



## Dolores Dukate Headlee

August 28, 1934 - September 22, 2023

Dolores D. Headlee, 89, of Gainesville, VA, peacefully passed away from Alzheimer's on September 22, 2023. Dolores was born on August 28, 1934, to Raymond L. and Gertrude Staggers Dukate in Waynesburg, PA.

After graduating with a BA in Education from Grove City College in 1956, she married her high school sweetheart, Joseph L. Headlee. She went on to teach business education classes at high schools and Adult Education in New York, Boston, and California. Her most notable student was during her time in Massachusetts, where she taught shorthand to Muriel Earhart, sister of famous early aviator Amelia Earhart.

In 1965, Dolores, Joe, and their toddler Joel headed to Virginia, where Dolores would continue to teach Adult Education. In 1968, her only daughter, Dena, was born, and the family called Springfield, VA home for 35 years. After receiving her Master's in Education from George Mason University, Dolores went on to teach Business Education in the 1980s to high school students at West Springfield and Centreville High School, where she helped charter the local Alpha Delta Kappa chapter for women educators. In 1997, Joe & Dolores retired and moved to Gainesville, VA where they lived for 22 years.

Dolores is predeceased by her husband Joseph L. Headlee, of Gainesville, VA, and son, Joel L. Headlee, of Phoenix, AZ.; and brother George D. Dukate of Waynesburg, PA. She is survived by her daughter Dena Headlee-Lymburner, of Centreville, VA; her two brothers Larry Dukate of Dayton, Ohio; and Loren H. (Red) Dukate of Waynesburg, PA, and her sister Sherry Crandall

of Waynesburg, PA; granddaughter Megan E. Lymburner, and grandson, Nicholas R. Lymburner; and several nieces and nephews.

At noon, a graveside service will be held at the Stonewall Memory Gardens at 12004 Lee Hwy, in Manassas, VA, on September 29, 2023.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*



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September 28, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores Dukate Headlee.

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September 28, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*



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September 26, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*



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September 26, 2023 at 01:54 PM

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“ I have fond memories of working with Dolores at Centreville HS and when we started the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. Dolores offered to become our first chapter president since she was retiring at the end of the school year. She said “I will have more time to figure out what to do!” Our chapter was chartered at a state convention. The same evening of our chartering ceremony Dolores and I had to go to a meeting. Our chapter was called on but neither of us knew the name of our chapter to answer! We laughed about that for years. Dolores was a fantastic host of our meetings - we loved going to her house, seeing the special way she set up things, and having the yummy food she prepared. Her P Buckley Moss collection was amazing and a neat connection since PBM is an honorary Alpha Delta Kappa member. I truly loved running into Dolores and getting one of her million dollar smiles where her entire face lit up. Her laugh was infectious. More than anything I was blessed to call her sister and friend.

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**Kathy Beatty** - September 25, 2023 at 10:51 PM

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“ Dena, I am so sorry for your loss. Yet I am so inspired by the love, care, concern, compassion, and attentiveness that you demonstrated to your parents in their last days. You handled every hurdle with such grace, and I know firsthand that was certainly not easy. Even though I did not know your parents personally, I know that they were bright shining lights in this world, simply by knowing you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Michelle Massie** - September 25, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*



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September 25, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sherry D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*

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**Sherry D.** - September 25, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Shelley, Todd and Larry Dukate purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*



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**Shelley, Todd and Larry Dukate** - September 25, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Shelley, Todd and Larry Dukate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Dukate Headlee.*

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**Shelley, Todd and Larry Dukate** - September 25, 2023 at 02:24 PM