



Edna Coleman Burris

November 30, 1926 - June 25, 2021

Edna Coleman Burris departed this life on June 25, 2021 at the age of 94.

She was born on November 30, 1926 near Sudlersville, MD. She was the daughter of the late Harry C. Coleman and Hazel Lipp Coleman Cannon. She grew up in upper Queen Anne's County and she graduated from Sudlersville High School. She married R. Franklin Burris of Chestertown, who predeceased her after 62 years of marriage in March of 2006. Mrs. Burris has been active in civic affairs during her life including: being a 4-H member, 4-H leader, member of Carmichael Homemakers, member of Carmichael United Methodist women, Queen Anne's County Historical Society, President of the Centreville High School P.T.A., President of the Queen Anne's County Physicians Recruitment Committee, Chairwoman of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau Women, member of the State Board of Farm Bureau Women, member of the Memorial Hospital Association Board for many years, served as treasurer for the Queenstown-Wye of Carmichael for fourteen years, and she was given the Esther Circle of the first Methodist Church of Chestertown-SPRO First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Burris and her husband owned and operated the Burris Jewelry Store in Centreville for a number of years.

One of Mrs. Burris' hobbies was floral arranging. She won many ribbons and honors for her arrangements over the years. She also loved to cook and bake. She was always available to make cookies, cakes, and pies for church activities. She was also a member of the Wye of Carmichael Church since 1949 and sang in the choir for over 50 years. Mrs. Burris was also a member of the First Methodist Church of Chestertown.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter which include: Robert F. Burris of Columbus, OH; Dr. Arthur Burris of Bel Air, MD; and Carol Burris Spath and her husband Ronald of Carney, MD. She is also survived by her sister, Gay Vreken of Newark, DE, as well as eight grandsons, one granddaughter, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 30 at 12:30 pm at the First Methodist Church of Chestertown with burial to follow at Church Hill Cemetery. A two-hour prior visitation for family and friends will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Church Hill Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Church Hill, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Church Service

JUN 30. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Chestertown, MD

Burial

JUN 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Church Hill Cemetery
Cemetery Road
Church Hill, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edna Coleman Burris*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 28, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Edna Coleman Burris*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Edna Coleman Burris*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Edna Coleman Burris*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Edna Coleman Burris.*



June 29, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Edna Coleman Burris.*



June 28, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Edna Coleman Burris.*



June 28, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Edna Coleman Burris*



June Clark - June 28, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Jarrett And Frankie Smith lit a candle in memory of Edna Coleman Burris*



Jarrett and Frankie Smith - June 28, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *21 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 28, 2021 at 02:32 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Edna Coleman Burris*



Doug Pierson - June 28, 2021 at 09:22 AM

DD

“ *Doris Ann Donovan lit a candle in memory of Edna Coleman Burris*



Doris Ann Donovan - June 28, 2021 at 07:04 AM

JB

“ *I will surely miss Edna. She was one special lady. Edna always had an ear to lend me whenever I asked for advice. She was like a second mom to me. The stories Edna would tell about living on the river, were always intriguing to me. Seriously, I never knew of a woman who would go out on their boat to catch fresh fish for dinner that night. Edna was one of a kind and she will always live in my heart.*
Jeanne B



Jeanne Boening - June 27, 2021 at 10:34 PM

CH

“ *7 files added to the album Aunt Edna*



cheryl - June 27, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edna Coleman Burris.



June 27, 2021 at 06:26 PM

JM

“ Joseph Mullikin lit a candle in memory of Edna Coleman Burris



Joseph Mullikin - June 27, 2021 at 11:33 AM

LC

“ Lynda Harris Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Coleman Burris



Lynda Harris Palmatary, Centreville - June 27, 2021 at 11:11 AM

KT

“ I thank God that you were in my life, dear Edna! In so many ways you and Franklin taught me how to be a pastor! Missing you already! Love, Karin

Karin G Tunnell - June 26, 2021 at 12:34 PM

PC

“ Peg Chlada lit a candle in memory of Edna Coleman Burris



Peg Chlada - June 26, 2021 at 12:15 PM

PC

John and I met Edna and her husband when we moved to Carmichael (Queenstown) in the early 70's. We attended the Methodist Church when Tom Hurley was the minister. The entire community was so warm and welcoming to us. Both of our girls were baptized there. The Burris' were part of our time there and we have many treasured memories. (We lived in Toby and Rita Calloway's next door to the church)

Peg Chlada - June 26, 2021 at 12:22 PM

CC

I will always treasure the warmth and friendliness Edna, Franklin and Mrs. Cannon unfailingly shared with me. They were blessings in my life and my dad treasured his friendship with these wonderful folks as well.

Connie Connolly

Connie Connolly - June 26, 2021 at 05:21 PM