



Dianne Heckstall

October 6, 1955 - September 7, 2025

Dianne Heckstall was born on October 6, 1955, in Ahoskie, North Carolina, to the late James Harris and her devoted mother, Cora Lee Harris. She was the fourth of eight children and grew up surrounded by the love and closeness of her family.

Dianne began her education at C.G. White School in Powellsville, North Carolina, and Bertie County High School, later attending Ahoskie High School where she graduated. After graduation, she moved to Middletown, Connecticut, where she began a new chapter of her life. There, she married and was blessed with two sons who brought her great joy.

In time, Dianne found her lifelong partner in love and marriage, John Edward Heckstall. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising two more children and sharing over 41 years of marriage. Their bond was one of true love, strength, and commitment.

Dianne worked at Wesley Elementary School as a teacher's aide during the day and also held

second-shift work in facilities services at Pratt & Whitney. On weekends, she provided home cleaning services in the community. With unwavering determination, she would finally jump through the many hurdles it took to secure the opportunity to become a state employee. She went on to dedicate over 30 years of service to the State of Connecticut, where she built lasting friendships before retiring.

Beyond her work, Dianne was a woman of warmth, grace, and kindness. She treasured her family deeply and poured her heart into creating a loving home filled with care, laughter, and faith.

A devoted Jehovah's Witness, Dianne found great joy and purpose in her service to Jehovah. She was deeply committed to her faith and cherished her Kingdom Hall family, who were such an important part of her life. Her love for Jehovah guided the way she lived; with compassion, humility, and unwavering devotion.

Dianne leaves behind her devoted husband of 41 years, John Edward Heckstall, and five beloved sons:

Grady Jerron "Dude" Jacobs (Monique Jacobs), Tawaine Maurice Stamps, Lee Ra'Shaun Jacobs, John Edward "J2" Heckstall II, and Shane E'Ion Heckstall.

She was a proud and loving grandmother to:

- Ta'quanis Meylasha Sessoms (GD)
- Jiya Kiara Jacobs (GD)
- Jomikka Janaya Jacobs (GD)
- Tashiana Na'jah Jacobs (GD)
- Maleigha Lynn Jacobs (GD)

- Maxwell James Cyr-Jacobs (GS)
- Jacob Lee Adorno (GS)
- Ava Dianne Jacobs (GD)
- Amari James Heckstall (GS)
- Laila Jean Heckstall (GD)

Each of them was a source of great joy and held a special place in her heart. She was also blessed to see the next generation, her cherished great-grandchildren:

- Zy'aire Jaelon Sessoms (GGS)
- Yu'nique Delores Fogle (GGD)
- Da'Veon Dvonte Shamiri Tenn (GGS)
- Za'Riyah Wright (GGD)
- Kamilla Annalise Adorno (GGD)

Dianne was preceded in death by her father, James Harris, and her brother, James Harris Jr.

She is survived by her loving mother, Cora Lee Harris, and her cherished siblings: Jessie Mae Jordan, Elenora "Geneva" Fulmore, Eddie Harris, Robert Kenneth Harris, Sharon Blanks, and Cora Lee Gibson (Russell Gibson).

She also leaves to treasure her memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, her dear

Kingdom Hall family, and countless friends who loved her deeply.

Her life was a testament to love, resilience, and faith; qualities that will forever live on in the hearts of

her family and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Her love will remain our guiding light, and her memory will forever be cherished. We hold fast to the

hope found in Revelation 21:4: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.”

This promise brings comfort, knowing that Dianne now rests safely in Jehovah’s memory until the day we are reunited.

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Condolences to the family of Diane Heckstall. May the Lord comfort you during your time of sorrow .

God Bless

Rudy Bell

Shelbia Leary - September 19, 2025 at 09:04 AM

SL

“ Sending our condolences and prayers to Diane's family. May God continue to strengthen you all, during this time.

Love Shelbia Leary & Watford Family

Shelbia Leary - September 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM

RR

“ Roosevelt & Wannetta Rankins lit a candle in memory of Dianne Heckstall



Roosevelt&Wannetta Rankins - September 17, 2025 at 11:58 PM

SL

“ Sending my Condolences and Prayers to the family

God Bless!

SHEILA LEARY

Sheila Leary - September 17, 2025 at 04:49 PM

PW

“ To the Family our sincerest condolences. Our friendship goes back a long way. Deeply sad my friend has left our presence. Diane take your rest we love you but God love you Best.

Phillis Wright - September 17, 2025 at 11:35 AM

PW

“ Phillis W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Heckstall.

Phillis W. - September 17, 2025 at 11:22 AM

CR

“ Dianne will always be remembered with that beautiful smile & laugh, she babysat me as a young girl & taught me how to cook my 1st little meal. Diane also along with my mom showed me how to keep a clean house, they were no joke when it came to that. I will always treasure our talks, she gave such "great" advice! I will truly miss her, rest well momma D
sending my condolences to the family
Much love
Charlotte H Riddick & Family



Charlotte Riddick - September 17, 2025 at 10:23 AM

SA

“ Condolences and prayers to the family of Diane Heckstall. Willie and Shirley Askew



Shirley Askew - September 17, 2025 at 08:10 AM

TF

“ *May you hold on to those wonderful memories to find comfort. We uplift you in our Prayers!*

With Love! From the Cunningham and James Family



The Cunningham and James Family - September 17, 2025 at 07:36 AM

WG

“ *My Deepest Heartfelt Condolences To The Family Of Dianne, A Dear Sweet Lady & Friend Who Lit Up Any Room With Her Smile , & Warm Heart 💕 Rest Now , In Heavenly Peace 🙏🙏🙏*

Wanda Moody Garvin - September 17, 2025 at 12:54 AM

AO

“ *My Condolences to the Heckstall and Jacobs family, may God comfort you all during this time of sorrow. To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. Rest in Peace cousin Dianne.*

Adrienne Overton - September 16, 2025 at 11:00 PM

JF

“ *Joan White A Friend lit a candle in memory of Dianne Heckstall*



Joan White A Friend - September 16, 2025 at 05:04 PM