



Charlotte Whitney Edwards

August 8, 1940 - June 4, 2026

Charlotte Whitney Edwards, 85, of Trappe, MD died peacefully at home on June 4, 2026 surrounded by family.

Charlotte was born in Haverhill, MA, on August 8, 1940, the daughter of John Brainerd Whitney and Ethel Virginia (Sellers) Whitney. Charlotte graduated from Ipswich High School as valedictorian and went on to receive a degree in nursing from Faulkner Hospital in Boston. During her time in school, she met the love of her life, William "Bill" Edwards while he was serving in the Navy stationed in Boston. They were married on April 14, 1963, and relocated to Maryland shortly after their wedding.

Charlotte had multiple nursing jobs throughout her career, specializing in elderly care and retiring from the Eastern Shore Hospital Center in 2002.

Charlotte was a pillar of every community where she lived. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Kent Island, Wingate and most recently Trappe where she established the church's first library with a focus on youth books. She also created Trappe's first Outdoor Neighborhood Book Exchange. Charlotte was an avid reader and loved to travel.

She is survived by her children; daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Gracia (Jorge), son David Edwards (Christy), son John Edwards (Kelly) and daughter Laura Foxwell (Brad), eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren; her sisters Lynda Sheppard (Peter) and Cynthia Clapp (Bill); numerous nieces and nephews and her cat Alice. Her husband of 59 years, Bill, passed in 2022.

A viewing will be held on Friday, June 19, 2026, at the Trappe United

Methodist Church, 29421 E Maple Ave, Trappe, MD 21673, from 1000-1130, followed by a funeral service. After the funeral, a reception for family and friends will be held at Momma Maria's in Trappe.

A graveside service will be held on June 20, 2026 at Wesley Chapel Church, 6065 Rock Hall Rd, Rock Hall, MD 21661, at 1100 followed by a reception at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in Charlotte's name to Trappe United Methodist Church or Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Rock Hall.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church
29421 Maple Avenue
Trappe, MD 21673

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 11:30 AM (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church
29421 Maple Avenue
Trappe, MD 21673

Reception

JUN 19 (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church
29421 Maple Avenue
Trappe, MD 21673

Graveside Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Cemetery
6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Reception

JUN **20** (ET)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
6065 Rock Hall Rd
Rock Hall, Maryland 21661

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 18 at 09:28 AM



If you wanna see what Love is.... ☐ Please lift up the Edwards family today as they celebrate the life of this precious lady. Beloved mom, MomMom, (and great grandma), Sister, friend, aunt, community treasure, nurse and role model, Mrs. Charlotte, who my brothers and I were blessed to have as part of our "village" growing up. (I still believe "it takes a village" and I hold that extremely close to my heart!) . I stayed up late watching this with tears in my eyes and a million memories running through my mind.

PS the Christmas Card photos in here were epic and I'm glad they included them. Every year she had a beautiful scene such as the Nativity with her four children-- that in itself (four small children cooperating like that at Christmas time!?) should tell you everything!!!!

We love you!!

Christy Ward - June 19 at 08:59 AM



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Christy Ward - June 19 at 09:01 AM

DW

“ *Deepest condolences.*



Dani Roser Woodhurst - June 21 at 11:02 PM

BF

“ *Becky Dean (Sellers) and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.*



Becky Dean (Sellers) and family - June 19 at 01:01 PM

BF

“ *Becky Dean (Sellers) and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.*

Becky Dean (Sellers) and family - June 19 at 01:01 PM

LC

“ *Love Marge Sullivan's children purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.*



Love Marge Sullivan's children - June 18 at 07:30 PM

LC

“ Love Marge Sullivan’s children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.

Love Marge Sullivan’s children - June 18 at 07:30 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Charles & Donna Edwards - June 18 at 07:19 PM

CE

Charlotte was our sister in law and will be greatly missed by our family & friends. She & Billy raised 4 wonderful children. She is finally with Billy now and in a much better place with the Lord. Rest in peace until we meet again. Love, Charles & Donna

Charles & Donna Edwards - June 18 at 07:25 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Vickie Bildstein - June 18 at 06:51 PM

MG

“ Charlotte Edwards, RN we recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the profession of nursing. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family, friends and colleagues.
Respectfully,
The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard



Maryland Nurse Honor Guard - June 18 at 08:15 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.



June 17 at 10:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.

June 17 at 10:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.*



June 17 at 03:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.

June 17 at 03:13 PM



“ *With love, Christy & the Jewell family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Charlotte Whitney Edwards.*



With love, Christy & the Jewell family - June 17 at 03:09 PM



“ *I am forever so grateful to have gotten to know Mrs. Charlotte. She had a kind, gentle spirit. She loved her family, her friends and she made a difference in each life she touched. She will be remembered and not forgotten. I pray for the family as they are going through this difficult time.*

Lanette Duran - June 16 at 10:46 PM

PG

“ I met charlotte through a group of her nursing friends. She was precious, kind and unassuming and a joy to be around. I was so sorry to read on Facebook of her passing. It is so sad to know another amazing lady has left us. I can imagine Marge Sullivan, her dear nursing buddy, greeting her at the heavenly gates. R.i.P. dear Charlotte. Your goodness will not be forgotten.

Pat Gilner - June 16 at 10:10 AM

BT

“ Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Betsy Dulin Truitt - June 15 at 09:37 PM

DF

“ Charlotte was a delight and a gift. She brought a brightness to all she did. We loved her and the way her children took care if her after her stroke. Looking forward to our next meeting.

Drake & Elizabeth Ferguson - June 15 at 07:04 PM

WR

“ Wanda Moore Ruark lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Wanda Moore Ruark - June 14 at 03:20 PM



“Charlotte was an amazing woman . I am not surprised that she was Valeictorian of her class. Smart, loving, compassionate and a good friend. I will miss her being in a world that could use a lot more Charlottes. Love you slug sister.



Linda Collier - June 13 at 03:30 AM

CW

“ This one hurts so much. I am so so grateful for Mrs Charlotte and Mr Bill moving to Kent Island when I was in third grade. Our families quickly became very close and I have always felt like I was part of their family-- my brothers called her a legend, and we all recall what great friends they were to our parents. I remember from very early on she was the hardest working woman I knew, and all of us have reflected over the years how truly blessed we are to have grown up during this time. We all loved and respected each others parents as much as our own. I was so pleased (yet not at all surprised) to learn just now that she was the Valedictorian of her graduating class. Oh the stories and memories I could share. So many of us will miss your amazing mother/grandmother/sister/best friend/Aunt. My heart is with each and every one of you and pray that Her love will live on forever in your cherished memories. I know there was a huge crowd to walk her through the gates of Heaven and it makes me smile to imagine my mom and dad were right behind Mr Bill! Thank you for making my childhood so extra special, and her very large family, thank you for sharing her all these years. I know that each of you is so very special. You are loved and lifted up.



Christy Ward - June 12 at 01:00 AM

AF

“ We will miss you very much! You were such a sweet spunky lady!! John and Anne Farwell



Anne Farwell - June 11 at 12:52 PM

RT

“ Roni Thomas lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Roni Thomas - June 11 at 07:19 AM

DM

“ Ms Charlotte and I volunteered together at Lakes & Straits VFC. She was such a nice lady. So very sorry for your loss.



Dawn Moore - June 11 at 12:08 AM

GC

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - June 10 at 07:25 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bell lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Connie Bell - June 10 at 10:38 AM

CB

Sending condolences to the family. She was such a sweet lady. Worked with her at Eastern Shore Hospital Center. RIP Ms. Charlotte.

Connie Bell - June 10 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ *Dave Hartman lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Dave Hartman - June 08 at 02:51 PM

BB

“ *Bobbi Burr lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Bobbi Burr - June 08 at 02:40 PM

TW

“ I’m so sorry for your family loss . She was a wonderful mom and wife and she loved her family. She cherish her family deeply and it showed .
Mrs. C will be deeply missed . I enjoyed our times together and our talks .
I Loved her deeply.
Prayers to the family .
Mrs C raised wonderful children and I know they will continue to keep the family traditions going .

tina woodland - Weber - June 06 at 07:35 PM

AN

“ Anne and Dan Gustafson



Anne - June 06 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ Judy And Denny Hickman lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards



Judy and Denny Hickman - June 06 at 12:33 PM

PR

“ *Peggy Ransom sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Peggy Ransom - June 06 at 12:07 PM

PR

Charlotte and I were New England girls living on Kent Island. One summer, when we were both visiting our homes (Massachusetts and Maine), we met up for a day at the amusement park in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Our children enjoyed the rides.

Peggy Ransom - June 06 at 12:32 PM

ME

“ *I will miss my beautiful sister in law so much. We have shared lots of great memories over the years. She was the kind of friend you never forget. To her wonderful children I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a very special lady to all of us. Love you all!*

Mary Ann Edwards - June 06 at 11:21 AM

ME

“ *Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Mary Ann Edwards - June 06 at 11:09 AM

JA

“ *Joann Anderson lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Joann Anderson - June 06 at 08:25 AM

JA

Sending Prayers for your family.

Joann Anderson - June 06 at 08:26 AM

RE

“ *Ronnie & Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Whitney Edwards*



Ronnie & Bonnie Edwards - June 05 at 09:59 PM

TH

“ *Lit a candle for Ms Charlotte*



Tony and Tracie Holtman - June 05 at 08:33 PM