



Edna Nealy Dorsey

July 14, 1933 - July 29, 2025

EDNA NEALY DORSEY was born July 14, 1933, in Winter Garden, Florida. She was the fourth of seven children born to John and Minnie Nealy. She was educated at Bell Glade High School and briefly attended Florida A & M College; before having to return home due to illness. Her first significant job was at Florida Power Company and then she relocated to Maryland to pursue an education and career in nursing.

Edna attended the Henryton State School of Nursing in Carroll County, Maryland where Sunday morning worship was mandatory. A dedicated Christian, she became a member of Union Bethel AME Church in 1957 where she met the late Mrs. Ruth Crowner Dorsey, who inspired her in African Methodism. After graduating from nursing school, Sister Edna married Brother William Dorsey, and from that union they had one son, John Dorsey.

Edna worked as a professional nurse at Mt. Wilson State Hospital in Baltimore County for 25 years before transferring to Spring Grove Hospital in Catonsville, Maryland where she retired after 46 years of service with the State of Maryland. While actively engaged in her nursing career, she also served in the Nurses Ministry at Union Bethel AME Church.

During her 68 years at Union Bethel, Sister Dorsey served under nine

pastors and participated in every ministry in which she could possibly serve. She was consecrated by Bishop Vinton R. Anderson as Deaconess, served as YPD Director and was President of Class Leaders for 25 years. Sister Dorsey was delighted to sing in the Sanctuary Choir, serve on the Stewardess Board; be a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) and represent the Washington Conference Branch WMS as a Member at-Large. Sister Dorsey also served in the Washington Conference Lay Organization and was one of the founding members of the Union Bethel lay organization. In 2022, the Union Bethel Lay Organization was named The Dorsey's and Bosley Lay Organization in honor of the founding members. Most of all, Sister Dorsey loved her Senior Outreach Ministry, and she loved her church. In March 2025, Sister Dorsey was one of five ladies to receive the Women of Distinction Award given by the Union Bethel Commission on Political and Social Action.

Sister Edna N. Dorsey was preceded in death by her husband, the late William Dorsey and she is survived by her son, John William Dorsey. She also leaves to cherish her memory: two grandsons, Jonathan and Anthony Washington of Baltimore, MD; sister, Alice Johnson of Clewiston, FL; sister in-law, Danette Nealy of Parkville, MD; a host of nieces and nephews; and an abundance of church family and friends. We praise and thank GOD for the life of Sister Edna Nealy Dorsey

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Rd
Windsor Mill, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Wake

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

Union Bethel A.M.E. Church
8615 Church Lane
Randallstown, MD

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Edna was a lovely giving woman of GOD. She was my UB Class Leader and a wonderful loving child of GOD. She did not take any nonsense and spoke her mind candidly but kindly. She was a reflection of GOD and tempered his teachings with obedience to the Churches' call for order, grace and love of all mankind. May our memory of her disciplined love and kindness toward her Church family be a mirror for how to honor GOD as we continue to do the work that needs to be done. As we Lift up each and every Union Bethel AME member that we meet as though she were looking over our shoulders. God Bless her spirit and allow her soul to rest. Sister BettyLewis

Betty Lewis - September 01, 2025 at 01:07 PM

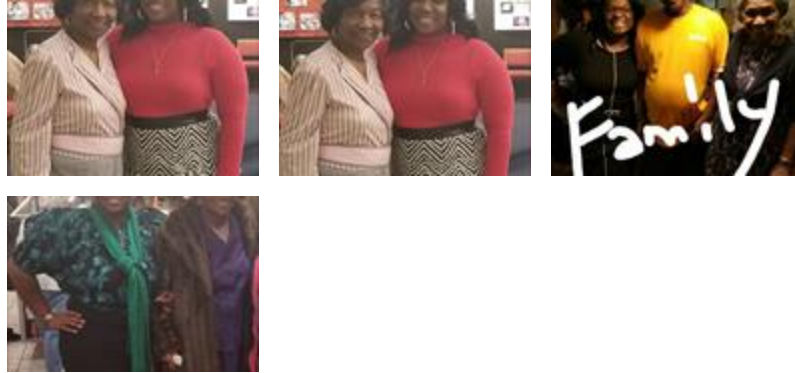
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“ I remember when my sisters and I was growing up Ms Nealy would pick us up and take us to Bible school and the church conferences,she always made sure we had a ride. Lillian Nicholson

Lillian Nicholson - August 11, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ Love you Aunt Edna! You made such a positive impact on my life. Thanks for everything. Rest in Heaven.



Mary Alexander - August 06, 2025 at 04:58 AM



“ 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.

March Life Tribute Center - July 31, 2025 at 12:40 PM



In loving memory of Sister Edna Dorsey. It was my pleasure to work with you and the SENIOR outreach Ministry at Union Bethel AME. May you rest in eternal peace and rise in the Master's greater glory.

Joan L. Ballard - August 02, 2025 at 09:56 PM



Sis. Edna Dorsey a wonderful example of steward ship, Christian love and friendship to whoever was in need. A true friend and dedicated servant of God. May you rest in peace and may the work you have done speak for you. The lord's name be praised.

Rev. Joan King - August 07, 2025 at 12:50 PM

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Janice and I had long relationship. All the vacations we went on together. Very fond memories.

Arthur G Nowell - August 07, 2025 at 08:36 PM

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From the Naylor Family we love u you will be missed

Brenda Naylor - August 12, 2025 at 02:07 PM