



Doris F. Jarrett

May 2, 1920 - March 20, 2015

Greensboro, NC - Meridis "Doris" Franquiz Jarrett, age 94

Longtime Bluefield resident and widow of former Mercer County Circuit Judge Howard M. Jarrett died March 20th at Heritage Greens nursing home in Greensboro, NC from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Born May 2, 1920 in Juncos, Puerto Rico, Doris was the youngest child of Eloy Franquiz and Fermina Velasquez Franquiz. She moved with her family to New York City as a young child, and after completing public high school in Manhattan, she received a bachelor's degree in Sociology from West Virginia University in 1942. She returned to New York to work for the U.S. Office of Censorship. Being bilingual, she reviewed Spanish communications entering and leaving the United States to determine whether they contained national security information. In 1943 she married a young Bluefield lawyer, Howard Jarrett, whom she met while a student at WVU. A devoted, family-centered mother, Doris settled in Bluefield and raised five children. Following the death of her husband, longtime Mercer Circuit Judge Howard Jarrett, she moved to the Washington, DC area to be near several of her children. In 2007, she moved to the Heritage Greens assisted living facility in Greensboro, NC. Doris is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Elby and Joe Franquiz; three sisters; Felicia Menaker, Gloria Taylor, and Aida Angel; and one grandson, Adam Marshall Jarrett.

Doris is survived by five children who cherish her memory: H. Marshall Jarrett and wife Bunny Jarrett of Falls Church VA, Keith B. Jarrett and wife Margaret

Montagnino Jarrett of Rockport MA and St. Petersburg FL, Christopher Lee "Kip" Jarrett of Silver Spring MD, Lisa Beth Jarrett and husband Achille Tedesco of Potomac MD, and Cathy Lynn Jarrett and Jay Amerson of Greensboro NC; nine grandchildren: Joshua Jarrett of Seattle WA, Kelsey Jarrett of Washington DC, Ben Jarrett and Jay Jarrett of Rockport MA, Treeve Jarrett Currie of Quincy MA, Caitlin Currie of Vienna VA, Anthony Tedesco of Durham NC, Zachary Lampert of Elkton MD and Beth Lampert of Greensboro NC; and five great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Doris' loving and faithful caretaker Linda Jones, who cared for Doris for many years and offered unwavering support as her health declined.

Visitation will be held 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, WV. The funeral services will be conducted at the Mercer Funeral Home at 11:00 am, Saturday, March 28, 2015.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mercer County Animal Shelter, 961 Shelter Rd, Princeton, WV 24701 or SEEC (Seeking Equality, Empowerment, and Community for people with Developmental Disabilities), 8905 Fairfield Road, Suite 300, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Those wishing to share memories or e-mail condolences may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Doris Jarrett.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-6155
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<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris F. Jarrett*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *To the Jarrett Family,*

I just found out about Doris and I just wanted you to know that all of you are in my thoughts today. I am so sorry for your loss and want to pass on my condolences.

*Your mom was like a mom to me when I was in Bluefield, many years ago when I lived on the ally off of Jefferson street one summer and I spent many evenings on the front porch with her and others in the neighborhood. She was an amazing woman and I relish the time I got to spend with her. I wish I could have been in Bluefield with you'all this weekend, but you were definitely in my thoughts. Again my sincere condolences at this sad time.
Dan Rosenthal and Nan*

Dan Rosenthal - March 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ *The Jarretts were a big part of my families lives. They use to come to our cabin on laurel creek. I will always consider growing up with them, one of the best things about our Washington Street Gang. I will always keep " Ti Ti Doris " in my heart and memories, my love and Prayers go out to Marshall, Keith, Beth, Kippy & Cathy and their families.*

jim Ball - March 27, 2015 at 04:18 PM

MC

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Jarrett family. Every day I realize there is nothing more precious than a mother. Will try to be there but scheduled to teach in Princeton and mother is not doing well. Marshall was one of the finest young men to ever graduate from Bluefield High School.*

Mary Chmara

Mary Chmara - March 27, 2015 at 10:15 AM

 Fran
Alba

“ *Keith, Pip and I send our love and prayers at this time for you and your family*

Fran Alba - March 27, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris F. Jarrett.*



March 26, 2015 at 08:51 PM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss for the Jarrett family. When I was a baby and lived on Washington Street, I snuck down to the Jarretts and watched TV with Kippy and Doris would call Mom and say "Liz, your baby is down here". Wonderful woman, thanks Doris for taking care of me when I came to your house. Prayers to the whole family.*

Jeanne Ball Simmons - March 26, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Doris F. Jarrett.*



March 26, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers on the death of your beloved mother. I only met Doris once, but she seemed so vibrant and alive. She suffered a great deal in recent years, but now her vitality has been restored in a new and wonderful way. May you feel her love for you and her presence with you as you continue on life's journey. The glorious feast of Easter which we will soon celebrate reminds us of the truth that, for our loved ones, "life is changed, not ended" and we will be united with them again one day. Doris and all your family will be held in loving prayer. Sincerely, Rosemarie Tedesco*



Rosemarie Tedesco - March 26, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ *Love, jR and Marion purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Doris F. Jarrett.*



Love, jR and Marion - March 25, 2015 at 05:06 AM

FT

“ *Francine T. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Doris F. Jarrett.*



Francine T. - March 24, 2015 at 03:58 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Doris F. Jarrett.*



March 21, 2015 at 04:59 PM