



Dolores Miller Downs Gazzola

November 22, 1930 - October 23, 2022

Dolores M. 'Dee' Downs-Gazzola, age 91 of Atlanta, died Sunday, October 23, 2022. Dee was born on November 22, 1930 in Colquitt, Georgia to Watson and Grace Miller. She graduated from Miller County High School. Dee attended GSCW in Milledgeville, where she was a member of Max Noah's A Cappella Choir. Dee loved singing so much that over the years she was asked to sing in over 20 weddings. She then finished her schooling at The University of Georgia. Dee met her husband, Al Downs at a Phi Beta Phi Sorority Dance. Al was in the US Army for 20 years. Dee loved traveling around the world and always said they were fortunate to be stationed in some of the best places in the world. Her favorites were Verona, Italy and Oahu, Hawaii. When Al retired in 1973 they moved back to his hometown of Conyers, Georgia. Al passed away in 1994. Dee was fortunate to find love a second time around and married Larry Gazzola in 2003. Dee and Larry danced their way through the next two decades until Larry passed away in 2020. Dee loved travel so much she took her children and her grandchildren on a trip every year. She also loved spending time with family and friends at her Ponte Vedra Beach condo. Many beautiful memories for her entire family were made in Ponte Vedra.

Dee is a member of the Conyers Presbyterian Church and is survived by daughters, Dana Downs and Leigh Downs Hebbe (husband, Bill); granddaughters, Ella Grace Downs (husband, Joey Pepper), Amanda Hebbe Lord (husband, Conner Lord), and Erin Hebbe (fiance', Nathan Ostroot); and

great-grandson, Silas Ostroot. She is also survived by her stepdaughters, Liz Brazeau and Jennifer Parker (husband, Todd); many loving nieces and nephews. Our mother, Dee Downs-Gazzola gave us our love of travel and the joy of laughter - lots of laughter.

Graveside Services will be held Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 2 p.m. at East View Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Hicks officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

East View Cemetery

1127 East View Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“Dee and I sat next to one another for years at CPC Sanctuary Choir and it was a true blessing. My Dad was military too and we discovered Dana and I went to the same high school during one of many assignments. She loved her family and spoke lovingly of you all many times. I know she will be missed. She loved the anthem "People Need the Lord" and when we sang it, she would tell me to remember she wanted at her funeral. Pastor Kevin was gracious in reading the lyrics aloud during the service. Rest in peace, fellow soprano.

Pam Williams - October 31, 2022 at 11:25 AM

LK

“Anytime we were blessed to be with your mother, she always made us feel so much like her own family. She was so kind and fun to be with! Loved her accent so much!! God bless you all. Love Linda

Linda Kramer - October 30, 2022 at 08:40 PM

DW

“My one and only memory of meeting and spending any time with Mema was a few years back in Charleston, SC., where she attended a performance we did for Spoleto. I will never forget the pride on her face as she watched and listened to her daughter (Dana) play to that sold out audience. She was so happy that night. Even got onstage with us, dancing up a storm! I never knew that she sang, too. Apple doesn't fall far from that tree! You girls are going to feel the loss of your Mother for all your days, but boy did she give you some lessons on how to live your life to the fullest. Rest well, Mema. Love to the Family from me and from Dan.

Deborah Wall - October 30, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores Miller Downs Gazzola.*



October 28, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dolores Miller Downs Gazzola.*



October 28, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *Mema was one of a kind and a feisty woman who made good children. Now I know where Dana got her singing chops. Her travels made her worldly but she was such a family force. Love to all and know she is stirring up heaven now.*

Mary Edna Fraser - October 26, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Dee was Mema to all, a loving, funny and fabulous woman. What I will always remember about Mema was her incredible fashion sense, her humor and how much she loved her family. Thank you Dee for opening your home in Ponte Vedra where we created so many family memories. Dee was a light in this world and we will always remember her warmth. May God cover the families and friends of Dee with His peace and love during this sad time.*

Shae Greer - October 26, 2022 at 02:42 PM

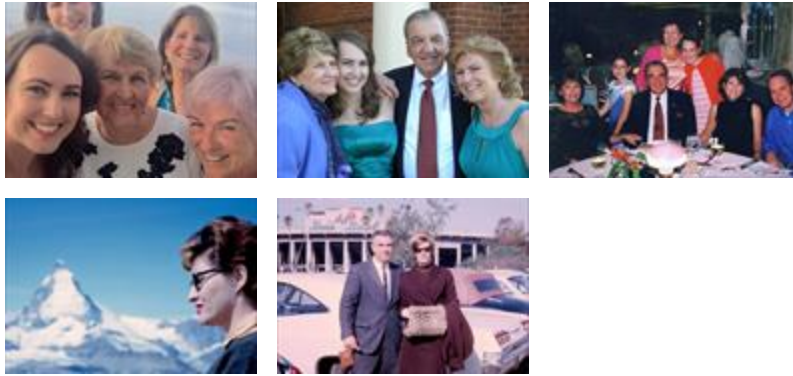
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“ I’m praying for everyone peace and I loved Mema very much. She really made a big impression in my life. I’m blessed to have known her and blessed to know her family. I will always have grand memories of Mema and got to do special things with her. I’m praying for the whole family peace within God Bless

Patricia Goron - October 26, 2022 at 09:49 AM

DD

“ 6 files added to the album Mema living her best life



Dana Downs - October 25, 2022 at 03:41 PM

MJ

“ I remember special times of Dee singing in the choir at Conyers Presbyterian and also her participating in our morning circle. Condolences to her sweet family from Mary and Don Jackson

Mary and Don Jackson - October 25, 2022 at 01:33 PM