



## Obituary

**Born:** Saturday, July 1, 1939

**Died:** Thursday, September 17, 2020

Carole A. Harding, 81, of Middletown, died Thursday September 17, 2020 after a valiant 33-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

A native of Baltimore, she was the third child and eldest daughter of Robert Stern and Naomi Taylor.

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Sat Sep 26, 2020

### Donald B Thompson Funeral Home

PO BOX 18, 31 East Main Street  
Middletown, MD 21769

### Funeral Service

1:30 PM Sat Sep 26, 2020

### Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Rt. 17 North  
Middletown, MD 21769

She graduated from Catonsville High School. From her first job at Raimondi's Florist, she went on to work at Hutzler's Department Store and the Social Security Administration before becoming a homemaker. Later she worked in retail at Eyerly's and Gee Bee, and did floral design for various florists in Middletown: Grams, Weil, and Anne's. In retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her daughter Kathy.

Survivors include three children, Debbie Harding, Kathy Kline, and John Harding Jr.; two sisters, Susan Booth of Bradenton, Fla., and Linda McConville of Lafayette, N.J.; and various nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband John Harding Sr., and eight brothers and sisters: Bob, Dave, Richard, John, and Bill Stern; Kathy Kraus, Ann Segal, and Jody Guzik.

She loved the flowering trees and shrubs in her yard and the many flowerpots on her deck. A fine artist, she painted Toll art and watercolors, and took watercolor classes at the Frederick Senior Center, at The Valley Art Association, and under the late local artist Chris Carr. Her family enjoyed receiving Christmas cards produced from her own paintings.

She was a warm, quietly supportive person known for her kindness and consideration.

Due to COVID, friends may attend a socially distanced viewing from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday September 26 at the Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home, 31 E. Main St., Middletown, with the family focusing on receiving friends outside. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. Funeral services will be held 1:30 PM graveside at nearby Lutheran Cemetery.

For those who prefer not to send flowers, contributions may be made to The Valley Art Association or The Sol Goldman Pancreatic Cancer Research Center.

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