



Marie Ellen Hovatter

March 19, 1930 - January 2, 2026

Marie Ellen Hovatter, a loving mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 2, 2026, at the age of 95. Born on March 19, 1930, in Salisbury, MD, Marie spent her life devoted to her family and home.

Marie's warmth and generosity touched everyone around her, and her legacy will live on through her family and the memories she created with each of them as a wonderful mom and grandmother. Marie had a passion for reading, often found lost in the pages of a good book, and she was known for her incredible culinary skills, delighting family and friends with her delicious meals.

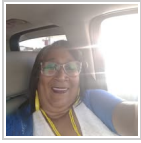
She is survived by her children, Russell Hovatter (Darlene), David Hovatter (Carol), Harold Ray Hovatter, Jr. (Cathy), and Donald Hovatter (Rebecca), 14 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Hilda Jones, her husband, Harold Ray Hovatter, Sr., her son, Walter Hovatter, and her daughter, Phyllis Ennis.

In honoring her wishes, there will be no formal funeral services. Those who knew Marie are encouraged to remember her through a shared story or a fond memory.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“Mrs Hovatter was my resident at Delmar nursing home for a long time she always wanted me to sing yes Jesus loves me I'm going to miss her so much the day before she passed she gave me a hug
Ella Farlow.

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“Marie was my first boss at State Line Motel, building #2. She taught me exactly how to make a bed correctly and to make sure everything was pulled tight! You sure could flip a quarter on the bed when it was complete.
Many years later she was my patient after I became an RN and I loved her so much I didn't call her Marie anymore it was always “Mom”. We shared many great stories from the motel and laughed a lot. May she rest in peace. Many prayers and condolences for her family.
Cathy & Craig Moorefield

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