



Ms. Dolores R. Hayden

April 13, 1936 - April 29, 2025

Dolores Rae Hayden was born on April 13, 1936 to the union of Arthur B. Casimere and Dorothy Casimere in Galveston, Texas. Dolores received her formal education in the Galveston school system, graduating from Central High School in 1954. Dolores continued her education at Bennett College, graduating in 1958 with a bachelors degree in chemistry.

After graduation, Dolores received a Fulbright Scholarship to study Chemistry at Heidelberg University in Heidelberg, Germany. With lessons taught in German! During the trans-Atlantic trip by boat, Dolores and other Fulbright students going to Germany studied the German language and customs. She learned even more living with German family during her stay.

Dolores was a lifelong learner, truly trailblazing for her time. Just a few of the educational institutions she attended include Marquette University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Iowa, and Washington Technical Institute.

Dolores accepted Christ and joined Catholic parishes wherever she lived, including Saint Frances de Sales Church in Washington, DC and St. Leo and All Saints Catholic Church in Milwaukee.

In April 1968, Dolores Casimere united in marriage with Alonzo Hayden, a widower. Together, they raised two children.

Dolores was an accomplished chemist and biochemist. who worked at Aldrich Chemical Company on significant and confidential projects.

After marriage and moving from Milwaukee to Washington, DC, Dolores dedicated herself to do

her best as homemaker and stepmother. Following the end of her marriage, Dolores relaunched her career in multiple roles at the University of the District of Columbia, and Ashland Chemical Company. She returned to Wisconsin, living in Madison and Milwaukee. Dolores closed her work career at the State Of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a Senior Waste and Materials Management Specialist. For 29 years DNR, she inspected many facilities to check compliance with rules for handling and disposing of hazardous waste. Dolores was dedicated to her craft and took pride in her work.

Dolores had enjoyed great food and fellowship with friends and coworkers at local Japanese restaurants, Irish pubs, and Milwaukee's many festivals. Especially German Fest where she could use her fluent German. She consistently found new places with good food to enjoy. Dolores loved reading and keeping up on the latest in science, health, philosophy, and religion. She was a fan of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, and the University of Wisconsin Badgers. Dolores especially enjoyed attending All Saints Sunday service and then visiting her many cousins afterwards.

Dolores was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 64 years. She also was a member of the American Chemical Society for a number of years.

Dolores departed this life on April 29, 2025 following an extended illness she did her best to battle. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Arthur B. Casimere, Sr. and Dorothy Casimere; her brother, Arthur, Jr.; her stepson, Michael; and her nephew,

Leroy Gilmore.

Dolores leaves to cherish her memory: her stepdaughter, Andrea Hayden; her sister,

Consetta Casimere Mack; her niece, Niambi Casimere; five nieces, Rhonda Crawford,

Consetta Gilmore, Darlene Gilmore, Nichole Mack, and Connie Mack; two nephews, Ernest

Crawford and Richard Gilmore; and many cousins and a host of friends, including dear friends April Juett and Michael Zillmer.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel

7301 W. Nash Street
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church
4051 N. 25th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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