

Governor Carney Lowers Delaware Flags in Honor of Governor Ruth Ann Minner

In honor of the incredible life and distinguished public service of Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Governor Carney has ordered Delaware flags to be lowered to half-staff at all State buildings and facilities through Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Visitation services for Governor Minner will be held on Tuesday, November 9, from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. at Milford Church of Nazarene at 11 Salevan Place, Milford, DE.

Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 10, from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and funeral services will begin promptly at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the church.

The following is a statement from Governor Carney on the passing of Governor Minner:

“I served alongside Governor Minner as her Lieutenant Governor from 2001-2009. She was a leader who had a real common touch. Governor Minner focused on raising up the working families of our state because she knew what it meant to struggle. Having grown up poor in Slaughter Beach, she brought that perspective to her job every day, and she never lost her attachment to those roots.

“Governor Minner was also a trailblazer, becoming Delaware’s first female Governor when she was elected in 2000 and paving the way for women and girls in our state to seek out leadership roles. Her path to the Governor’s office was a unique one. Widowed in her early 30s, Governor Minner served as a legislative aide in the General Assembly, and a receptionist to Governor Sherman Tribbitt, before beginning

her own political career. She was elected to her first of four terms in the Delaware House of Representatives in 1974. Governor Minner went on to serve three terms in the Delaware Senate, and two as Lieutenant Governor, before winning two terms as Governor.

“During her time in office, Governor Minner worked with legislators of both parties to improve health care and fight cancer, strengthen our education system, and attract good jobs to our state. She will be greatly missed. Tracey and I are praying for Governor Minner’s family, and her many friends across our state, during this difficult time.”