



## Edith Dunn

October 25, 1944 - August 3, 2020

Edith Dunn, the second child to the late Lena Daniels and the late Willie Daniels, was born on October 25, 1944 in Emporia, Virginia. Her early life was greatly influenced by her grandmother, the late Ida Mae Franklin, whom she lived with off and on until age nine. After attending Greenville County Elementary School, Edith

made a permanent move to live with her mother and two sisters, Barbara Jean Daniels and Sandra Carter.

Edith made a profession of faith and was baptized at First Charity Baptist Church on March 17, 1965. She attended Dunbar High School in Baltimore, but soon left after the birth of her first born, Derrick Andrew Dunn.

Edith worked various jobs to help support her son. One year later, she gave birth to her second son, Danny, who

was placed for adoption. After 40 years, they were miraculously reunited. In 1963, Edith married Charles Dunn,

Jr. and to that union was born Pamela and Charles. Edith and Charles Jr. divorced in 1973.

Edith was a strong willed woman and participated in the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) where she fearlessly fought against racial injustice. She went to work for Westinghouse's Molecular Division, but was laid off in 1974.

She then worked for Bethlehem Steel Corporation where she was the first woman, and for a long

time the only woman, to work on the 48 inch tandem rod mill. It was there that

she met her husband, the late Richard Dawson, Jr.

Edith became heavily involved in union activities. She was the first woman elected to the Executive Board of Local 2609 United Steel Workers of America (USWA). She won an election to become Trustee of that Local.

The Union later appointed her to the Blood Bank Committee. She was also the first woman hired at Gypsum Wall Board – a lot of firsts for a woman with only an eighth grade education. She was a licensed insurance underwriter, and obtained a license in cosmetology. In 2015, Edith was contacted by the Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group (HLLG) where she participated in the program “Reflecting on the History of African American Contributions to Sparrows Point.” She retired from Bethlehem Steel after 25 years. During retirement, Edith

decided to return to school and attended Essex Community College where she proudly earned her Maryland H.S. Diploma on December 31, 2004.

Edith always looked forward to spring so she could pot an abundance of flowers for her deck. She also looked forward to Christmas. She would decorate her entire house and tree with hundreds of lights, winning best decorated house in the neighborhood one year. Gardening and decorating for Christmas were favorites of hers.

Whether it was the heart of the East Side or the suburbs, Edith kept the finest house on the block, taking pride in her well-manicured lawn.

Edith was a loving and caring person and had a big heart. Her husband, Rich, adored her and loved her deeply.

She nurtured and guided her children in a way that was unmatched by any other. She took on her grandson, Jason, or as she would call him, her “Main Man,” as her own. She loved to cook and enjoyed hosting family.

Edith became ill a few years ago and was on a gradual decline. She succumbed to complications of COVID-19 which were aggravated by her underlying illnesses. Edith departed this life on August 3, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Dawson, Jr. who departed on December 21, 2008; and her son, Derrick Andrew Dunn, who

departed on October 10, 2015.

Edith leaves to mourn and cherish her memory: three children, Danny Ulysses Hicks, Pamela April Harris (James), and Charles Charon Dunn (Harlow); two step-children, Debbie Luciano and Richard Dawson, III; ten grandchildren: Linea Dunn, James Kevin Sharp, Jr., a.k.a. Jason, Deneane Freeman (Daniel), Deneada Dunn, Edith Christina Harris, Shanaiea Dunn, Cheryl Jamie Harris, Danny Ulysses Hicks, Jr., Tatyana Kahlillah Dunn, Kamirah Nyla Dunn; four great-grandchildren: Saione Elaine Renee Epps, Natalia Ace Harris, Sanai Wagstaff, and Nathaniel Cash Harris; a sister, Sandra Holt; Clara Carroll, a.k.a. Doll, who was like a sister; an aunt, Mary Lambert; an uncle, Lenon Franklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## viewing

**AUG 8.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

**AUG 10.** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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AUG **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Edith Dunn, Please Click the Link below.



**March Funeral Homes** - August 08, 2020 at 11:14 AM

LS

*She was a very special friend and co-worker at Bethlehem Steel forever in my heart*

**Leroy Savage** - August 08, 2020 at 09:19 PM

MR

*As a friend of Edith's aunt Mary and her uncle Thomas, I was invited to her home with them on one of their visits. From that time Edith took me as a friend, and I her. We talked on the phone constantly. I will really miss her. Alice Ross*

**Mary Ross** - August 10, 2020 at 01:25 PM

ED

*Edith was a force to be reckoned with but she also was a good sister in law she always made you feel welcome in her home, Edith Dunn you will be truly missed.*

*With all our love*

*Tony and Earleen Dunn*

**earleen L dunn** - August 10, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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💕💕💕 Miss Edith will be missed but not forgotten. With all my love  
Renee

Renee Lewis (Gross) - August 10, 2020 at 03:23 PM

RF

We have been praying for the comfort of the Hicks family ever since hearing of Edith's illness and death-Riley and Brenda Franklin

Riley and Brenda Franklin - August 12, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Edith Dunn

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

RB

“ I was unaware of Ms Dunn's demise. My prayers continue to be with her family. I met her over a half-century ago when she was in the insurance business. I admired the diligence and energy she put into raising her children. We lost touch when I moved overseas during the VietNam War.



*Blessings to her family and all who loved her.*

*Rick Banks  
Tampa, FL*

Richard E. Banks - February 12, 2021 at 11:28 PM

LH

“ We love you Family! Sleep in peace Cousin Edith. See you in the Morning....

Sorrowfully, Joan and Lisa

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**Lisa Hampton** - August 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM

TM

“ I was Truly Blessed to Have a Friend Like Edith. she always made me laugh . we had a lot of fun together.

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**Theresa Moser** - August 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TM

“ Theresa M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Edith Dunn.



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**Theresa M.** - August 10, 2020 at 11:45 AM

TM

“ Theresa Moser lit a candle in memory of Edith Dunn



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**Theresa Moser** - August 10, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edith Dunn.*



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August 10, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *Dear Friend, Dedicated Co-Worker, Outstanding Personality She will be missed by so many friends that she made down in the Steel Mills.*



*R.I. H. Edith Dunn*

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**Edward Thomas** - August 10, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ *Love, Pat, Lee, Jamel, and Leland. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edith Dunn.*



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**Love, Pat, Lee, Jamel, and Leland.** - August 08, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edith Dunn.*



August 08, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *To Mr. & Mrs. Danny Hicks. From the Cousins. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edith Dunn.*



**To Mr. & Mrs. Danny Hicks. From the Cousins.** - August 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edith Dunn.*



August 07, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Our arms will forever be wrapped around Aunt Edith, she brought joy into everything she said and did...*

*Going to Miss her presence dearly.*

*Love your forever and e ever.*

*Your Loving Niece,*

*LaTonya*



**Latonya Adams** - August 07, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edith Dunn.*



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August 07, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *May the family of Edith always treasure the love she had for her family and her friends. The Bible is true and we believe she is with the Lord now. If we continue to live the life she lived we shall surely see her again on THAT GREAT DAY. Praying that God will strengthen you all at this time and continually give you strength in the coming days.*

*Barbara McCullough her friend/ coworker*

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**Barbara McCullough** - August 06, 2020 at 10:06 PM

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“🌿🌸 LOVING FAMILY 🌸🌿  
MAY YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES 🌿🌸🌿



CARRY YOU FROM GRIEF TO  
REMEMBRANCE ❤️❤️

AND BRING YOU TO A PLACE ON PEACE 🌿🙏🌿

WITH SYMPATHY FOR YOUR LOSS 🙏❤️🙏

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🙏🌿 REST WELL DEAR FRIEND 🙏🙏 AND CO WORKER 🙏🙏

🌿 IN THE ARMS OF THE HEAVENLY  
FATHER 🙏🙏🙏

★🌿🙏 YOU MEANT A LOT TO ALL OF US 🌿★🙏

AND WILL TRULY BE MISSED 🙏🙏

PRAYERS ARE UP 🙏

🙏🙏 WE LOVE YOU ❤️ EDITH DUNN ❤️ (MAXINE)

YOUR 🙏★🌿 ROD AND WIRE MILL 🙏★🌿 FAMILY

★🙏★ BETH STELL

SPARROWS PT.MD ★🙏★

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ANNETTE FRANKLIN - August 06, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ ☆ 🙏 FAMILY 🙏 ☆ 🙏

DEATH LEAVE A MEMORY NO ONE CAN  
HEAL 🙏

LOVE LEAVE A MEMORY NO ONE CAN STEAL ❤️

LOVE ❤️ PEACE 🙏 BLESSINGS ❤️ 🙏

💕 MAXINE  
REST PEACEFULLY IN HEAVEN 💕 QUEEN

FRANKLIN 🌸 JONES-BEY 🌸  
JENKINS 🌸 PRICE 🌸 HOLMES 🌸 FAMILY 🙏 🙏



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**ANNETTE FRANKLIN** - August 06, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 06, 2020 at 02:33 PM