



Ethel Mae Toulson

November 2, 1933 - May 11, 2022

Ethel Mae Toulson went home to be with the Lord on May 11, 2022, surrounded by loved ones at her home in Rock Hall. She was 88 years old.

She was born in Skinners Neck on November 2, 1933, the daughter of John Henry and Frances Elburn Boulter. She grew up in Skinners Neck, attending Skinners Neck School and later graduated from Rock Hall High School in 1952.

She worked as a tomato canner at Rock Hall Canning Company while she was still in school. After graduating, she became a switchboard operator for C&P Telephone. She was working at C&P the day of the defense plant explosion in 1954, providing communication during a difficult and vital time. She and many other switchboard operators worked tirelessly for days to keep communications going. Eventually, she became an Assignment Clerk with C&P's engineering department. She retired in 1994 but continued working part-time as a switchboard operator for the hospital and then for 10 years for the Kent County Health Department.

She and her husband, the late James A. "Junior" Toulson, raised four children together. She was a very active lifetime member of Raum Chapel in Skinners Neck and was a member of the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 60 years where she served as president for about 40 years. She enjoyed

cooking, and making ceramics, but she was most well-known for her incredible baking. Her most famous recipes were her homemade dinner rolls, caramel cake, coconut cake, and five-flavored pound cake. There was never a boxed cake or store bought jar of apple sauce in their home – Mrs. Toulson insisted on homemaking them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. “Junior” Toulson, and, sister, Jean Dowling.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Truitt and Andrea Edwards (Timmy); sons, Jeffrey Toulson and John “T-Bird” Toulson; brother, Albert Boulter (Mary); sister, Nelda LeCompte; grandchildren: Cheri (Chuck), Joseph(Brooke), Dakota (Morgan), Wyatt, and Chloe; great-grandchildren: Drew, Jonny, and Emmi; as well as many nieces, nephews, “adopted” children, and her beloved chihuahua, Heidi.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Rock Hall VFC. Services will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 1:30 pm at Raum Chapel UMC, with a reception to follow at Rock Hall VFC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Raum Chapel UMC: C/O Debbie Nelson, 4985 Piney Neck Rd, Rock Hall, MD 21661; the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company at P.O. Box 577 Rock Hall, MD 21661; or Compass Regional Hospice, 106 Coursevall Dr, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company
21500 Rock Hall Ave
Rock Hall, MD

Service

MAY 22. 1:30 PM (ET)

Raum Chapel
5272 Skinners Neck Road
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 22, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 19, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ethel Mae Toulson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ethel Mae Toulson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ethel Mae Toulson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Laura And Dinky lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Laura and Dinky - May 21, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Andrea, after reading your mom's obituary, it is likely that my mom and your mom worked together at C & P. My condolences on your loss.*

Mavis Jones - May 21, 2022 at 08:02 AM



I believe they did. Thank you Mavis.

Andrea Edwards - May 23, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Toulson.*



May 20, 2022 at 11:44 PM

PG

“ To Sharon, Andrea, and the rest of Ethel's family, We were sadden to learn of Ethel's passing. She was a hard worker for Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary for many years and also several other organizations. At this time, we both have medical issues and will be unable to attend the viewing and service. Please forgive us. We have you in our prayers. RIP with Jr., Ethel.
Pee Wee and Kay Glenn
Havre de Grace, MD.

Pee Wee and Kay Glenn - May 20, 2022 at 04:17 PM

ST

Thank you Miss Kay! I'm sorry you and Mr. Pee Wee are not well, but we certainly understand. You were good friends for all of your adult lives and she thought a lot of you!
Sharon

Sharon Truitt - May 20, 2022 at 06:34 PM

AE

Thank you Mrs Kay. We are very sorry for your health issues, but we know you were there in spirit and prayer. She loved you two dearly! Please take care and if we can do anything for you please just let us know!!
Love you and HUGS- Andrea

Andrea Edwards - May 23, 2022 at 11:32 AM

BK

“ A new bee at the OCConbention representing Arbutus,I met Mrs Ethel out in the lobby. We struck up a conversation. My people are from Oakland md.and I felt like I had met one of my relatives.She invited me to sit with her and shared the ropes of our convention. I am so sad to not have been able to make her celebration of life. May her hard work and great dedication to Rock Hall continue on in her memory. Being with Mrs.Ethel each year was a wonderful experience. God bless and keep her wonderful family.

Bonnie Kabara

Former Chaplain Arbutus Volunteers Auxiliary

Bonnie Kabara - May 20, 2022 at 02:18 PM

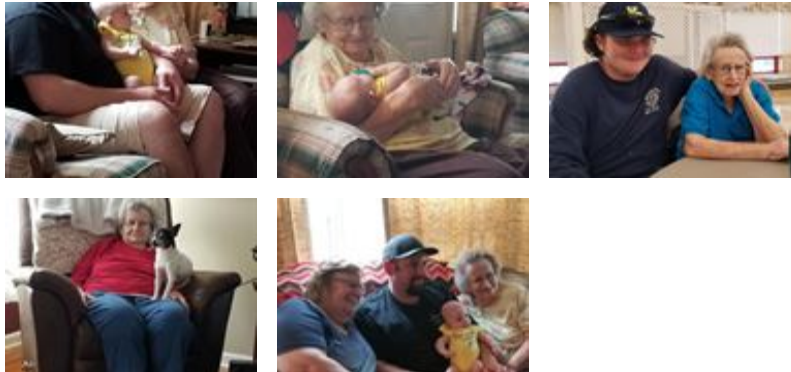
ST

She fell in love with you immediately Bonnie and had met a new best friend!

Sharon Truitt - May 20, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 20, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ 161 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 19, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ Ramsey GMC, Inc purchased the *Adoring Heart* for the family of Ethel Mae Toulson.



Ramsey GMC, Inc - May 18, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ Dawn And Ricky lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Dawn and Ricky - May 16, 2022 at 09:59 PM

BT

“ *Butler Medical Transport purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ethel Mae Toulson.*



Butler Medical Transport - May 16, 2022 at 09:51 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - May 16, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Pam Teat lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Pam Teat - May 15, 2022 at 11:33 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Mark & Sandy Joiner - May 15, 2022 at 07:51 PM

MJ

Such a sweet lady, we will all miss her so very much

Mark & Sandy Joiner - May 15, 2022 at 07:52 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Caulk Christy lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Jennifer Caulk Christy - May 15, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Joyce Nicholson - May 15, 2022 at 02:08 AM



“ *Miss Ethel was gem of a lady with a tiny ornery streak . She liked to kid up without hurting and or insulting anyone. She will be dearly missed in our community.*



Brenda Biddle - May 15, 2022 at 12:10 AM

MF

“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Marilyn Ford - May 14, 2022 at 10:56 PM

BE

“ Miss Ethel was a dear sweet lady I've known for a long time. Loved her laugh and beautiful smile. She could feed an army. She will be sorely missed. Prayers to the family. Love you all 💔
Betty Jo (States) & Kenny Embert



Betty Jo Embert - May 14, 2022 at 10:38 PM

EL

“ Eric & Donna Legg lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Eric & Donna Legg - May 14, 2022 at 07:08 PM

MM

“ God Bless Miss Ethel, a great lady who served in life always. Sending my condolences to all the family. Mark Mumford



Mark Mumford - May 14, 2022 at 05:52 PM

TM

“ *Terry Milash lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Terry Milash - May 14, 2022 at 03:19 PM

TM

“ *So sorry to for your loss. Wonderful lady loved working with her and getting to know the family*



