



## Doris E. Downes

October 11, 1932 - May 2, 2008

Doris E. Downes, 75, of Delmar, died Friday, May 2, 2008 at her home in Delmar, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born October 11, 1932 in Laurel, a daughter of the late Norman and Margie Jane (Wilkerson) Wingate.

Doris graduated from Laurel High School in the Class of 1950 and was an active member of the Laurel Alumni Association. She worked as a bookkeeper for Perdue and in production for General Foods before handling the bookkeeping duties for Downes Burner Service, owned and operated by her late husband, Alvin Downes, Sr. She attended Messiah's Vineyard Church in Laurel. She loved Nascar and was a faithful fan of Jeff Gordon and enjoyed crossword puzzles. She cherished time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by 6 sons, Douglas Downes and his wife Cathy of Laurel, Alan Downes and his wife Barbara of Delmar, Kipp Downes and his wife Michelle of Delmar, Alvin Downes, Jr. and his wife Brenda of Laurel, Gerry Downes and his wife Patti of Laurel and Darrell Downes of Charlestown, WV; a sister, Naomi Lare of Delmar; 2 brothers, Leon Wingate and his wife Fran of Millsboro and Vernon Wingate, Sr. of Laurel; 9 grandchildren, Doug Downes, Heather Downes, Danielle Briggs, Tonya Lindstadt, Jennifer Downes, Wayne

Downes, Michael Downes, Jason Downes and Darrell Downes, Jr. and several great grandchildren. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Alvin E. Downes, Sr., who passed October 22, 2004.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street, Delmar, where family and friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00. Bob Boyce, Lay Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to: Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 E. Grove Street  
Delmar, De

## Service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 E. Grove Street  
Delmar, De

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris E. Downes*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I had the privilege of working with Doris at Perdue and Gulliver's. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. Take comfort in knowing that she is now with the love of her life, Alvin.##imported-begin##Nancy Meisenholder##imported-end##*

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“ *Everyone at Country Meadows loved Doris Downes and she will be missed; but we know she is in a better place. She was such a nice lady and kept her place so nice. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Donna Bowden##imported-end##*

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“ I just wanted to tell the entire Downes family how really sorry I am to hear about Ms Doris . I didnt know she was ill until very recently. I have a lot of fond memories of her and Mr Alvin and its hard to believe they are both gone. I know what a strong love they had for each other and that she missed him very much after he passed, and now they are together again. I want you all to know my thoughts and prayers are with you , I know how hard it is to lose your mom, and I know it is going to be a very hard mothers day this year.

Take good care of each other.

Tami###imported-begin##Tami Hoffman Harris###imported-end##

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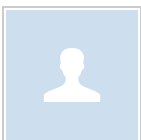
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“ Saw your mom's tribute in the obituaries today. You had a fantastic mom! The kind we all wish and hope we are. I hope all your families are doing well and I send my condolences. Take care.###imported-begin##Sharon Short Zockoll###imported-end##

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“ To all the family, we would like to extend our sympathies to you on the loss of Miss Doris. she was asweet lady and I fondly remember her and Mr Alvin when thye came to pay respects to my grandparents passing. Just know that she is now with Mr Alvin and they are together once again. She is also in the loving company of Jesus and will be taken good care of. God bless each one of you, you are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Barbara & Randy Twilley###imported-end##

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