



## Doris Elizabeth DiSavino

October 1, 2019

Doris Terhune DiSavino died on October 1, 2019. She was 92 years old.

Doris Terhune was born in Paterson, NJ. The granddaughter of a Methodist minister, and the daughter of a church organist, she grew up in Midland Park, NJ and attended Pompton Plains High School. She was a WAC during World War II, and after the war, worked at NBC Radio in New York City, where she crossed paths with such luminaries as Arturo Toscanini, Gordon MacCrae and Lucille Ball. She married Paul DiSavino in 1951. She and her husband built their own house ("Ridgemeade") in the peaceful farm town of Towaco, New Jersey (Montville Township) where they resided for fifty years. Doris was active in the Montville Township PTA and the Whitehall Methodist Church. She and her husband ran three businesses: Paulson Electronics, Paulson Broadcasting and Professional Audio Video. They also owned and operated WLAE FM, an early pioneer in easy listening radio, which was located on historic Radio Hill in Meriden, CT.

The couple retired to Willow Valley Retirement Community in 2008.

Doris was an award-winning poet, and among her accolades were awards from the New Jersey Poetry Society, the Pennsylvania Poetry Society, Georgia Poetry Competition as well as the Langston Hughes Creative Writing Award.

Doris leaves behind her husband of 68 years Paul Carmine DiSavino of Willow Valley; son David Paul DiSavino and daughter-in-law Cynthia Haynes DiSavino of Lancaster, PA; daughter Elizabeth Chiara DiSavino and son-in-law Arpad Imre Bodnar of Berea, KY; and granddaughter Katherine Vera DiSavino Mead and her husband Kevin Mead of Los Angeles, California.

THE PASSING OF QUEENS by Doris Elizabeth Terhune DiSavino  
From "Lamentations for My Sister"

Old Parr was an old, old, old, old, very old man.

He was the oldest man in England. He claimed  
He was the oldest man in the World! boasted  
He had tolled the passing bells for five Queens  
From young Nan Bullen to old Bess Tudor, one  
Doleful peal for every year of each Queen's life.

The Great World took but little note  
The while my Sister walked this earth, less  
When she left – no grand procession, no  
Pronouncement of the mourning days, no  
Multitude of solemn bells to mark her years

They should have rung. Rung and rung  
And rung again, a sorrowful Annunciatorum,  
Tolling out her goodly life, rung and rung out  
Yet again, loud and clear, over her mountain,  
Across her valley, telling to a poorer World how,  
Work well done, she went like that ancient  
Carthaginian Queen, glad and fearless

To her grave, no ordinary clay.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Elizabeth DiSavino*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



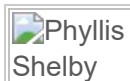
“ *Condolences from the doctors and staff of O'Donnell&Phillips. We enjoyed the opportunity to care for Doris' dental health and will miss her smile.*

**Jason A Phillips** - October 08, 2019 at 08:05 AM



“ *Liza / David. Beautiful Tribute in the Ledger, sorry for your loss. Would love to hear from you. Rich Conklin rconktowac@aol.com*

**Richard D Conklin** - October 06, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *Words cannot express my condolences for your mom. She was always very nice to me. Love to you and your dad. Phyllis*



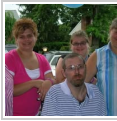
**Phyllis Shelby** - October 04, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ Dear David and Cindy,  
Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We'd never met, but I see Dave's face in hers. And knowing his character a bit I'm sure your wayward life was built on some of her experiences and memories. Best wishes.  
Hugs,  
Jerry Greiner

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**Jerry Greiner** - October 04, 2019 at 10:35 AM



Dear David & Cindy,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother. I loved the Rainbow Dinner Theater. Prayers for you and the rest of your family. I too see you in you mom's face.  
Diane Brubaker

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**Diane Brubaker** - October 04, 2019 at 12:24 PM