

## Joyce Ann Hovatter

February 17, 1948 - July 24, 2021

Joyce Ann Hovatter, 73, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, after a brief illness.

She was born in Salisbury on February 17, 1948, a daughter of the late Edward James Twilley and Edna Mae (Ellis) Twilley.

She graduated from Mardela High School with the class of '66. She then attended Goldey Beacom College where she earned her business degree. Even up until a few weeks ago she enjoyed attending the Mardela Girls of '66 luncheons. In her younger days she worked for Henry Hastings, then retired after 25 years in the office at Johnny Janosik's Furniture. Joyce was a gifted artist who could draw or paint beautifully and was a talented piano player. She also enjoyed photography and traveling. She and her husband Jerry loved to take cruises and of the more than 30 cruises they went on, many were to Alaska, her favorite cruise destination. From those cruise destinations she sent hundreds of post cards. Many of her family and friends were also the recipients of the handmade cards she sent on birthdays, graduations, weddings, etc., always signed by "Jolly Joyce." Joyce loved a bargain and could often be found at the local flea market, especially her favorite, Bargain Bill's in Laurel. She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jerry Hovatter. They were high school sweethearts and started their courtship in 1964. She is also survived

by a son, Jason Hovatter and companion, Justine Mutchler of Portland, Oregon; granddaughters, Manzanita Craban and Cora Hovatter; cousins, Robert Adkins and Raymond Adkins; sisters-in-law, Charlene Armentrout and husband Keith and Patricia Reno and husband Mike; nieces, Sarah Armentrout, and Elizabeth Robinson and husband Mark; nephews, David Armentrout and wife Elizabeth and Sean Larkin and wife Adrian; and a great niece Jenna.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, and also in Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00, followed by a funeral service which begins at 11:00. The Reverend Howard Travers will officiate. Interment will follow at Hebron Cemetery.

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).

# Cemetery Details

## Hebron Cemetery

Hebron, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 East Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525  
info@shortfh.com

## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

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JUL **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Ann Hovatter*



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**Short Funeral Home** - July 28, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Joyce Ann Hovatter*

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January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *She always remembered my dogs names and birthdays. They were/are my kids and she understood.*

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**Jay Benton** - July 31, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Mr Jerry and family. Mrs Joyce was my coworker at Johnny Janosiks she was and will always be my angel in heaven.*



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**Kathy Durham** - July 27, 2021 at 03:01 PM

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“Wow! So sorry to hear this news! I never met a sweeter person than Joyce! You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Paul Kahl - July 27, 2021 at 02:52 PM



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Short Funeral Home - July 27, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“Jerry, Jason and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. There are so many memories that Joyce has been a part of. Those memories will always be close to the hearts of those lives she touched. That sweet spirit, and warm smile lit up a room, and we are blessed to have known Joyce. She is among some of my earliest memories as a child and I will cherish those memories. Love to you all. Eric and Nancy Schleicher

Nancy Bailey Schleicher - July 26, 2021 at 09:36 PM



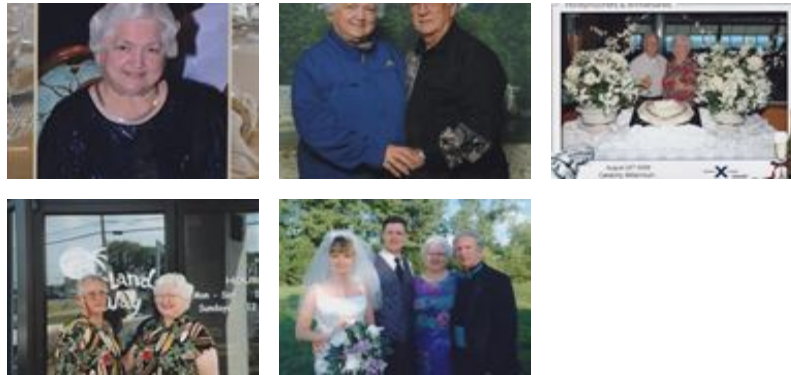
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Hovatter.*



July 26, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *77 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Short Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *To Elston and family, we are so saddened by the loss of Joyce. She was a loving and caring person who always went out of her way to think of others. We were fortunate to have received many cards and well wishes from Joyce. She always greeted us with a smile, even when we knew she wasn't feeling well. Joyce was a special person in our lives and we will miss her dearly.*

*All our love  
Gerry and Nana Hirsch*

Gerry Hirsch - July 26, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ Jerry and family you are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Joyce was such a special person....a beautiful, sweet, classy woman. She will be missed by all, but the precious memories your family shares will live on. Please accept our condolences,  
Kathy & Chuck Ahlbrandt

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**Kathy Ahlbrandt** - July 26, 2021 at 10:02 AM