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Delma Rae Adkins, a cherished member of our community, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2024, in Seaford, Delaware. Born on March 12, 1939, in Berryville, Virginia, Delma's life was a tapestry of love, dedication, and service, woven with the threads of family, work, and community.

Delma was the loving matriarch of a large and devoted family. She is survived by her three children, Raymond Adkins and his wife Alice, Ricky Adkins and his wife Beth, and Randy Adkins and his significant other Sherry Willey. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren, Autumn Poplaski and her husband Steven, Rickie Adkins II, Randall Adkins II, Jenna Ewing and her husband Ryan, and Brittney Adkins. Delma was also blessed with great-grandchildren, Dominique Smith and her husband Nathan, Ava Adkins, Alayna Adkins, Aria Ewing, and Cobe Ewing. Delma was also blessed to meet her Great Great-grandchild, Sophia Smith. Her brothers Delreo, Delmont, and Roger, along with their respective spouses Christine, Darlene, and Marlene, and her sister Delta Nichols and her husband Joe, also survive her. Delma was predeceased by her parents, Betsy and Verlon Frye, and her brother Delsmere and his wife Peggy.

Delma's professional journey was as diverse as it was fulfilling. After marrying Howard Adkins and raising their three children, she embarked on a career that saw her working at Western Union as a teletyper in Salisbury, Maryland, for five years. She then dedicated over two decades of her life to Pantry Pride as a meat wrapper, showcasing her commitment and work ethic. Delma's entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly as she successfully ran 'Duck in Deli' with three locations for ten years. Her career path also led her to real estate, where she made her mark as a realtor and appraiser in Lewes, Delaware. After selling her business, Delma enjoyed a well-deserved retirement in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, before returning to her family home in Seaford, Delaware, in 2016.

Delma's interests were a reflection of her love for life and nature. She found joy in gardening, tending to her chickens, and the art of summer canning. Her card-playing skills were unmatched, and she took pleasure in cooking, baking, and watching birds. Delma's pets, including her beloved



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dogs and cats, were a source of great happiness. She cherished spending time with her family, whether it was shopping at Boscov's, dining out, or simply being together. Delma will be fondly remembered for the peanut butter whirls and fudge she lovingly made for Christmas, treats that became a family tradition.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were touched by her kindness and grace. Delma's life was a journey of love, laughter, and service, and she will be dearly missed

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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