



Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton

July 7, 1918 - March 30, 2021

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the passing of my mother, Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton, on March 30, 2021, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Known mostly as Ms. Edna, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Sutton or just as Edna Marie, she was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 7, 1918, the daughter of John Richard Dierker, a German immigrant, and Edna Lillian Gears of Kent County, Maryland.

She was pre-deceased by her first husband George Wilkins Hubbard, Sr., her daughter Lynda Sue Hubbard, her daughter-in-law, Candace Stephanie Hubbard and her second husband Stanley Sutton, her father, mother and Dierker siblings, Christine Barnes, Frank R. Dierker and John R. Dierker. She is survived by her son, George Wilkins Hubbard, Jr. of Virginia Beach, Virginia, granddaughter Courtney Stephanie Starr, son-in-law Timothy Starr and three great grand boys, Taylor Christian, William Timothy and Benjamin Hubbard Starr of Earlysville, Virginia. Survivors also include nephew Hubbard Kendall and niece Donna Edwards and their families. Of the Sutton family, survivors include her step son William S. Sutton and step grandchildren William S. Sutton, his wife Tricia, step granddaughter Susan B Nickerson and her husband Phil, and step grandchildren as well as sister-in-law, Charmayne Dierker of Chestertown, Maryland and "just like a daughter", Ann Lee Thomas of Rock Hall.

One of four children, she grew up as a farm girl in Kent County, Maryland, and received her early education in the public school system. As she related,

“Perhaps we were poor, but we didn’t know it”.

A stellar student, she entered nursing school at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore at age 17, claiming to meet the entry age of 18. She graduated from Nursing School in 1938 at age 20 and worked in the Instructional Visiting Nurse Association (IVNA).

She married George Wilkins Hubbard, a commercial fisherman in 1940, and worked in nursing at Kent and Queen Anne’s Hospital in Chestertown until 1948. The family started Hubbard’s Pier and Seafood, Inc. in 1953 where she was secretary/ treasurer and manager until retiring in 1983. Her husband, Wilkes Hubbard died in 1964 and the corporation was sold to Albert Woodfield in 1965. She and Al worked together until she retired in 1983. She remarried in 1976 to Stanley Sutton. They were able to enjoy travel and some life at Bittersweet Farm with the Sutton family until his death in 1984 after completing his book, Beyond the Road Gate.

Edna Marie and Wilkes had 2 children, Lynda Sue and George Wilkins, Jr. The misfortunes of life with the death of her daughter Lynda at age 13 and of her husband at age 48 placed her in the role of single parent and sole provider. She shouldered those roles with sacrifice and faith and stoically carried on.

She was known as an accomplished business women and Charter member of the Soroptimist International of Kent County. She was a life member of Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

She was a lifelong member of Wesley Chapel Church where she taught Sunday School and women’s class for several years.

She was an advocate for her town and proud of her Eastern Shore heritage. She was featured in Southern Living Magazine and interviewed on Eastern Neck Island Bridge in 2004.

She served on multiple committees and municipal boards, including Rock Hall Senior Citizens Association, the Rock Hall Museum Board, the Zoning Appeals Board, and Crime Solvers of the Upper Eastern Shore.

Known as an advocate for education, she was proud of her association with

the University of Virginia where she was involved with University Development and a member of the Lawn, Compass Rose and Cornerstone Societies.

Above all, she was a woman of strong faith as demonstrated in her character of Christian living and unwillingness to compromise Christian principles.

Her later years were fraught with many health challenges that she faced with courage, resiliency and dignity which she overcame with the excellent and loving care by the doctors and nurses at Sentara Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk.

Most importantly, she made every sacrifice that a mother could possibly make for a son.

As a family, we will miss her wit, her advice, her bright blue eyes and smile and the times we shared in difficulties and celebrations. As her son, I can only hope that I can be as consistent in my life and an example to my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. She was an inspiration.

Close personal gathering is a challenge with the Covid dilemma ever present, however with masking, social distancing and air-hug- substitutes, we hope to honor her memory. There will be an in-person visitation on Friday, April 9, 2021 from 4-6 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. A memorial celebration of the life will be held at the funeral home at 3 PM, Saturday, April 10, 2021. A graveside service will be private. A webcast option of the memorial service can be accessed on Mrs. Sutton's memorial page at www.fhnfuneralhome.com underneath the "Photos & Videos" tab at the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Cemetery Fund at Wesley Chapel Church, c/o Donna Edwards, P.O. Box 395 Rock Hall, MD 21661, or the Rock Hall Fire House, 21500 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661, or a charity of your choice are suggested.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **9**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam
130 Speer Rd
Chestertown , MD 21620

Celebration of Life

APR **10**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 10, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 07, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

JB

“ I stumbled across this and had to comment. I used to visit Miss Edna back in the late 80's and early 90's. It was my first time in Rock Hall. I was amazed how far I could drive just to see the Baltimore skyline, where I left from. I enjoyed our chats and am happy that she lived a good long life. God Bless.

JOHN BACCI - February 24, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers with you and your Family , William and Arlene Powers

Arlene Powers - April 10, 2021 at 10:58 PM

EA

“ Thinking of everyone! We will miss her!



Eric & Lauren (Schelts) Abbott - April 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

TS

“ Toni & Larry Schelts lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Toni & Larry Schelts - April 10, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton.