Terry Milash - May 14, 2022 at 03:18 PM

EH

“ When I read the beautifully written narrative on “Miss” Ethel’s life and saw the part where she was survived by many “adopted” children, I consider myself one of them. Miss Ethel was one of the many women of Raum Chapel who loved on so many children through the years, including me. She and “Miss” Nellie Wilson taught a middle school Sunday School class there, and I can remember us peppering them with all kinds of questions about God during our class, and they always had an answer. They were part of my own faith journey and set me on a path to eventually accepting Jesus as my Savior. We would take trips to PA and pile into Miss Ethel’s and Miss Jean’s station wagons, and if you had the privilege of being in Miss Ethel’s car, you would get a great thrill ride as she would speed over the many hills we would encounter on our way to our destination. Years later when I would return to visit Raum Chapel, I would notice her passing out candy to the kids when church was over. I loved to hear her reverence for God when she would pray to close our Sunday School time. Miss Ethel was fun, she was as women of faith, she was extremely dedicated to her church, the people of the church, and her community. She was a wonderful friend, a hard worker, had a beautiful smile, kept going and moving and doing until God was ready to speak the words “Well done good and faithful servant”. Heaven is real, and I know Miss Ethel is well. The Toulson family are my brothers and sisters, part of my history, and part of my heritage. I love you guys, and I’m praying for you too. See you soon!

Eva Hatcherson - May 14, 2022 at 03:17 PM

ST

Awe Eva! she loved all of you Hatch Batch and especially your Mom! Together they were trouble, but the best kind! A few of us welled up when we read your tribute, I have to admit! Love you all!
Sharon

Sharon Truitt - May 20, 2022 at 06:42 PM

ML

“ *A great Lady who always had a smile on her face. She'll be missed. Condolences to her family.* ”



Margi Landgraf - May 14, 2022 at 12:23 PM

CT

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family* ”



Chris Tingen - May 14, 2022 at 12:01 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson* ”



Brenda Morgan - May 14, 2022 at 11:01 AM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson* ”



Liz Smith - May 14, 2022 at 07:07 AM

RK

“ Miss Ethel was a matriarch of Rock Hall. She raised her children and "many others". What a wonderful lady. She always had a smile for everyone and I will miss her happy nature alot. I always would make the recipes in the church, school and Fire House cookbooks that she submitted. They were the best!!!. Rest in peace Miss Ethel.
Rita Kulley.

Rita Kulley - May 13, 2022 at 09:09 PM

LW

“ Linda And James Wachowiz sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Linda and James Wachowiz - May 13, 2022 at 08:59 PM

Laura Johnson

“ Laura Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Laura Johnson - May 13, 2022 at 08:07 PM

LC

“ Loretta Cudnik lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Loretta Cudnik - May 13, 2022 at 07:40 PM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



inez thompson - May 13, 2022 at 07:39 PM

JU

“ *JuneYeager lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



JuneYeager - May 13, 2022 at 05:55 PM

BG

“ *Sharon, Andrea, Jeff and Andrea, Was so sorry to learn of your moms passing. what a beautiful lady with an even bigger heart. Rock Hall has lost one of its best, along with the RH Fire Co. auxiliary. Your mom was so dedicated to anything she did. She will surely be missed. rest in peace and love Mrs. Ethel. praying for all of her family for comfort and peace thru this very difficult time.. BettyAnn Glenn*



BettyAnn Glenn - May 13, 2022 at 05:24 PM

BG

So sorry, I meant to include T- Bird

BettyAnn Glenn - May 13, 2022 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ *Maryadda Moore lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Maryadda Moore - May 13, 2022 at 05:21 PM

CL

“ *Chuck And Julie Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Chuck and Julie Langenfelder - May 13, 2022 at 04:18 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - May 13, 2022 at 01:48 PM

CE

Miss Ethel was a wonderful and sweet lady and will truly be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Rest in peace!

Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - May 13, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ Sharon McClinton lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Sharon McClinton - May 13, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ Rosie Gagalski.



