



# Delia "Dee" Stokell

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Delia (Dee) Fay Stokell, who tragically died on May 29, 2025, while undergoing a procedure at HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital. Dee was the cherished wife of Tom Stokell, with whom she shared a loving marriage since 2008.

Born in Durban, South Africa, Dee was the beloved daughter of Cliff and June Morris. She pursued her education at the University of Natal, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Dee began her career as a teacher in her hometown before emigrating to the United States in 1976.

In the U.S., Dee found her professional calling in the financial sector, joining Franklin Templeton in 1980/1981. She served with dedication and excellence, eventually becoming Supervisor of Correspondence, a role she held until her retirement in 2014.

A deeply spiritual woman, Dee was raised and confirmed in the Anglican Church. She embraced life with joy and grace, finding happiness in traveling, ballroom dancing, and spending time with family and friends. Her love for wildlife and the great outdoors was a defining part of her generous and kind-hearted spirit.

Dee is survived by her loving husband Tom, her devoted son Chris Birnie-Visscher, her sister Ingrid Steele, and brother-in-law Bevis Steele. She will be remembered always for her warmth, compassion, and unwavering love for nature and humanity.

A funeral service will be held on June 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM. Friends and family are invited to gather 30 minutes prior to the service for a time of remembrance and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Turtle Hospital in Marathon, FL—an organization close to Dee's heart.

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- Or mail a check using this [Donation Form \(PDF\)](#) to: The Turtle Hospital, 2396 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050




# Events


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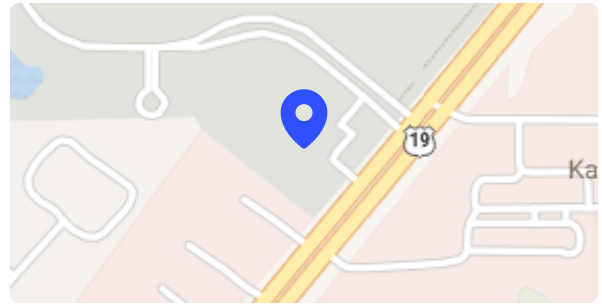
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## Receiving of Friends

 **Sunday**, June 22, 2025

 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Grace Memorial Funeral Home**  
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667

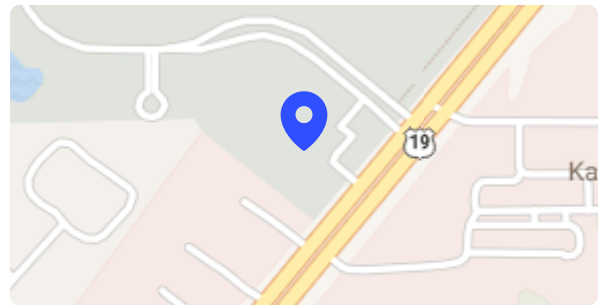


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**Rick Garner** posted:

- [ ] My deepest sympathy to Dee's family. This tragic news deeply touched my heart. Dee was such a positive influence to me and others with her caring ways. I recall Dee asking me to join her in a practice session with her ballroom dancing instructor. The goal was to learn a Jive dance for an energetic start to a company annual meeting. We practiced a few more times in a large conference room where I was humbled by her talent. We ended up nailing our "Jump, Jive and Wail" routine and the response exceeded our expectations. Dee made me look good in many ways, and that is a reflection of how classy she was. She was a fantastic writer, and the pride she took in her profession was contagious. She taught her team and taught me how to say more using less words. That is an art, and Dee was quite the artist. Rick Garner

June 26 at 8:34 AM



**Julie Smith** lit a candle in honor of Delia.

Thinking of you all on this day of remembrance - the candle was as close to turquoise as I could find. Thank you for allowing me to join remotely. Julie xx

June 22 at 11:36 AM



**Lorna Reed** posted:

Dee was my cousin and although we have always lived on opposite sides of the world, we have always kept in touch. On the few times we actually met up, she exuded such a kind and caring personality, spreading joy and laughter to all around her. She never forgot a special occasion. It was with sadness that I learned of her passing from her beautiful sister, Ingrid, and my heartfelt condolences go to Tom, Chris, Ingrid and Bevis. Xxx

June 21 at 12:29 PM



**Kathy Lucas** sent a virtual gift in honor of Delia.

Dee was not only a great friend she became like family to me. We met at Kenny and Val's Halloween party 15 - 20 years ago. Once she moved to Hernando Beach we became walking buddies and great friends. We spent holidays together except Christmas and New Years, that was a special time for her son, sister, and Brother-in-law. I already miss her dearly. She was so kind to all. Our flooding was a real tough time for her. She always spoke so highly of her family. Beautiful person inside and out. Will miss her a lot. Kathy

June 20 at 7:58 AM





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NB

**Nancy Bench** posted:

Nancyl met Dee while working at Franklin Templeton Funds in 1980/1981, and she has been a close and treasured friend ever since, sharing many wonderful memories over the years. Dee's vivacious personality, her contagious laughter, her kindness, the Easter Birthday and Mother's Day cards she sent me every year without exception, her personal courage in difficult times, and her love for all of God's creatures and nature are what I remember most about my dearest friend. Dan and I have been blessed beyond measure to have had Dee in our lives. She was a special light in this world.

June 19 at 11:47 AM

PE

**Patty Esposito** posted:

Dee will be missed. After all these years as co-worker, neighbor, friend; Mike and I will miss her. I will never forget the first time I saw her dance... That memory will always be there for me.

June 19 at 5:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Stokell family.



June 18 at 11:51 AM

CS

**Cece Scirica** posted:

Dee was one of my first clients when I started working as a hairdresser in 1982. She was such a delight to have in my chair, always cheerful and she was so kind to me. Her loyalty went beyond description. She was so thoughtful, sending me cards for every occasion, making feel very special to her. She was a great friend and wise counselor, always cheering me on. I will miss her very much!  
CeCe

June 16 at 12:17 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Delia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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