



## Vera Delores Taylor Dove

June 12, 1944 - March 28, 2022

Vera Delores Dove of Franconia, Va. passed away in her home unexpectedly on March 28th, 2022. Born in Alexandria on June 12, 1944. Delores was one of six kids born to the late Earl William Taylor and Vera Estelle Taylor(Holloway). She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Lester V. Dove Sr.

They had two children Lester V. Dove Jr.(Tina) and Sharon M. Hester (Ben). Five grandchildren that she loved so dearly, Daniel Dove(Fiancé Chloe), Victoria (Tori) Hester, Timothy (Timmy) Dove(GF-Siera), Brandon Hester, and Gabrielle (Gabby, Ellie) Hester.

One sister Virginia Price, Brothers David Taylor(Karen), James Taylor, Everett Taylor(Liz), (Brother William (Buck, Billy) Taylor (deceased)). They grew up in a Army family with her dad losing his eyesight in WWII, growing up in Franconia on Beulah Street and later moving to Fairfax on Main Street. She met her husband Lester at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department where she was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary and a Majorette who would perform in the Fireman's parades and events twirling her baton and was even known to twirl fire. She was queen of the Franconia Fire Department in 1964/65 timeframe and was involved with events within the firehouse. She used to love to bowl and was active on several different leagues with friends and family and traveled for tournaments with them. She had a love for Elvis and jewelry too. She loved to shower others with gifts through the years and especially her grandchildren that she loved to spoil! She helped to care for each one of her

grandchildren when they were growing up and was always active in their lives. She was looking forward to her oldest grandchild getting married in the fall and starting his family. She also loved to travel but didn't get to do much of it as she got older due to her knees causing problems. When her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor in May of 2019, she was there to take care of him being confined to a wheelchair until his death in March 2020. She was starting to get out and enjoy life once again post-covid and unexpectedly passed on March 28th. Delores will be greatly missed by all. Friends and Family are welcome to come to visitation at Jefferson Funeral Chapel from 12:00-1:00 on Saturday April 9th and service at 1:00. We will have a burial at Schurtz Cemetery at Mount Calvary Community Church following service and the a gathering at the Franconia Moose Lodge around 3:00. Any donations we ask be sent to Mount Calvary Community Church 6731 Beulah Street, Franconia, Va. 22310 or Franconia Moose Lodge 7701 Beulah Street, Alexandria, Va. 22315.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

APR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
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## Graveside Service

APR 9. 2:15 PM (ET)

Schurtz Cemetery  
6623 Beulah Street  
Alexandria, VA 22310

# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Vera Delores Taylor Dove



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - April 09, 2022 at 11:27 AM

PJ

*Lovely service. May Mrs and Mrs Dove be united forevermore. God Blessings for the loving family left behind.*

Patsy Hester Johnson - April 09, 2022 at 01:59 PM

IB

*A wonderful service for a Beautiful Lady name Vera Dove who gave us all a loving Memory of her kindness to all.*

Irene Biddle - April 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ Vera Delores Taylor Dove

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

KT

“ Karen Turner lit a candle in memory of Vera Delores Taylor Dove



karen turner - April 09, 2022 at 08:16 PM

BJ

“ Ben and Bonnie Hester and Pat Johnson purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Vera Delores Taylor Dove.



Ben and Bonnie Hester and Pat Johnson - April 08, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vera Delores Taylor Dove.



April 07, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vera Delores Taylor Dove.



April 07, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vera Delores Taylor Dove.



April 07, 2022 at 09:10 AM

LS

“ Sending Sharon, “Little” Lester, and the entire Dove/Hester family my deepest condolences.

*I have known Vera as “Dee Dee” my entire life.*

*Dee Dee was a kind and very generous Lady. She would “go the extra mile” to get a particular gift for someone she cared about. I recall a visit a number of years ago to Ocean City for SummerFest and one of her grandsons wanted a dinosaur bank and we looked at the Festival and all the stores in OC and finally found the bank at “The Kite Loft”! Dee Dee was so Happy to be able to return home with the dinosaur bank. She grinned from ear to ear!*

*I will never forget the most beautiful blue coat and hat set she bought for my daughter when she was about 5 years old. She said Megan had to have it because it matched her eyes!*

*I know she is no longer in pain and is marching and twirling the baton for “Big” Lester again!!*

*God Bless You Dee Dee!!*

*Sending much Love to Sharon, Lester Jr., and the entire family! ❤️*

*Lisa Shipe*

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**Lisa Shipe** - April 06, 2022 at 11:11 PM