



Denise V. Hardy

September 13, 1953 - November 6, 2025

OBITUARY

Denise Valerie Fluellen was born in Chester, Pennsylvania to the late Marjorie S. Fluellen and William B. Fluellen. She was the younger sister of Shirley J. Womack and older sister of William B. Fluellen, Jr. Denise completed her early education in the Chester school district and graduated from Chichester High School in 1971, after the family moved to Aston, Pennsylvania.

In the 8th grade, Denise met Larry P. Hardy (Rock). They were so different – Denise shy and reserved, Larry confident and bold, but through God’s plan, their differences melded into true love. Denise attended West Chester State College where she graduated in 1975 with a B.A. in Education. She often visited the campus of Lincoln University where Larry attended college and was given the status of “honorary member” by Larry’s friends. Denise and Larry later married in 1979, and eventually moved to Swedesboro, New Jersey, where they gave birth to their son, Larry P. Hardy, Jr. (Lil’ Larry)

Denise was an active member of St. Daniel’s United Methodist Church since her childhood days. She was involved in several ministries, including the Aide Guild and the Junior Ushers. She received numerous honors and awards for her service and dedication to her church community.

Denise was a dedicated employee of Verizon, working in the Engineering Department as a drafter, before retiring with 35 years of service. She then held part-time positions in Swedesboro, New Jersey, in a medical office and at Amazon. After retirement, Denise pursued various hobbies including learning to play the violin and adding to her beautiful one-of-a-kind, lifelike porcelain doll collection. She also spent much of her free time enjoying her family and friends and serving others. Denise was always available to lend a helping hand to her stepmother, Emeline L. Fluellen, elderly aunts and uncles, and church family.

Denise was special. Her gentleness, kindness, and sense of humor made her a pleasure to be around. She always put others first, offering her time and soft-spoken words of counsel and comfort to anyone in need. When Denise faced her adversities, she showed us that true strength lies from within, sustained by her strong faith in God's promises of peace, comfort, and salvation. Her legacy is that she was admired by many and loved by all. A treasure full of hope, compassion, wit, and insight. A loving and devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, and Child of God.

Denise was preceded in death by her beloved son, Larry P. Hardy, Jr. (Lil' Larry); her father, William B. Fluellen (Flu); her mother, Marjorie Smith Fluellen, and her brother, William B. Fluellen, Jr. (Billy). She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory: her husband of 46 years, Larry P. Hardy, Sr.; stepmother, Emeline L. Fluellen; mother-in-law, Bernice Hardy; sister, Shirley J. Womack; five brothers-in-law, William F. Womack, Kenneth Hardy, Gregory Hardy, Darryl Hardy, Keith Hardy, Wallace Spencer; two sisters-in-law, Denise Hardy Spencer, Deborah Hardy; a nephew, David Womack; two nieces, Vanessa W. Rigaud, Taneshia Fluellen; goddaughter, Dionne McCallum; stepson, Onyae Hardy; and a host of other nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Our loss of Denise's gentle and beautiful soul is heaven's gain.

Cemetery Details

Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Community Christian Church
317 Central Avenue
Chester, PA 19013
(610) 876-5197

Service

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Tribute Wall

AM

“Denise's candle of life will never blow out. I will always love and remember you my sweet sister. What an amazing addition you have made in God's angels. Amen 🙏



Allen McPherson - November 26, 2025 at 02:47 AM

ES

“Elizabeth Clayton & Justin Small planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise V. Hardy.

Elizabeth Clayton & Justin Small - November 24, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Denise V. Hardy.



November 24, 2025 at 08:14 PM

CC

“Christine Clayton & Robert Chambers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise V. Hardy.

Christine Clayton & Robert Chambers - November 24, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ *Christine Clayton & Robert Chambers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Denise V. Hardy.*



Christine Clayton & Robert Chambers - November 24, 2025 at 12:51 PM

RW

“ *Denise had the most BEAUTIFUL smile, she would light up the whole room. I am Honored to have known her. I will Truly Miss her*

Rosetta Williams - November 24, 2025 at 11:13 AM

DW

“ *I am saddened by the passing of a dear and wonderful soul in Denise but God saw it best to call her home. Denise was family for over 50 years, going back to our days at Lincoln. We had several vacations with Larry and Denise. Denise was a such a kind and generous person and a quiet soul. RIP.*

DuBois Williams - November 24, 2025 at 10:33 AM

VP

“ *Denise and I worked together at the Phone Company for many a year. I am saddened by this news, however I know she lived this life to live again. Prayers of sympathy are extended to her family as I offer my condolences. Love you girl.*

Virginia Patterson - November 20, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ *Gladys Clements lit a candle in memory of Denise V. Hardy*



Gladys Clements - November 17, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *Larry, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Denise. May the special memories you made together help you through this difficult time Sorrowfully Submitted,
LaVera "Bunnie" Foster*

LaVera Foster - November 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM