



Dolores Restaurant "West", today's Dolores, as depicted by an artist in 1964

Dolores

Restaurant & Bakery

Let us host your next meeting or important event. Our newly remodeled Event Room located at the back of the restaurant can hold parties of up to 60 people. Please ask your server for more information. You can place to go orders by calling us at 310-473-3773

Please note: Parking is for our customers while dining at the restaurant, all others are subject to tow away. Prices and menu items are subject to change and availability without notice. We add 18% gratuity to parties of 5 or more. Your satisfaction and the quality of your dining experience are of the utmost importance to us. Please let us know how we are doing, email info@doloresrestaurant.com



No outside food or drink is allowed.

COLD BEVERAGES

Bottled water... Perrier, Vitamin water...\$2.79, Dasani...\$1.99
Fountain...Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Lemonade...\$2.69
Juices...fresh squeezed orange juice...3.50
Milk...\$2.50
Ice Tea, fresh brewed, Passion Fruit, Raspberry or Regular...2.59
Cherry Lime Ricky...2.99

COFFEE \$2.50

Costa Rica, mild, low acidity, smooth & rich, **Vanilla nut**, mild, soothing with a distinct vanilla flavor,
House blend medium roast Dolores blend of the day

COFFEE BASED

Cappuccino \$3.79, espresso \$2.99, double espresso \$3.49, latte \$3.49, ice coffee \$2.59, Mocha \$3.99

HOT TEA \$2.99

Earl grey, Black lavender, Ceylon black, Chamomile flower, English breakfast, Ginger tea, Lemon green tea,
Chai tea latte \$3.99

HOT CHOCOLATE \$2.99

Mexican hot chocolate, regular hot chocolate

MILK SHAKE

Chocolate, Strawberry and Vanilla...3.99

Oreo Cookie milkshake...4.50 

Peanut Butter Cup milkshake...4.50 

Banana & Blueberry milkshake, with vanilla ice cream...4.50 

Chocolate Banana milkshake...4.50 

Chocolate Syrup & peanut butter milkshake...4.50 

Mudslide, Kahlua, Vanilla ice cream, Chocolate syrup...4.50 

BEER & WINE

Bottled beer... Sam Adams, Stella...\$6.00
Wine...Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet...\$6.50/glass

APPETIZERS

Add Fries to your order for ...1.99

Quesadilla

A large flour tortilla stuffed with Cheddar cheese, served with Guacamole and sour cream...7.99

Chicken tenders

Delicious crispy strips of chicken breast breaded and fried. Ranch or BBQ sauce on the side...6.99

California skins

Baked potato halves topped with melted cheddar cheese, green onions and bacon bits, side of sour cream...7.99

Onion Rings, golden and delicious...6.99

Caprese Salad

Sliced ripe tomatoes and buffalo Mozzarella and sprinkled with balsamic vinegar, extra virgin olive oil, ground pepper and fresh basil...9.99

SOUP OF THE DAY

All soups are homemade with fresh vegetables and meats and spices & served with crackers. Cup...4.29, Bowl...5.99

Soup & Salad combo, Side of dinner salad and a cup of soup...7.99

Chili

Texas style, Black Angus ground beef with seasonings, cup...4.99, bowl...6.99

SALADS

Choice of 1000 island, bleu cheese, ranch, Italian, balsamic vinaigrette, honey mustard, Caesar or low fat Italian dressing.

Cobb Salad

Mixed greens, chopped bacon, golden oven baked turkey, crumbled bleu cheese, ripe cherry tomatoes, fresh avocado and a hardboiled egg...12.99

Chinese Chicken Salad

Lettuce, cabbage, carrots, grilled breast of chicken, sesame seeds, almonds, crisp rice noodles with ginger sesame dressing...12.99

Mediterranean Salad

Lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, feta cheese, sliced olives, dressed with fresh lemon juice and extra virgin olive oil topped with a grilled breast of chicken...12.99

Penne Pasta Salad NEW

Penne pasta, cherry tomatoes, chopped green pepper, chopped green onions, sliced black olives, coarse pepper, basil, garlic salt with Italian lemon pepper dressing...12.99

Candied Pecan Gorgonzola Salad NEW

Candied pecans, dried cranberries, Gorgonzola cheese, mixed greens, and a raspberry vinaigrette...10.99

Dolores Super Garlic Salad NEW

Crispy iceberg lettuce tossed with our homemade bleu cheese and garlic dressing...10.99

SANDWICHES

All sandwiches are served with lettuce, tomato and choice of French fries or mixed fruits or coleslaw or cup of soup or house salad. Choice of bread: white, wheat, sour dough and rye. Mayo on request.

Upgrade to Suzie Q's or Garlic Cheese Fries or Steak fries...1.99 or Onion Rings...2.25, Avocado...1.99

Club Sandwich, Cheddar cheese, slices of turkey breast, bacon, lettuce and tomato...8.99

B.L.T., bacon-lettuce-tomato7.99

Tuna Melt, with grilled rye and Swiss...8.50

Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, Thin slices of beef, grilled onions topped with melted Swiss on a Hoagie roll...8.99

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Homemade chicken salad, lettuce and tomato...8.99

Hot turkey Sandwich, Open face and served with mashed potatoes...8.99 *(No add-ons)*

Tuna Salad Sandwich, Homemade tuna salad, lettuce and tomato...8.99

Fresh Turkey Slice, Oven baked, sliced turkey breast, lettuce, tomato, Mozzarella...8.99

Grilled Cheese Sandwich...7.99, Choice of American, cheddar, Mozzarella or Swiss

Rueben...8.79, fresh slices of corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and 1000 island on grilled rye

BURGERS

Burgers are ½ LB black angus beef, fresh ground and never frozen served with choice of French fries or coleslaw with pickles, lettuce, tomato and Dolores burger sauce on a pretzel bun. Onions & mayo on request.

All burgers can be ordered in a lettuce wrap. NEW

Upgrade to Suzie Q's or Garlic Cheese Fries or Steak fries...1.99 or Onion Rings...2.25, Avocado...1.99

Hamburger, lean Black Angus beef grilled to order...8.99 *Add Cheese...0.79*

Bacon Cheeseburger, our hamburger topped with cheddar cheese and bacon...9.99

Turkey Melt, on grilled Rye with Swiss...8.99

Veggie Burger, Mushrooms, brown rice, rolled oats, and cheese rolled into a patty on a whole wheat bun...9.99

Turkey Burger, Fresh ground turkey patty...8.99

Mushroom Swiss Burger, fresh sautéed mushrooms, Swiss cheese, lettuce tomato, pickle...9.99

Patty Melt, grilled hamburger patty with Swiss cheese on grilled Rye...8.99

WRAPS

Wrapped in a tortilla and choice of French fries or, cup of mixed fruits or coleslaw or a cup of soup or house salad

Upgrade to Suzie Q's or Garlic Cheese Fries or Steak fries...1.99 or Onion Rings...2.25, Avocado...1.99

California Club Wrap

Grilled breast of chicken, fresh avocado, tomatoes, lettuce, crispy bacon, fresh cilantro mayonnaise dressing and American cheese...8.99

Western Chicken Wrap

Char grilled chicken breast, black beans, sweet corn, Monterey Jack cheese, grilled Bellpeppers & onions all wrapped up...8.99

PANINI NEW

All Panini are served with choice of French or steak fries or mixed fruits or coleslaw or cup of soup or house salad

Upgrade to Suzie Q's or Garlic Cheese Fries or Steak fries...1.99 or Onion Rings...2.25, Avocado...1.99

Chicken Pesto Panini

Grilled Chicken, Pesto, Mozzarella and Sundried tomatoes ...8.99

Roast Beef Panini Melt

Grilled Roast Beef, onions, Roma tomatoes and Swiss cheese ...9.99

Turkey Panini Melt

Grilled Turkey Breast, onions, Sundried tomatoes and Swiss cheese ...8.99

Veggie Panini

Roasted veggies and Mozzarella cheese...7.99

Tuna Panini Melt

White tuna mixed with balsamic vinaigrette, sundried tomatoes, red onions, Romaine lettuce, mayo and topped with Mozzarella & Swiss ...9.99

Salmon Panini

Grilled Salmon, melted Swiss, fresh dill & red onions ...9.99

Tri Tip Steak Panini

Sliced Tri Tip, Pepperjack Cheese, Onions and mushrooms ...8.99

EGGS & THINGS

SERVED DAILY TILL 11:30 A.M. AND WEEKENDS 3:00 P.M.

Served with either toast or hash browns or two pancakes or O'Brien potatoes or tomatoes or a cup of mixed seasonal fruits. Egg beaters add...1.00. *Add French toast or Waffle ...3.99*

Create Your Own Omelet

(Selection of 3 items)...9.99, each additional item ...1.49
American cheese, Swiss, Cheddar, Mozzarella, Avocado, diced sausage (pork, turkey) diced tomatoes, diced raw or sautéed onions, diced ham, Bellpeppers, sautéed sliced mushrooms, spinach, turkey bacon, bacon

Bacon or Sausage & Eggs...7.79

4 strips of bacon or 2 sausages and your style of eggs

Old Farm Special...9.99

Two fried eggs, two strips of bacon or sausage, two pancakes or waffle or French toast, butter and syrup

West LA

Spinach, mushrooms, Mozzarella cheese...9.99

Eggs Benedict or Florentine...10.99

Two Poached Eggs, Canadian bacon or spinach on an English muffin, topped with Hollandaise Sauce

Country Fried Steak & Eggs, Breaded and Fried sirloin steak with two eggs and sausage gravy...12.99

Corned Beef Hash & Poached Eggs...9.99

Breakfast Burrito

Two scrambled eggs with chorizo sausage or bacon or diced ham & onions, beans and melted cheese wrapped in a large flour tortilla...9.99

Huevos Rancheros

Two Eggs any style, black beans on tortillas, fresh salsa, Guacamole and sour cream...9.99

Denver

Diced green peppers, diced onions, diced ham topped with melted mild Cheddar cheese...9.99

San Francisco Scramble

Sautéed onions in extra virgin olive oil, ground beef and spinach scrambled with Parmesan cheese ...9.99

Veggie Omelet

Egg whites, mushrooms, roasted bellpeppers, onions and Mozzarella...9.99

Steak & eggs

Our finest, hand cut Sirloin steak with two eggs ...12.99

PANCAKES ETC.

SERVED DAILY TILL 11:30 A.M. AND WEEKENDS 3:00 P.M.

Buttermilk pancakes with syrup and whipped butter stack of (3) 6.99

Blueberry Pancakes, with fresh blueberries inside...7.99

Chocolate Pancakes with Ghirardelli chocolate chips inside...7.99

Strawberry Pancakes topped with fresh strawberry slices...7.99

Banana Pancakes topped with banana slices...7.99

Nuetella Chocolate spread Pancakes...8.99

French toast

Tasty Slices of our special sweet bread, dipped in batter, grilled to a golden brown topped with banana and sprinkled with powdered sugar, side of syrup...7.99

Belgian Waffle

4 large waffle squares, crispy and golden, served with warm butter and syrup...7.99

BREAKFAST SIDES

Bacon (4)...3.99

One egg...1.49, mixed seasonal fruits...4.50

English muffin butter and jelly...2.50, Toast...1.50

Hash browns...3.50, glass of milk...2.50

Hot oatmeal...5.99

Granola, Yogurt and seasonal fruits...5.99 

KIDS MENU

For children 10 or younger includes orange juice, apple juice or a small glass of milk or a soft drink7.50

(Sorry, no to go orders)

Fun Breakfast

One Egg, Silver Dollar Pancake, one Sausage or Bacon

Crazy Combinations

Pick any two items, fries, mac & cheese, spaghetti with meat sauce, mini cheeseburger, scoop of ice cream

PIZZA

Our pizza is made with fresh dough, hand tossed and with a thin crust with Mozzarella cheese, Dolores Pizza Sauce and comes in one size, medium...7.99

Toppings: Each 1.50

Sliced black olives, Bellpeppers,
Sliced Mushrooms, Diced Onions
Roasted Garlic, Sun Dried Tomatoes,

Cherry Tomatoes, Diced Pineapple
Fresh Basil, Fresh Jalapeños
Pepperoni, Ground Italian Sausage,

Ground pork Sausage,
Diced Chicken,
Diced Ham, Bacon bits,

HOMEMADE SPECIALTIES

Served with sautéed vegetables and choice of house-made mashed potato & brown gravy or baked potato and a cup of soup or house salad *(Except fajitas and English fish & chips)*

Pot Roast

A 10oz USDA Choice cut of beef, slow cooked in spices, red wine and herbs for over 4 hours with...14.99

Fajitas

On a cast iron sizzling plate and served with warm tortillas, guacamole, Pico de Gallo, rice, black beans, cheese, sour cream, onions, Bellpeppers and choice of chicken or steak...12.99

Sirloin Steak

USDA Choice Sirloin marinated in extra virgin olive oil for maximum tenderness, cooked medium...14.99

Spaghetti

Bolognese or with meatballs...10.99

Meat Lasagna...11.99

Country Fried Steak

USDA Choice Sirloin steak, breaded and pounded topped with country sausage gravy ...12.99

Teriyaki Salmon

A 10 Oz portion of salmon char grilled & topped with teriyaki sauce...14.99

English Fish & Chips

Cod loins dipped into our breading and deep fried, served with steak fries & Malt vinegar...12.99

DESSERT

Apple pie and other seasonal pies ...4.99, *ala Mode add...0.99*

Bread Pudding ...4.50

Cinnamon Roll ... 3.99

Ice cream, vanilla, chocolate, strawberry... single scoop...2.50 double...3.50

Cookie, Oatmeal raisin, Chocolate Chip...1.50

Muffins, Banana Nut, Poppy Seed, Blueberry... 2.50

Red Velvet Cupcake...3.50

Cheesecake, Chocolate Cake, Strawberry Cheesecake...5.50

Our Story...

This story starts back when drive-through restaurants were brand new, an innovation prompted by the sudden explosion of cross country automobile travel. It was in the early 1920s that Ralph Stephens took his first shot at the restaurant business, opening first at NW 4 and Olie, and then later at Main and Broadway, Oklahoma City, where competition and a lot of debt led him to flee in 1923 with his wife, Amanda, sons Vince and Bob, and daughter *Dolores*.

The family made its first stop in Dallas, where Stephens later said he saw "a pig stand with what looked like a thousand cars around it." Indeed Dallas was where the very first pig stand (forerunners to drive-through restaurants), Kirby's, had opened in 1921. Stephens was hired by one of the Dallas pig stand chains and learned the operation in Dallas before setting out to open a stand in Little Rock, AK. Before going to his post, Stephens took his family to his wife's family house in Hannibal, Mo. And it was there that Stephens, visiting with his father-in-law, a carpenter, decided it made more sense to open their own business rather than work for someone else.

The family "slept in the stand" while it was being built, and in June 1925, Goody-Goody Barbeque opened for business. Business initially boomed. But the crowds disappeared once cold weather settled in. Once again, Stephens was a failed restaurateur. "*We closed, and being sort of soldiers in fortune, we took off for Florida*" Stephens explained in a 1968 interview. "*The land boom was on then and we went to Tampa and opened one restaurant, then another. They had told us there were no rooms in Tampa so we bought a tent and slept under that until we almost flooded out.*"

The crash of 1929 once again killed Stephens' short-lived success story. The family returned to Oklahoma City with Stephens determined to settle his debts and prove he could be a successful restaurant operator. And this time, he was coming with a secret weapon. While in Hannibal, Amanda Stephens obtained a recipe for "comeback" sauce from a barbeque stand in nearby Quincy, Ill. And what a comeback it would be. Dolores Restaurant, named after Stephens' daughter, opened at 33 NE 23 on April 15, 1930. "*The Depression hadn't hit Oklahoma yet and the first year our volume was \$52,000*" Stephens said. "*We never closed our doors when the Depression hit, but we were selling hamburgers and malts for a dime each to stay open.*"

The Stephens continued to add their own touches, even inventing "Susi-Q potatoes" in 1938. They wowed customers with their black-bottom pie and salad dressings. And Stephens also continued the idea of "drive-in" service, establishing parking stalls behind the restaurant, which at the time was located along the heavily-traveled Route 66.

By the 1940s Dolores was becoming a top pick for Route 66 guidebooks. Duncan Hines recommended the restaurant in his 1941 book "Adventures in Good Cooking," saying "I enjoy eating here, especially their steaks and Susi-Q potatoes and barbecued ribs. They have the best biscuits I have found anywhere in America, made by Neal, a colored woman, who does not use a recipe, but has a

remarkable sense of feel, which tells here when the mixture is right – served twice a week (I suggest you wire ahead requesting these remarkable biscuits). Their menu provides a variety of good salads and other things, and I hope you are fortunate enough to find Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephens there, so you may meet them personally."

Dolores Restaurant was booming enough without the high praise from Mr. Hines – that winter Stephens shut the restaurant for a couple of weeks, expanded the dining area and engaged in a bit of rare advertising (Only after selling the restaurant to investors were advertisements seen again in the early 1970s) Stephens' brother-in-law, Bob Ogle, became manager of the restaurant ("Ogle's Special" referred to a root beer float he perfected) and in 1945, Ralph and Amanda Stephens moved to California. They opened a Dolores Drive-In on the Sunset Strip in Los Angeles, and followed up by opening three more restaurants.



Dolores Restaurant and Drive In, Oklahoma City, 1944

Stephens eventually sold all but the Beverly Hills drive-in, which he turned over to his son Bob in 1961. His second son, Vince, meanwhile, was building up a legend of his own back in Oklahoma City. Maybe you've heard of it – the Split T. In 1966 Amanda Stephens died. Ralph Stephens quickly remarried, and in 1968 he bought The Pub at 6418 N Western. A year later he sold Dolores Restaurant to a group of investors, who closed it for good in 1974. After eight years of standing vacant, The Catering Co. announced plans to reopen the restaurant, but if it did reopen (there is no further record of the restaurant), the venture was short-lived. The building was razed a few years later.

There were many drive-in restaurants in Los Angeles during the mid-1940s and Dolores fit right in. Then, in 1956 the Stevens' son Robert and his wife Lucille moved to Los Angeles to help manage the newly leased Dolores Restaurant on Wilshire Blvd. and La Cienega in Beverly Hills. The restaurant was a hit with the local teenagers in the 40s and 50s with its carhops, Suzie Q's and JJ Burgers became a staple in the community for the next thirty years.

These "good times" would soon end when in 1981 Dolores drive-in was forced to close down to make room for a high rise office building. The last of the remaining Dolores Restaurants is located at 11407 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles where the food and service are like they have never been before

In 2008 Dolores Restaurant was put under new management. With a fresh new vision, a passion for taste and quality food and a true concern to support local growers, new management, brings a new take to this classic diner. The new Dolores Restaurant meets today's customers' needs for taste and for health.