't want others to see her pain or struggles. She will be sorely missed by her family who meant the world to her and she treasured times spent with family, taking care of them, having family get togethers and game nights. She also had a big heart for animals and loved every one of the pets they had through the years.

She is survived by her husband of over 17 years, Maurice "Pete" L. Donoway; her beloved children, Melissa DiPalma and Duston Kinley, both of Delmar;

granddaughters, Victoria and Paige; sisters, Debbie McEckron and LeAnne Kinley; brothers, Darren Kinley, Lance Kinley and Jimmy Kinley; a special brother-in-law, Frank Baker; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00. Pastor Harry Weir will officiate.

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

JAN **31**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 E Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525

## Service

JAN **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ It's was Christmas time again Melissa was big enough for her first battery operated Barbie car , so off Darlene and I went to Toyz R Us . Well since the cars and jeeps were at the far end of the store and there was more to buy we decided to work the aisles . Now keeping in mind that the world famous slogan for this toy store was **EVERYONE WELCOME TO PLAY WITH THE TOYS** , we did . First we went down the auto toys and had a race to see who could push the most buttons in a race to the end of the aisles . I don't remember who won but we were asked to not do that again . Okie dokie ! On to the next section ! **BASKETBALL** ! Our next game was on separate sides of the aisle . We threw the ball back and forth over the top of the aisle while racing to the end and first one to drop the ball lost . Well , on e again we were asked not to do that . Okie dokie , on to the next aisle . **TOY GUNS AND GRENADES !!!! THE BATTLE WAS ON !!** Man that was a good shot .... no it wasn't ..... yes it was your dead ..... no I'm not ..... yes you are or I'm not playing cause you cheat ..... **OKAY IM FREAKING DEAD** , but I launched a grenade on the way down ! Well here comes the part pooper again and asked us to stop again . Okie dokie , on to the next aisle . **HOBBY HORSE RACE !!!!!** After a few bumps and bruises her comes the same party pooper again . Apparently we were to big to play with the Hobby Horses . **OKIE FREAKING DOKIE ! LOL !** On to the cars ; but which car to get ? Does Melissa get the jeep or the corvette ? Darlene had the perfect way to choose . **WHICH ONES FASTER !?** Then the fight of who gets the vet , I won cause my legs are shorter . **HEE HEE !** The race was on ! We didn't get half way down the aisle before the manager showed . Apparently not everyone is allowed to play with the toys and we were not allowed to be Toyz R Us kids . We were asked to leave . **BUMBER !** It was fun while it lasted though !

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**Karen L. Miller** - March 01, 2017 at 08:56 AM

“ One fine morning ( after a long night of getting coffee tongue while contemplating the future ) Darlene and I decided to retire our coffee cups to the sink . Upon glancing out the window to view a gorgeous day , Darlene spotted a poor little baby bird under the tree next to the kitchen . WELL OF COURSE WE MUST SAVE IT ! Right ??? As we were planning our daring rescue Harry walked up behind us to get his coffee . Over hearing our plan to put on gloves and head up the tree and become hero's , he simply smiled and said , " I wouldn't do that if I were you " . WELL ! We were shocked at his response of course ! Not save this poor little baby bird , which obviously had fallen from its nest !? So out the door we went and Harry once more expounding , " I wouldn't do that " ! His smile was confusing , like he knew something we didn't . Still , off we went . Now here we were and Darlene had the precious little bird in hand . Then something fell on her head ! Then something pulled my hair ! All of a sudden there were feathers and claws and I was yelling , " HURRY UP HURRY UP , PUT IT IN THE STUPID NEST " !! Darlene was yelling , " IM TRYEN ! HOLY ##### , WE'RE TRYEN TO SAVE YOUR BABY YA STUPID BIRDS " !!! The baby was back in the nest and Darlene and I were on the run !! Being bombarded the whole way we finally made it to the back door !! The door was locked and there stood Harry with his cup of coffee in hand , and still sporting the same smile said , " I told you I wouldn't do that if I were you " ! Lesson ? Baby Blue Jays don't want your help . Other lesson ? If Harry is sporting a cheesy smile and says " I wouldn't do that " , DONT FREAKING DO THAT !!!

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Karen L. Miller - March 01, 2017 at 08:11 AM

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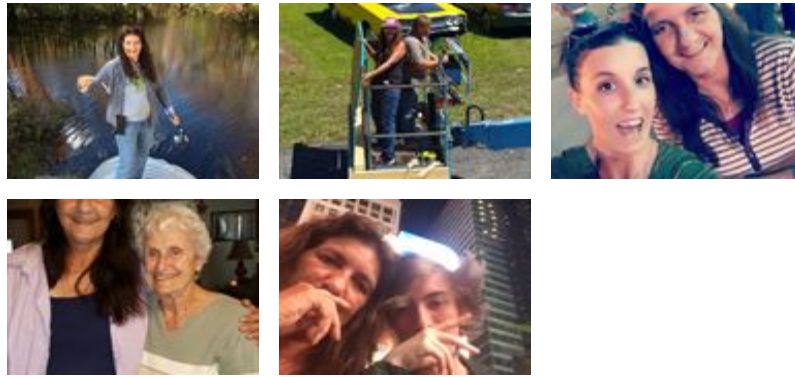
“ Susan & Daniel Camplese lit a candle in memory of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley



Susan & Daniel Camplese - February 02, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Short Funeral Home - January 30, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley.



January 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley.*



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January 30, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley.*



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January 29, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *You brought much joy and love to my brother, thank you Darlene Frank and Ellen*

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**Ellen** - January 29, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ *Darlene you will be dearly missed by all that new you. my heart goes out to your children and grandchildren. Melissa I love you like a daughter and I will always be here for you just let me know I love you and the girls I'm praying for you all for God to ease some of the pain just know that he needed her with him for her work to continue on through him. Love you, mom rhonda*



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**Rhonda** - January 28, 2017 at 03:34 PM

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“ *I'm in such shock here I knew you many years ago.may your new journey bring u peace.*



Debra - January 28, 2017 at 09:33 AM



Katherine Chappell

“ *I didn't know her well, but she always had a smile and a hello. She seemed like a very strong and wonderful woman, wife and mother.*



Katherine Chappell - January 28, 2017 at 09:09 AM

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“ *So very sorry for her family.I went to school with Darlene and she was a pleasure to know!!! Always had a smile on her face!!! May she Rest In Peace and light up heaven with her smile!!!*



carolyn mona - January 27, 2017 at 07:07 PM

JB

“ *Joyce N John Bryant lit a candle in memory of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley*



joyce n john Bryant - January 27, 2017 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Lisa Davis lit a candle in memory of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley*



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**Lisa Davis** - January 27, 2017 at 05:34 PM



Heather  
Madden

“ *Heather Madden lit a candle in memory of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley*



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**Heather Madden** - January 27, 2017 at 04:43 PM

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“ *Milton & Annette Bradford lit a candle in memory of Darlene Elizabeth Kinley*



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**Milton & Annette Bradford** - January 27, 2017 at 03:19 PM