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## Doris May (North) Carter

( November 24, 2022 )

Doris May (North) Carter, 91, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2022. Born in Durham, North Carolina, Doris moved with her family to Newport News at a young age, graduating from Warwick High School in 1948.



She is preceded in death by her husband Harold Daniel Carter Sr.; her youngest son Anthony “Tony” Carter; her parents John William “Jack” North, Jr. and Minnie Myrtle (Williams) North; and her two brothers John William “Jack Jr.” North, III and Carl Henry North. Doris is survived by her sons Harold Daniel “Danny” Carter, Jr. (Linda) and Michael Carter (Sybil), as well as her 4 grandchildren and her 9 great-grandchildren.

Doris spent much of her long career as a bookkeeper serving businesses on the Virginia Peninsula. A great joy in Doris’ life was working with her husband Harold in their CPA firm which was founded in Newport News in 1985. Her stories of the many wonderful people that she met and became friends with through work were legendary. Rarely did she speak of her clients; but frequently she spoke fondly of her many friends. To the end, Doris was independent, outspoken and fiercely loyal. Those who knew her best, though, knew of her kind and generous heart. At the time of Harold’s passing she established an accounting scholarship at Christopher Newport University in memory of her husband, a scholarship that continues today. She chose CNU because of her appreciation for the education it had provided for her son, Mike, as well as for his family and the community at large. Doris was also generous with her time – and in the process she became the O.G. of Peninsula recyclers. She spent many of her retirement years at home crocheting handbags, grocery bags, dish scrubbies and potholders. Each of these items were crocheted using plastic grocery bags that Doris would painstakingly cut into small strips that resembled yarn. And while some of the thousands of completed items were given to family and friends, the majority were donated to local hospitals and police departments to use as small remembrances for patients and victims. Her Pine Grove neighbors, whom she loved dearly, would deliver batches of these crocheted items and return after those deliveries not only to see Doris’ joyful smile, but also to bring her a fresh batch of bags to be repurposed. Doris’ final days were spent in the home of extended family members Jodi and Mike VanAlstine, who took care of each and every need Doris had, great or small. Their contribution to the peace Doris experienced in her last days cannot be measured, and the family’s gratitude cannot be adequately expressed.

Consistent with Doris' wishes, family and friends are invited to an informal gathering at the VanAlstine home at 16 Maury Avenue, Newport News, from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday afternoon, December 4th.

Expressions of sympathy and love may be made in memory of Doris to: Christopher Newport University Educational Foundation, 1 Avenue of the Arts, Newport News, VA 23606 for benefit of the Harold Carter Memorial Scholarship.

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