



Ethel Paula Cunningham

October 7, 1941 - January 26, 2012

Ethel Paula Hatcherson Cunningham of Chestertown, MD, died on Thursday, January 26, 2012, at her home. She was 70 years old.

Mrs. Cunningham was born on October 7, 1941, in Chestertown, MD. She was the daughter of the late, Robert Rogers Hatcherson, Sr., and Charlotte Ann Allender Hatcherson. She graduated from Chestertown High School, Class of 1959. On July 31, 1961, she married Jesse G. Cunningham. They celebrated 50 years together on July 31, 2011.

She began working in the Law Office of Basil Wadkovsky as a Legal Secretary in 1972 and retired in 2009. Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Christ United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, sewing, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Paula Bird Cunningham Pavon and husband, Chris of Chestertown, MD; her brother, Robert Rogers Hatcherson, Jr., and wife, Joan; her sister, Charlotte Ann Hatcherson Fletcher and husband, Kenny of Rock Hall, MD; two grandchildren, Dru Pavon and Ana Pavon; and many special nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 11 a.m. at

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Chester River Homecare and Hospice, 100 Brown Street, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 21, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Ethel Paula Cunningham* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ethel Paula Cunningham* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ethel Paula Cunningham* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Paula, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was such a joy!! My prayers are with you and your family! God Bless to all of you!* ”

Kimberly Crew - February 06, 2012 at 01:30 PM

KC

“ Kimberly Crew lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Kimberly Crew - February 06, 2012 at 11:47 AM

DC

“ Dorcas Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Dorcas Coleman - February 02, 2012 at 09:26 AM

DC

Paula, I am gutted to hear of your mother's passing... Damn, she was so much fun - I will never forget how kind she always was to me, how genuinely interested she was in hearing what I was doing with myself and all my ridiculous stories... how she would get such a chuckle out of it all. And she could tell a good one too - she shared several Chestertown memories that I will always treasure. What a wonderful, lovely lady... She will be missed. God bless your dad, you and your family without that bright light in your lives.

Dorcas Coleman - February 02, 2012 at 09:52 AM

NC

“ Nancy Hall Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Nancy Hall Coleman - February 01, 2012 at 08:19 PM

MB

“ *Mary Besse lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Mary Besse - February 01, 2012 at 08:06 PM

MB

Ethel, oh how I wish I had one more time to hear you laugh, to see you smile, to hear your stories about your childhood with Aunt Joan...You dressing up in Daddad Hicks' coveralls, being silly, making everyone laugh, your shenanigans back then :-)..You mean so much more to me than you will ever know..I will never forget you, you are a beautiful soul, inside and out, you are a hero in my eyes! So strong, so beautiful, so classy. I am just sick hat you are gone, my heart aches, I only feel comfort in knowing that you are in a better place with those you love. May God bless your family and help them get through this difficult time as well and he will help us remember the good times you helped create...I love you dearly. xoxoxo

Mary Besse - February 01, 2012 at 08:13 PM

DK

“ *Deborah Kemp lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



deborah kemp - January 31, 2012 at 10:31 PM

DK

Miss you so much!

deborah kemp - January 31, 2012 at 10:36 PM

DK

“ *Deborah Kemp lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



deborah kemp - January 31, 2012 at 10:28 PM

LB

“ *Jesse and Family,*

So sorry for your loss. Ethel has always been so much fun! Enjoy all your wonderful memories of your lives with her.

Larry & Lee Beck

Lee Beck - January 31, 2012 at 07:25 PM

RH

“ *Rebecca & Ruben Hortensius lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Rebecca & Ruben Hortensius - January 31, 2012 at 05:01 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Pavon lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Peggy Pavon - January 31, 2012 at 12:41 AM

PH

“ Pam Duke And Sherry Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Pam Duke and Sherry Hughes - January 30, 2012 at 10:13 PM

DK

“ Ethel, I will miss your quick wit and laughter. So much fun to be around. You will be a wonderful angel in heaven, I am sure you will keep all the angels laughing. I love you and miss you so very much.