April 08, 2021 at 09:12 PM

JC

“ John & Charlene Conolly lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



John & Charlene Conolly - April 08, 2021 at 08:35 PM

CF

“ Calvin Kendall's Family lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Calvin Kendall's family - April 08, 2021 at 03:29 PM

CF

“ *Callvin Kendall's Family lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Callvin Kendall's family - April 08, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 08, 2021 at 02:23 PM

DS

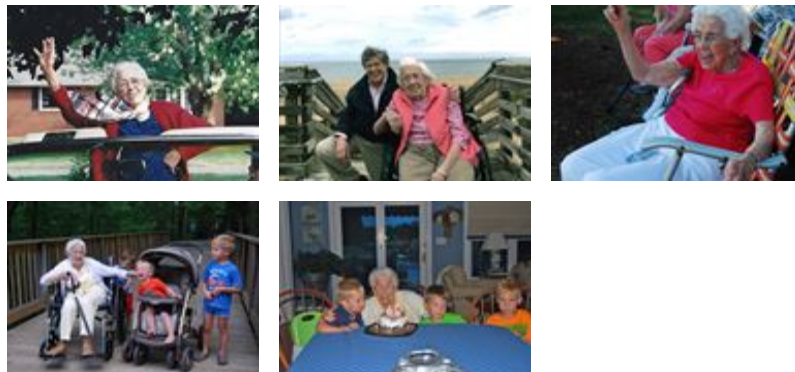
“ *Dave & Kathy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Dave & Kathy Simmons - April 07, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 07, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton.



April 07, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Sentara Leigh Main OR & Surgical Services purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton.



Sentara Leigh Main OR & Surgical Services - April 07, 2021 at 11:30 AM

SP

“ Dr. Hubbard, Our deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your Mother. She was such an accomplished lady, and we know she has taken her place as an “Angel” in heaven. With warmest regards always, Sherry & Vinny Pasquarelli

Sherry & Vinny Pasquarelli - April 07, 2021 at 09:30 AM

JH

“ I was touched by your beautiful tribute. Any mother would be proud. I did not know her, nor do I know your family. I am always intrigued by a sizable obituary. I assume they have a fascinating story to share. You did not disappoint! Your words were eloquently written and obviously heartfelt. Sending thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace. Your mother sounds like an amazing woman. Be well, Julia Hillegass

Julia Hillegass - April 07, 2021 at 08:51 AM

TS

“ Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Todd and Diane Smith - April 07, 2021 at 08:15 AM

KB

“ Kaye And Barney Barnes lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Kaye and Barney Barnes - April 06, 2021 at 11:25 PM

SB

“ *Stefanie /David Blyman lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Stefanie /David Blyman - April 06, 2021 at 11:07 PM

KJ

“ *Kate Johnson lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Kate Johnson - April 06, 2021 at 04:51 PM

KJ

Over thirty years ago i met an amazing woman in my neighbor Edna. Her wisdom and independence astounded me, as did her ability to quickly realize that she could, and that she did, call upon me whenever her computer ceased to work...which still humors me. I missed her when she moved to Virginia Beach; the memory of her will forever occupy a space within.

Kate Johnson - April 06, 2021 at 05:00 PM

NG

“ *Natalie and Randy Gould purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton.*



Natalie and Randy Gould - April 06, 2021 at 03:26 PM

BC

“ *Barry And Nancy Conner lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Barry and Nancy Conner - April 06, 2021 at 01:59 PM

RT

“ *Wilks , So Sorry to hear about your mom's passing , Sending you my condolences!*



Roni Thomas - April 06, 2021 at 10:31 AM

AL

“ *Mrs. Edna Marie was a wonderful woman. I am forever grateful for the time I spent working for her. It allowed me to pay for my college books every year! What an inspiration!*



Angel Jones Lins - April 05, 2021 at 07:52 PM

WF

“ *With Loving memories, Hubbard, Sharon and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton.*



With Loving memories, Hubbard, Sharon and Family - April 05, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Linda Bonney lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Linda Bonney - April 03, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *David And Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



David and Kathy Wenck - April 03, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Brenda Biddle sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Brenda Biddle - April 02, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 02, 2021 at 05:48 PM

BG

“ *Bettyann Glenn sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Bettyann glenn - April 02, 2021 at 02:25 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl M. Butler lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Cheryl M. Butler - April 02, 2021 at 10:49 AM

MM

“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Mark Mumford - April 02, 2021 at 10:09 AM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Liz Smith - April 02, 2021 at 09:02 AM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Nancy Hubbard - April 01, 2021 at 03:51 PM

CN

“ Chris And Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Chris and Vivian Nordhoff - April 01, 2021 at 03:45 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Charles & Donna Edwards - April 01, 2021 at 02:08 PM

DE

“ Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton



Donna Hubbard Edwards - April 01, 2021 at 01:56 PM

DE

*Aunt Edna Marie I'm going to miss you so much, our nightly talks, your advice and guidance. You're my only Aunt I had left. Hope you're having a big party in heaven
Now with all our family. Love you always and will never forget you. Your niece, Donna*

Donna Hubbard Edwards - April 01, 2021 at 02:07 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton*



Mark & Sandy Joiner - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 PM