



## Doris Mae Van Blarcom

May 21, 1933 - July 9, 2025

Doris Mae Van Blarcom, age 92, of Bear, DE, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Born in Greenwood, DE on May 21, 1933, she was a daughter of the late Ward and Evelyn (Hood) Messick. Doris was the proud former owner of Earle's Tire Sales in New Castle, working into her 80's. She was never one to sit still when work needed to be done. She loved the beach and spent many summers in Angola by the Bay and Pott Nets. Doris was an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking, she always had a pot on the stove and ready. With her love of horses, she introduced her daughters into the equestrian world. Doris will be lovingly remembered as strong willed, hard working and especially for her fierce independence.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Earle Van Blarcom, Sr.; son-in-law, Kevin Kite; grandson, R.J. Van Blarcom; and sister, Joan Van Blarcom. She is survived by her children, Gwen Lantagne (Peter), Elaine Kite, Kelly Testerman (Gary), and Earle Van Blarcom, Jr. (Heather); grandchildren, Karen Dills, Laurie Dills-Madrigal (Chris), Michael Orr (Laura), Zach Orr, Caitlin Orr, Delanie Walton (Sean), Katherine Rubolino (Michael), Ryan Testerman (Chelsea) and Stephanie Pollinger; and 11 great-grandchildren.

All services will be held privately.

In honor of Doris and the horse women she called family, donations may be made in her memory to MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, P.O. Box 407, Chesapeake

City, MD 21915 or online by clicking [here](#); or to Horse Angels Rescue, 1250 Thornbury Road, West Chester, PA 19382 or online by clicking [here](#); or to Faithful Friends, 165 Airport Road, New Castle, DE 19720 or online by clicking [here](#).

# Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Doris Mae Van Blarcom



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**Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes** - August 25, 2025 at 05:01 PM

RF

“ I am so sorry for you'r loss. May God give you His peace.

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**Renee Flickinger** - July 25, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Aunt Doris will truly be missed. I had the privilege of working alongside her for over 40 years at Earle's Tire Sales, where she and Uncle Earle Sr. built a thriving, honest business through decades of dedication and hard work. They poured their hearts into it, and I believe that's what they both genuinely loved doing—right up to their final days.

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**Ronnie** - July 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sorry for your loss! I would always talk with her alot my brother Virgil” loved her to death God bless his soul and may Ms.Doris rest in peace

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**Daphne Scott** - July 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My condolences to the family  
Doris was a lovely lady. I'm sure she will be missed by many. I used  
to enjoy stopping in to visit her at work.

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**Debbie Spohn** - July 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ The loss of a parent is always sad. Doris was blessed with a good  
life making 92 yrs. She is at rest now. Back in the old days Elaine  
and I did some ceramics with her. Glad I was able to see her over  
the Christmas holidays. To her family, our condolences.

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**Laura Corley** - July 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To the family of Doris, our sincerest sympathies. We understand the  
loss of a mother and it's very hard. We wish you peace and love at  
this difficult time  
Sincerely, Deb and Bruce mulholland

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**Deb mulholland** - July 16, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Gwen, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my  
thoughts and prayers and you have my condolences. Your mom will  
be missed by so many and will be remembered always.

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**Dan zhazard** - July 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Your mom was a wonderful person . She will be missed . I have  
many fond memories of her from the christmas parties to seeing her  
at the shop at Earle's. May she rest in peace .

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**Keri Halsey** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss! She will be remembered always

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**Bernie Beri** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My sincere prayers and condolences for your loss.

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**Jeff Crosby** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Godspeed Aunt Doris. Prayers that you will be dancing in heaven with Uncle Snookie and hanging with the rest of the crew. My condolences to your family. Much love❤️

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**Bobbi Van Blarcom** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I spent many great years working with Doris Earl Sr and Earl Jr. So many great memories.  
She will be missed.

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**Tim Williams Sr** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Elaine, may great memories bring you peace. 🙏 Mike & Monica

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**Monica** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RM

“Gwen, Elaine, Kelly and Little Earle, Sorry for your loss. I have many of fond memories of Doris, one of which she pierced my ears., that was a hoot. Another one was when I spent the week at the Harrington Fair with you all. Yes many fond memories of spending time with Doris and this family. I will keep you all in my prayers in the coming months. May the Lord grant you all strength. Sincerely, Rhonda Moore (Casey) 🥺

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**Rhonda Moore** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LW

“To the whole family; I was so very sorry to see this message.. you are all in my thoughts & prayers!! You all were blessed to have her as long as you did!! No mater where I saw your Mom... she always called me by name!! Let me know if there is anything at all I can help you all with!!

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**Linda Ward** - July 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM