



## Catherine Mary Edelen

January 7, 1930 - February 28, 2025

Royal Oak – Catherine Mary Edelen, formerly of Camp Springs, Maryland, passed away on February 28, 2025.

Catherine was born on January 7, 1930, in Washington, DC. She was the daughter of the late John S. Dyer and Edna E. Murphy, both from Southern Maryland. Catherine was a descendant from the Dyer family that settled in Piscataway, Maryland in the mid-1600s.

Catherine attended Saint Cecilia's Academy in Washington DC, where she was the honor graduate of her class. At age 19, she married James A. Edelen on February 12, 1949. Catherine and James were married for 66 years until James's death in 2015. Catherine's true love of her life was her family. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. Catherine had eight children, seventeen grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, and sixteen great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sons, James D. Edelen, Ronald A. Edelen and one daughter, Kathleen E. Edelen. Catherine is survived by five children, Joseph G. Edelen, Rosemary A. Waddell, John A. Edelen, Elizabeth M. Hitchens, and Michael C. Edelen.

Catherine was a devout Catholic and a long-time member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Easton, Maryland. Catherine loved to travel. Her adventures took her all over Europe, the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean.

Along with her husband James, they loved to spend time in the West Virginia mountains, and seasonal visits to the Florida Keys. Catherine was an avid reader and never lost her desire to see a good cartoon movie. Catherine led a very active life. Continued later in life to exercise and remain mobile. She was a long-time member of the Easton YMCA, where she took swim aerobics and made many friends. Catherine rode a bicycle for many years to stay fit. She loved to watch her grandchildren and do activities with them all. Mom Edelen was dearly loved by all her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for people to make donations to Talbot Hospice.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD from 10am – 12pm. A mass of Christian burial will follow at 1pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 13209 Church Ln, Cordova, MD 21625. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Cordova, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton  
200 S. Harrison St.  
Easton, MD 21601

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church  
13209 Church Ln  
Cordova, MD 21625  
(410) 822-2344

## Graveside

MAR 7 (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery  
Cordova, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine Mary Edelen*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 07, 2025 at 10:19 AM

CF

“ *Crystal Crawford-Morris and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Mary Edelen.*

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**Crystal Crawford-Morris and Family** - March 05, 2025 at 06:23 PM

CF

“ *Crystal Crawford-Morris and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Catherine Mary Edelen.*



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**Crystal Crawford-Morris and Family** - March 05, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine Mary Edelen.*

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March 05, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Catherine Mary Edelen.*



March 05, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine Mary Edelen.

March 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Catherine Mary Edelen.*



March 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ *It was my good fortune to be acquainted with the Edelen family for almost all of my 75 years. Good times or bad times, Mrs. Edelen was always the rock. A wonderful person. I will miss her.*

**Gary Coyle** - March 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM

TF

“ *The Spears family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Catherine Mary Edelen.*



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**The Spears family** - March 05, 2025 at 09:02 AM

RW

“ *Hi, I'm Rose Waddell, Catherine's daughter. I have many memories of her but one stands out more than all the rest right now. My husband Wayne and I had watched a documentary about the Great Depression. I was saddened by the hardships of the people struggling to survive this era. Afterwards, I called my mother to ask her if she remembered anything about the Great Depression. She said, Oh yes, I remember the soup kitchens, and all the poor people living in shacks down by the Potomac River. They'd lost everything. Then she told me that her Grandmother used to make a lot of sandwiches, then she would take my mother with her to hand the sandwiches out to the people living in the shacks. My mother was a small child at the time. I'll never forget that. Now, whenever I see anything about the Great Depression, I see her there, a little child handing out sandwiches to the needy. You can't see her in the photos or documentaries, but I see her there anyway in my heart and my mind. My mother, a part of history.*

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**Rose Waddell** - March 03, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PE

“ *Peter and Andrea Edelen purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Catherine Mary Edelen.*



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**Peter and Andrea Edelen** - March 01, 2025 at 07:18 PM

PS

“ My condolences to the family for your loss... Ms Edelen was a great lady and she will be missed . I have many memories of her at my sister Frans house. In Golden Beach Her cooking her laugh and her great stories will always be in my memories. Her kind and loving legacy will live on with all that knew her. I know she had a big family and may you find peace and comfort in each other and get through this together. Sending love and prayers to all of you 💕🙏

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**Paula Sorrells** - March 01, 2025 at 11:49 AM