



## Mary J. Manuel

December 30, 1950 - April 8, 2026

Born in Chester, Pennsylvania, on December 30, 1950, Deaconess Mary Janette Pender Mannuel peacefully transitioned at home on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Deaconess Manuel was born and raised in Chester, Pennsylvania. She was the eldest of three children born to the late Joyce Darling and Cleven Pender, Sr. Deaconess Manuel graduated from Chester High School, Class of 1969. Following graduation, she began a distinguished career with the Social Security Office in Chester, where she served for 42 years as a Service Representative.

Affectionately known as “Janette” by family and friends, Deaconess Manuel was a devoted member of Temple Baptist Church for many years. She served faithfully alongside her husband, Deacon Leon T. Manuel, in the Diaconate Ministry. She also supported the Sisterhood Ministry with steadfast commitment. A respected pillar of her community, she was always willing to assist wherever needed. She enjoyed playing bingo and was well known for her impeccable appearance, always keeping her hair styled and her nails beautifully manicured.

Deaconess Manuel was preceded in death by her husband, Deacon Leon T. Manuel; her son, Michael Pender; her brothers, Cleven Pender, Jr., and

Walter [Emerson] Pender; and her nephews, Cleven Pender III and Christopher Pender.

She leaves to cherish her memory her niece, Crystal Pender; nephew, Cordell Pender; sister-in-law, Phyllis Pender; stepchildren, Rose Manuel, Darrell Manuel, and Craig Manuel; two cousins, Mary and Glenn Reed; and special loved ones Shamar Starkey, Jamal Allen, Mally, Jr., Nautica Allen, Nakyah Allen, Memphis King, and Bronx Cobb, along with a host of loved ones, and friends.

Deaconess Manuel will be remembered as a loving, generous, and compassionate person.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street  
Chester, PA 19013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Temple Baptist Church  
736 W. 7th Street  
Chester, PA 19013

## Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Cynthia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary J. Manuel.

Cynthia M. - May 01 at 06:40 PM

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“ Rose Darryl & Craig Manuel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary J. Manuel.



Rose Darryl & Craig Manuel - April 29 at 07:20 PM