



## Ms Lenore Joie Dillon

June 27, 1952 - November 16, 2023

Lenore Joie Dillon, age 71, passed away after a brief illness on November 16, 2023, at the University of Southern Alabama Medical Center in Mobile Alabama.

She was born June 27, 1952, to Orville and Mildred (Sumner) Allen and married

the love of her life, Daniel C. Dillon, in Columbia City, Indiana on July 1, 1978.

She

was preceded in death by her husband and parents. She is survived by her brother

John (Pam) Allen, sister-in-laws: Molly Dillon, Marjorie Dillon, and brother-in-law: Robert (Anita) Dillon, and nephews and nieces.

Lenore dedicated her life to serving others. She was universally loved and respected for her joyous spirit, infectious laugh, gift of leadership and compassion

for the under-served. Though she was blind, she saw the world better than any

sighted person and never let her disability hold her back. Professionally, her career included staff and leadership positions at Indiana and Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and, with Dan, as a missionary and instructor at South Korea's Nazarene University. She loved her work and co-workers and, after retirement, continued to serve part time in vision rehabilitation for the state of Alabama.

Lenore shared a deep faith in Christ with her husband Dan, an ordained minister.

They were active in various Nazarene churches in Indiana and Alabama.

Lenore

attended First Church of the Nazarene in Mobile at her time of passing.

A memorial service is planned to take place in the first half of 2024 at the Southport Church of the Nazarene, 920 East Southport Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227, (317) 784-4610, Home (southportcn.org). The time and date of this celebration of life will be announced later on the church's website and will be streamed live on YouTube. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the

Colors of Love Ministry, c/o Mobile First Church of the Nazarene, 669 Azalea Rd.,

Mobile Alabama 36609.

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *My deepest condolences to Mrs Lenore’s Family, Friends, Coworkers and her clients. A very nice lady ..*

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**Kawana J** - November 25, 2023 at 08:10 AM

JO

“ *Lenore was a pure joy to be around. She brightened up wherever she was.*

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**John** - November 20, 2023 at 09:17 AM

DN

“ *The world was a brighter and more loving place because Lenore was born into it. She was the kind of person that made an impact on all of us that had the pleasure of having her pass through our lives as a friend or colleague. We both gave of our skills as writers and people who wanted the onset of blindness an easier road to walk. We were early peer advisors to the Vision Aware blog when it was created on the American Foundation for the blind webpage. We continued writing blog entries when our blog was moved to The American Printing House Connect series of blogs with Career Connect and Families Connect. Although I only met her in person once, all of the group of blog writers that contributed material to meet the needs of seniors experiencing vision loss appreciated her contributions to our work. Go lightly to join your beloved husband and those others you cherished who have proceeded you in walking onward. Blessings on your journey my friend. DeAnna Quietwater Noriega*

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**DeAnna Quietwater Noriega** - November 19, 2023 at 03:17 PM

DN

“ Lenore became a part of my life almost a year ago and gave me hope and light in this darkness. She truly taught me to never give up hope and that the main word in disability is ABILITY. I have learned so much through her guidance and my goal is to help others like she's helped me. I have no doubt that you walked into Heaven with full sight of Dan. I will do my best to form a support group in your honor as we discussed. Until we meet again.  
- Debbie Nicoll

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**Debbie Nicoll** - November 18, 2023 at 02:34 PM

JJ

“ I was privileged to get to know Lenore through our work together as peer advisors for the American Printing House for the blind. While living in Indiana, she invited me to do a presentation for a group she facilitated of blind/visually impaired adults. Although I didn't know her well, my impression was that Lenore was a very kind, thoughtful, considerate person with a passion for helping others, especially in the blind community! My thoughts and prayers are with you, that God will give you peace and comfort during this time and some day turn your tears to joy as you recall your memories of Lenore! Jeannie Johnson

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**Jeannie Johnson** - November 18, 2023 at 01:48 PM

CG

“ I, like so many, adored Lenore Dillon. She was one of those rare people that made you laugh and feel inspired at the same time. She had such a pure heart and always wanted the best for everyone. She was also a great influencer from recruiting students into the field, inspiring and training staff, and serving on boards of national organizations. She did all of it with a great sense of humor and such a humble demeanor.

*The world's a better place because she was in it. Curtis Glisson*

*Get Outlook for iOS*

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**Curtis Glisson** - November 18, 2023 at 10:28 AM

CL

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Lenore started with ADRS in Gadsden, part of the Talladega unit. We of course did not get to keep her long. She was such a joy and continued to stay in touch. She and Dan lived their faith daily and brought hope to all she encountered. I know Heaven is a much brighter place when Lenore was called “home”

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**Cayla Lackey** - November 18, 2023 at 10:19 AM

AH

“ To Ms. Lenore's Family, Friends and Co-workers, please accept my deepest and sincere condolences. During the times she would visit me as a representative with ADRS, she possessed such a gentle and caring spirit. She will be true missed!!

*Rest in Peace dear lady!!!🕊️🕊️*



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**Autherine Harris** - November 17, 2023 at 05:32 PM

TA

“ On behalf of Lenore's Mobile ADRS work family, she is going to be greatly missed. Her beautiful smile, contagious laughter that would fill the halls, and huge heart, will be missed most. Her light and spirit will continue to shine in all the lives she has touched. Her contributions to the field of Vision Rehabilitation Therapy, Orientation and Mobility and the Blind community ripples from Alabama to Indiana to Korea and on. As Hellen Keller said: “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched- they must be felt from the Heart.” Lenore had such a big and beautiful heart. We love you, Lenore. Tanya Nelson and ADRS Unit 6-1

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**tanya** - November 17, 2023 at 12:15 PM

DS

*Lenore, you will be forever missing but not forgotten! Miss your smile and sense of humor. I am grateful that I got a chance to know you and work with you during our days with ADRS. Fly high Sweet Angel!*

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**Dru T Sweatman** - November 17, 2023 at 01:17 PM

  
Cheryl  
Barnacle

*Beautifully said Tanya. Rest in peace sweet Lenore!*

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**Cheryl Barnacle** - November 17, 2023 at 06:52 PM

LL

*My dear dear friend. What a privilege to know you. I loved our time in church together, our lunches, the time you would stay all night with me, your great advice on low vision, your direction to presenting for Phone Faith, etc. I could go on for hours. I will so miss your love and laughter here on this earth. Until heaven, my dear friend, I will miss you!*

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**Linda Long** - November 19, 2023 at 07:54 PM

PR

*Lenore--we grieve your loss to our APH VisionAware peers community. You shared so much of yourself, your wisdom, your humor, your goodness. You will be missed not only by us but by your readership worldwide. Rest in peace with your beloved Dan and know that you truly made a difference in our world.*

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**Pris Rogers** - November 24, 2023 at 06:50 AM