Love You Always,

Sissy and Kenny

Deborah Kemp - January 30, 2012 at 07:59 PM

AF

“ Ann Fletcher sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



ann fletcher - January 30, 2012 at 07:45 PM

JD

“ John Michael Downes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



john michael downes - January 30, 2012 at 07:28 PM

JD

“ *John Michael Downes lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



john michael downes - January 30, 2012 at 07:26 PM

PL

“ *Pat Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Pat lewis - January 30, 2012 at 07:03 PM

BU

“ *Bob And Bonnie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Bob and Bonnie Usilton - January 30, 2012 at 07:12 AM

DK

“ *Deborah Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



deborah kemp - January 29, 2012 at 10:19 PM

DK

Bobbie, I love you and miss you so much. I know you are up in heaven making everyone laugh and having a fun and silly time. I am very thankful for all the time we spent together and all the fun and silly things we always did. Heaven is lucky to have such a special Angel to watch over us.

*Love you always,
Debbie*

deborah kemp - January 29, 2012 at 10:31 PM

JD

debbie, i am so sorry for your loss. i know she was special to you and now she is watching over you from heaven. i know she will be greatly missed by everyone.

*with sympathy
jeanie downes*

john michael downes - January 30, 2012 at 07:36 PM

JW

“ *Jane Welsh lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Jane Welsh - January 29, 2012 at 07:32 PM

JH

“ *I feel so blessed to have gotten to know Ethyl over the past few years - the family reunions created wonderful memories my family and I will always cherish. I am sure she is getting things all ready for when we all get together for the big family reunion in Heaven. Ethyl I'll miss you!*

Your Cousin, Joyce Hatcherson Heid

Joyce Hatcherson Heid - January 29, 2012 at 07:31 PM

JB

“ You were a great sister and you have left us with many happy and funny memories! Your sense of humor was unique!!!!!! I bet you have God chuckling already! We love you and will never forget you. RIP Ahbe



Joan & Bobby - January 29, 2012 at 02:08 PM

AR

“ I selected the butterfly, remembering how Ethel and I would find wild flowers and butterflies, walking together in the woods behind our homes in 1972-1973, when we were neighbors. I will never forget her smile and her kindness to me. I feel so privileged to have known her, as well as Jesse and Paula Bird. I know the Lord will help all of you get through this difficult time. Thinking of you all with love, Anna



Anna Fellows Rolling - January 29, 2012 at 11:42 AM

AR

“ Anna Fellows Rolling sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Anna Fellows Rolling - January 29, 2012 at 11:33 AM



“ *Pat Grussing lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Pat Grussing - January 29, 2012 at 10:34 AM



I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Ethel. She always had a smile on her face and was the cheeriest person I have every met. I was shocked to hear that she had passed. My deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Jesse and her family. Ethel will be truly missed. God Bless you all. Thoughts and prayers. RIP Ethel!

Pat Grussing - January 29, 2012 at 10:37 AM

PL

“ *Pat Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Pat Lewis - January 29, 2012 at 09:03 AM

JC

“ *Sending love from Janet and Austin and Shirley Cunningham, Michael and Natasha Goehring.*



Janet Cunningham - January 29, 2012 at 07:47 AM

DC

“ *D Alan Cheek sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



D Alan Cheek - January 28, 2012 at 09:56 PM

DC

I picked the dove because this is my prayer; that He may bless you all with His peace - which we are told "passes all understanding" - in this difficult time.

D Alan Cheek - January 28, 2012 at 09:58 PM

MP

“ *Mark & Gina Pavon lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Mark & Gina Pavon - January 28, 2012 at 05:34 PM

SH

“ *Stacey Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Stacey Hatcherson - January 28, 2012 at 04:44 PM

CM

“ *Carole Manley lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Carole Manley - January 28, 2012 at 02:48 PM

RL

“ *Robin L. Leager lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Robin L. Leager - January 28, 2012 at 12:51 PM

RL

Praying and keeping Mr. Jesse, Paula, Chris, Dru & Ana in our thoughts. So sorry for your loss and the pain your heart is going through at this time. Cherish all the memories and keep her alive in your heart, she will never leave you. I have lots of good memories of her. God be with you all.

Robin L. Leager - January 28, 2012 at 12:56 PM

LD

“ *Linda Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Linda Dorsey - January 28, 2012 at 10:04 AM

HH

“ *Harriette & Norris Hall lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Harriette & Norris Hall - January 27, 2012 at 07:24 PM

PS

“ *Pat Spangler lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Pat Spangler - January 27, 2012 at 05:01 PM

PS

Jesse and Family I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will miss Ethel's news of family, from Chestertown.

Pat Spangler - January 27, 2012 at 05:05 PM

ED

“ *Emmett Duke lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Emmett Duke - January 27, 2012 at 02:49 PM

EM

Jesse, Paula, and family, You have my most sincere sympathy in the loss of Ethel. You all know how much she helped me when I needed help the most. Jesse and Paula, you and Ethel took me in when I needed friends who would just be kind and understanding, and I can't tell you enough how much you mean to me. God bless you.

Emmett

Emmett - January 27, 2012 at 02:57 PM

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Emmett

Emmett - January 27, 2012 at 02:57 PM

MU

“*Mary Ellen Unruh lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*”



Mary Ellen Unruh - January 27, 2012 at 02:20 PM

WJ

“ Wendy Jacob lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Wendy Jacob - January 27, 2012 at 01:58 PM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Frankie & Jane Dill - January 27, 2012 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ Jesse, Paula and all the family. I am so sorry about Ethel. Having worked with her and around her most of our lives, she always kept me laughing! I am sure she will change heaven with her crazy spirit for the better. My prayers are with all of you. I have enjoyed knowing her and will miss her and her smile! Hugs

Joyce Benton - January 27, 2012 at 09:51 AM

JB

“ Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Joyce Benton - January 27, 2012 at 09:47 AM

KP

“ *Kay Bennett Pinder lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Kay Bennett Pinder - January 27, 2012 at 08:53 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn B. Butler lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Carolyn B. Butler - January 27, 2012 at 08:47 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Butler lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Cheryl Butler - January 27, 2012 at 08:46 AM

TG

“ *I know you will keep everyone laughing in Heaven. We love you and will miss you dearly Aunt Ahbe! Love, Teresa and Pete*

Teresa Giunta - January 27, 2012 at 07:45 AM

MC

“ We miss you Aunt Ahbe but we will remember you fondly and smile.

Love, Mlssy,Bob, Jamie and Olivia



Melissa Coleman - January 27, 2012 at 07:15 AM

DK

“ We love you so much. Words cannot express how much we will miss you!!

Love you always and forever in our hearts!

Jack and Debbie



deborah kemp - January 27, 2012 at 05:20 AM

LM

“ I will miss you bobbie.....love you always



lauren and michael - January 26, 2012 at 09:06 PM

LL

“ Lana Luike lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Lana Luike - January 26, 2012 at 08:31 PM

DO

“ *Doris Olsen lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Doris Olsen - January 26, 2012 at 08:01 PM

JJ

“ *Joan Tribbitt Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Joan Tribbitt Jenkins - January 26, 2012 at 06:58 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Ethel's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. I really enjoyed her post that she left for me on FB.*

Ruth Brown Tidwell - January 26, 2012 at 05:40 PM

CY

“ *Chris, Paula, Dru And Ana. We Miss You! lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Chris, Paula, Dru and Ana. We miss you! - January 26, 2012 at 05:00 PM

TB

“ We are so sad to hear of Ethel's passing, she was a wonderful neighbor

Tink and Beverly Blakeney - January 26, 2012 at 04:19 PM

RO

“ RJ And Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



RJ and Kristi Osborn - January 26, 2012 at 12:34 PM

SJ

“ Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



Sherrie Jacobs - January 26, 2012 at 12:12 PM

TF

“ The Hillyer Family lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham



The Hillyer Family - January 26, 2012 at 11:41 AM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Ethel Paula Cunningham*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - January 26, 2012 at 11:09 AM