



## Edna Irene Banks

January 10, 1930 - August 30, 2023

Edna Irene Banks was born on January 10, 1930, in Midwood, Virginia. She was the beloved daughter of late Alice and Edward (Bub) Banks. After a brief yet extensive illness, God stretched out his hand and called her home on August 30, 2023, at home in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Edna was educated in Chambersburg County public schools and graduated in the early 1950s with her diploma. While working at the Gettysburg Shoe Factory, she partnered with Chambersburg Hospital Nursing Internship program where she received an associate degree and license in Nursing in 1958. Edna was employed at South Mountain Restoration Center, where she retired in the early 1980's and then returned to work at Piney Mountain Nursing Facility, and private in-home nursing care.

Dedicated to her church, Corpus Christi Catholic Church of Chambersburg, Edna participated in various ministries. She was a member of the CCW Council of Catholic Women, Eucharist Minister, and sponsored several international dinners for charity. Her love for music was truly special and she loved singing with a gospel chorus in the past.

Edna was a caring, humorous, and loving person. Those who knew her best knew she was a traveler and horticulturalist. One of her most famous adventures were traveling to Rome to meet Pope John Paul II as he

celebrated his 25th year of priesthood. The pope at the time was canonizing the first African American bishops for United States and she was one of 400 African Americans to be invited. Edna was recognized within the local news for her excursion and also received a special rosary while there. She loved to shop and spending time with her family. She loved her sons, her granddaughter, and her great granddaughter, especially. The laughter you would hear often from her conversing with friends or the smile she greeted you with every time she saw you was overly contagious and heartfelt. Edna always had a sharp mind and could tell you about daily news events and how it related to history. Though she no longer is here physically on earth, the memories of Edna will be cherished in the hearts of many forever.

She is also preceded in death by her brothers, Thomas Williams and Benjamin Banks; and sister-in-laws, Ava Williams, and Margaret Scott Banks.

Edna leaves behind precious memories of her sons, David (Joan) Rideout and Eugene Rideout of Chambersburg, PA; a granddaughter, Electa Rideout of Chambersburg, PA; a great granddaughter, Ahsia Thomas of Chambersburg, PA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will cherish the memories of her forever.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The family will receive visitors Wednesday, September 6, 2023, from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Sellers Funeral Home. There will also be a time of visitation for one hour prior to the Mass.

Online condolences can be made at [sellersfuneralhome.com](http://sellersfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sellers Funeral Home  
297 Philadelphia Avenue  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

## Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
320 Philadelphia Ave  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

## Mass

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
320 Philadelphia Ave  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ I did not know. That Edna had passed. I'm so very sad that i missed the Mass. I did see it on computer and did visit her at the cemetery. I will always remember her time on the church parish council that she and I shared helping to have the A&P building turned into the parish center. I could always count on her to have the correct information about church happenings. She loved corpus Christy very much. She will be missed very much, and her fingerprints will be all over for us to remember. Thank you so much Edna my very best friend in life.

*Thomas R Thorne*

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**Thomas Thorne** - September 09, 2023 at 05:00 PM

SO

“ To Electa and family,  
Thinking of you all. Praying for your peace  
and comfort during this difficult time. Nae you  
can rest now..💕 Sonya and family



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**Sonya** - September 06, 2023 at 09:46 PM

TF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you embark on this difficult hour. Sleep in peace Ms. Banks, may our God of hope, peace and love carry you as you take your rest in His arms.

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**The Lawton Family** - September 06, 2023 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ *The Lawton Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Irene Banks*



**The Lawton Family** - September 06, 2023 at 08:01 PM

GL

“ *Gina Lawton lit a candle in memory of Edna Irene Banks*



**Gina Lawton** - September 06, 2023 at 07:58 PM

HO

“ *Love and prayers for you and your lovely family Edna. I feel blessed and very fortunate to have known you my dear friend. I feel your presence. My love and prayers for your family I have grown to know and be inspired by. Electa, Ahsia, Joan and Eugene especially. We have shared so many times together. Hopefully prayer and live will heal your loss. You are all in my prayers and heart altho not strong enough to be with you tomorrow.*

**Heather O'Shea** - September 06, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DE

“ Hello.  
I wanted to let you all know you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
The world was a much better place with Edna in it and she will be missed.  
Aunt Nancy enjoyed her time with her, as she was very special to her and my Mom.  
May God send you blessings of peace and healing.  
Love being sent,  
Debbie Eichelberger

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**Debbie Eichelberger** - September 06, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MS

“ As a fellow-parishioner, Edna always had a beautiful motherly presence and a warm way of greeting people. She was very interested in helping to support people with disabilities and some might recall that she also helped with the support group for disabled persons at Corpus Christi Parish. She was a life-long learner. She tackled some computer classes that my husband taught years ago. She will be missed!

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**Monica and Keith Smith** - September 04, 2023 at 07:32 AM

JC

“ Joan Colbey-Rideout lit a candle in memory of Edna Irene Banks



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**Joan Colbey-Rideout** - September 03, 2023 at 04:06 PM

JC

“ Edna, or "Mum" as I fondly called her, was a very special lady to me. I've been in her family for many years, and she was like a second Mom to me after I lost my Mom. She was so nurturing and caring. She had a heart of gold and never thought twice about helping someone, because that's the kind of person she was. But I take solace in knowing that she's resting in the arms of the Lord right now, and one day we will all be together in God's house. My heart goes out to the family because they are "My Family". Rest in Peace " Mum".

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**Joan Colbey-Rideout** - September 02, 2023 at 12:31 PM

DE

“ Worked with Edna at SMRC. Always special to work with. Loved her kids so much and spoke often of them.

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**darlene etchberger** - September 02, 2023 at 10:20 AM

LJ

“ To the Family,  
Our deepest heartfelt sympathy. Cousin Edna was a gem who loved you all so very much. ❤️ I will always remember how she loved getting all the Carter - Banks relatives together in Millwood , VA. for Family reunions . ❤️ RIP Cousin Edna . ❤️  
Sincerest sympathy,  
Les & Tina

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**Les & Tina Jiles** - September 01, 2023 at 07:14 PM

DP

*To David, Gene, Electa, and Ahsia,  
My deepest sympathy! I know without a doubt how much Edna loved her family. I have known Edna for 66 to 67 years. We worked together for almost 2 years when, during a conversation, we realized that her grandfather and my grandfather were not only good friends but also Baptist ministers in the same Baptist church conference. Edna was a good friend, a kind and generous lady who would help anyone she could. There is so much more I could share about our friendship, but, most of all, I will always remember her as a true woman of faith who loved her church and her Lord. Nothing but poor health could keep me from traveling to Chambersburg for her Mass of Christian Burial.  
Doris Carter Pleasants*

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**Doris Carter Pleasants** - September 04, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JA

*david&gene a great heart has gone to rest. jim A*

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**JAMES B ADDLESBERGER** - September 07, 2023 at 09:26 AM

RB

*I worked with Ms. Edna at Piney Mountain in 1994 & 1995. She is with her Savior Jesus. She was always laughing. She taught me a lot about LPN work as I was a NEW NURSE back then.*

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**Robert Byerly** - April 24, 2025 at 10:02 AM