Rosie Gagalski - May 13, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Marie Usilton - May 13, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ Bob And Sandy Rust lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Bob and Sandy Rust - May 13, 2022 at 10:35 AM

MW

“ Missy Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Missy Wilkinson - May 13, 2022 at 09:19 AM

DS

“ Denny Dalrymple Sr lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Denny Dalrymple sr - May 13, 2022 at 08:59 AM

DS

Rock hall will miss this lady. She would always call me when fire house was having food soup&subs. And whatever else.. rip miss ethel

Denny Dalrymple sr - May 13, 2022 at 09:03 AM

RO

“ RJ & Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



RJ & Kristi Osborn - May 13, 2022 at 08:29 AM

AN

“ Adam & Dianna Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Adam & Dianna Nordhoff - May 13, 2022 at 06:23 AM

CN

“ Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - May 12, 2022 at 10:20 PM

MD

“ Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Marty Davidson - May 12, 2022 at 09:30 PM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Denny and Judy Hickman - May 12, 2022 at 09:00 PM

TW

“ Troy & Dawn White lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Troy & Dawn White - May 12, 2022 at 08:59 PM

TW

“ Troy & Dawn White lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Troy & Dawn White - May 12, 2022 at 08:58 PM

PK

“ Phyllis Schauber Keefe lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Phyllis Schauber Keefe - May 12, 2022 at 08:50 PM

PK

I'm deeply sorry for your Mom's passing. May you find comfort knowing she is with the Lord. What a legacy she has left- May God bless your family & comfort you.

Phyllis Schauber Keefe - May 12, 2022 at 08:52 PM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



shirley Foster - May 12, 2022 at 08:44 PM

DO

“ Doris Olsen lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Doris Olsen - May 12, 2022 at 08:20 PM

LO

“ Leslie Owens lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Leslie Owens - May 12, 2022 at 07:13 PM

FL

“ We are very sorry for your loss.



Frankie and Cathy Legg - May 12, 2022 at 06:30 PM

DA

“ *Andrea, Sharon, boys and families,
There are no words to express the sadness I felt after hearing the news that Ms Ethel had passed. We all know she is in a better place and will be so missed until we see her again. I have so many fond memories of working with her at the Health Dept from her laugh, stories, fun antics and oh her cakes and cooking! So sorry for your loss as I know your hearts are just broken but she will always be with you.*

Love you sisters, Debbie

Debbie Alexander - May 12, 2022 at 06:23 PM

ST

Thank you, sister Debbie!

Sharon Truitt - May 20, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of
Ethel Mae Toulson*



Jeanette Stubbs - May 12, 2022 at 06:23 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Ethel
Mae Toulson*



Connie Fithian - May 12, 2022 at 06:21 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - May 12, 2022 at 04:32 PM

DN

“ *Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*

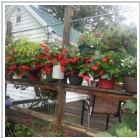


Diana Nichols - May 12, 2022 at 04:26 PM

KP

“ *Kay & Lori Pinder*

Kay Pinder - May 12, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Sherrie Jacobs - May 12, 2022 at 04:13 PM

GC

“ Gail Kendall Claggett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Gail Kendall Claggett - May 12, 2022 at 03:39 PM

GC

Sharon, Andrea, Jeff & Johnny, It is with great sadness that I learn of Miss Ethel's passing. She and your family hold a special place in my heart. From being Daddy and Jr.'s sister, to trips "up the shore", bible school at Raum, car pooling to Easton for work, enjoying her limas, caramel cake, rolls, chicken salad sharing her laughter, being neighbors and digging potatoes out in the garden. She has left a legacy and fond memories of good times. Doesn't get much better than that. A life well lived.

Gail Kendall Claggett - May 12, 2022 at 03:46 PM

ST

Thank you, "cousin" Gail!

Sharon Truitt - May 14, 2022 at 09:43 AM

MR

“ Maryann & Max Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson



Maryann & Max Ruehrmund - May 12, 2022 at 03:28 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Joan Hatcherson - May 12, 2022 at 03:14 PM

BE

“ *Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Toulson*



Bonnie Edwards - May 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM