

DELORES SALAMONE

April 12, 1936 - August 28, 2021

Delores R. Salamone was born in Loganton, PA on April 26, 1936, the daughter of the late Angelo and Estella (Snook) Salamone.

She grew up in the Church of the Brethren, and after graduating from Jersey Shore (PA) High School, Delores spent the next year as a volunteer working with children in Baltimore under Brethren Volunteer Service.

She worked for a time at a bank in Chicago where her manager saw her potential and asked her what she wanted to do with her life. She quickly replied "I've always wanted to be a nurse." From that exchange the manager repeatedly checked in with her, "How's that nursing application coming along?"

From his encouragement, Delores applied and was accepted to the Capitol School of Nursing at Washington, D.C. General Hospital. She graduated with her RN diploma in 1963 and worked in hospitals in Washington, D.C.

In 1971 Delores moved to Philadelphia to work at Presbyterian Hospital where she met the chaplain, Rev. Joan Hemenway, who later became her pastor at FUMCOG. Delores continued her education, earning a Bachelor degree in Sociology from University of Penn and in 1985 a Masters degree in Education from Temple University. Although she worked briefly in Community Mental Health at Hahnemann Hospital, most of her career was in cardiac and critical care nursing. In 1988 she was appointed the Director of Nursing at the Unitarian Universalist House nursing home. She was respected and admired by her staff and they ministered in song to her in her final days as they are doing for us today. On April 2, 1997 she was awarded the "Director of Nursing of the Year Award" presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Non-profit Long Term Care Nursing Facilities. Just prior to her retirement in 2000 she was chosen

by the People to People program and the Chinese Nursing Association along with 89 other nurses to visit China and learn about patient care in China. Delores was a member of the Homeopathic Nursing Association.

Delores joined FUMCOG in 1977 and faithfully supported its programs with an interest in feminist theology and attention to the needs of its seniors. She was a charter member of the BeWise (Be Willing to Invest in a Senior Experience) program which recruited church members to be "buddies" to senior members of the congregation who were identified as needing additional supports. For many years Delores was on the Board of Center in the Park.

In 2015 Delores moved to Wesley Enhanced Living at Stapeley where she made new friends and served on the Residents Council and the Infection Control Committee.

Delores loved the arts-music, drama, paintings, pottery and poetry. She wrote poetry and made ceramics. She was interested in the world, ideas, and people, and she was known for her wonderful listening skills, curiosity and her sense of humor. She was a humble person with an outsized heart of love and care for everyone. She loved a good conversation, good food, and a good laugh. She will be remembered for her commitment to the nursing profession, her love and care for others and her easy laugh.

Delores R. Salamone, 85, of Philadelphia, died on August 28, 2021. She had a special place in her heart for her family and for her sister, Grace. Delores regularly called family and friends who were nearby and across the country. She is survived by her sister Grace Christian, brother-in-law Philip Christian, three nephews and many grand nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service Celebrating the life of DELORES SALAMONE

October 24, 2021

Piano Prelude		Jodi Acker Bohr
Welcome		Rev. Bob Coombe
Song	<i>"Join The Music"</i>	Seeds Upon the Wind pp. 14
The Psalms		Rev. Gabe Lopez
Solo	<i>"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"</i> arr. H.T. Burleigh	Jonathan Sills
Reflections		Marilyn Moyer Beth Proukou
Ithaka	<i>by Constance Cavafy</i>	Beth Proukou
Solo		Lillian Hightower
The Great Transparencies	<i>by May Sarton</i>	Mary Maudsley
Music		U U House Singers
Memories		Open Mic
Solo	<i>"Deep River"</i> arr. H.T. Burleigh	Jonathan Sills
Commendation		Rev. Bob Coombe
Singing Bowls		Phyllis Strock
Benediction		Rev. Gabe Lopez
Carillon	<i>Music of Faith and Strength</i>	Janet Tebbel



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