



Edna Reese Friend

January 24, 1937 - November 28, 2020

Edna Reese Friend, received her wings on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Henrico Doctors' Hospital. She was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia on January 24, 1937 to Melvin J. Reese, Sr. and Clara Reese Lee.

She accepted Christ at an early age at First Baptist Church Bermuda Hundred, Chester, Virginia. Later, she joined New Bridge Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Marcus Martin in Henrico, Virginia, where she was a faithful and dedicated member. She served on the Pastor's Aid Committee, Financial Committee, Women's Usher Ministry, Historian Committee and Food Committee. She also volunteered and participated in numerous other church activities. When she visited her family in Petersburg, she would attend First Baptist Church, Harrison Street with them.

Edna's employment began with The Agriculture and Extension Office in Chesterfield. Thereafter, she was employed at Carver High School in Chester, Virginia. In 1963, she started employment at the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Richmond Division; where she retired after 31 years of dedicated service.

Edna had deep love for family and friends, in addition to all things of beauty relating to interior decorating, floral wreath arrangements, fancy hats, shoes and shopping.

Her positive attitude; friendly and outgoing personality, captured the hearts of everyone she met. Edna's memory will live on forever because of the lives she touched.

Edna was preceded in death by former husband Lewis Friend, Sr., son, Lewis Friend, Jr., parents, Melvin J. Reese, Sr., and Clara Reese Lee, stepfather, William I. Lee; siblings, Octavia R. Brown, Melvin J. Reese, Jr., William A. Lee, and Glennis A. Lee Burton. She leaves to cherish her loving memories sister, Daisy Geraldine Reese; brother-in-law, Neal A. Brown; daughter-in-law, Duriechee Lynch Friend; three grandsons, Jhalen, Milan and Faron; step-daughter, Pamela Johnson (Michael); four devoted nieces, Belinda Brockenbough, Colette Burt (David), Carla Fitzgerald (James), Dianna Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile.

If only I could have you back, for just a little while.

Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do.

You always meant so very much and always will too.

The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain,

But, you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

2901 West Hundred Road
Chester, VA 23831

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Edna Reese Friend, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - December 08, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Edna Reese Friend*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *On behalf of the Brockenbrough family may our condolences bring you comfort and may our prayers ease the pain of this loss. Remembering her wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. May she rest in peace!*

~With Love ~

Belinda Brockenbrough and the Brockenbrough Family

Belinda Brockenbrough - December 10, 2020 at 10:38 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Friend's transition. I will miss shopping at Stein Mart with her. I will also miss watching what HAT she would wear. She had a beautiful spirit.

Deitra Harris

Deitra Harris - December 09, 2020 at 11:24 AM

JB

“ On behalf of the Bullock family, we would like to extend our sincerest condolences for your loss. Edna was a close friend of our family and she will be greatly missed in our hearts. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. We pray that God will grant you peace and comfort during your time of bereavement.

Julia Bullock and the Bullock Family

Julia Bullock - December 09, 2020 at 08:57 AM

MM

“ Ms. Friend was a beautiful person. She had grace, style, and a lovely smile. And those hats were each a story unto themselves! She was down-to-earth in her views, but accepted people wherever they were. I will miss talking to her and hearing her laugh. I offer my sympathy to her family for the loss of such a wonderful woman.

Marie McEachin
Member, New Bridge Baptist Church

Marie McEachin - December 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JP

“ To the Reese, Fitzgerald, and Friend families.....May Ms. Edna's wonderful legacy remain forever in our hearts! God's grace, mercy and peace will sustain you during this most difficult time. My friend, Ms. Edna, a "true Renaissance Woman", and "class act." Rest in Peace.



Dunlop Street Petersburg Neighbor
Joanne Moore Parham (Chester)

Joanne Parham - December 08, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JF

“ Friend - What an appropriate last name for a beautiful woman of God! I met Edna over 30 years ago when I transferred to the Richmond FBI Office. Edna and Shelia Redman took me out to lunch to welcome me to the office. I have never forgotten the kindness. Edna was a woman of much wisdom. We would call each other on Sundays and share our Pastor's sermon with each other. I would tease her when Pastor Martin (her Pastor) would be delivering the sermon at my church. We would also discuss what was on our menu for the day! We would talk about the goodness of God and how much God has blessed us. I loved most is that Edna never lost her faith. She had a gift of doing craft work. I was blessed this year to receive two beautiful wreaths that she made. I did not ask for them. She did them out of the kindness of her heart. When I look at the wreaths I will always remember Edna. She could also make you laugh. I love and miss you. Until we meet again, my Friend.

Jackie Fields - December 08, 2020 at 10:15 AM

BC

“ To My Dear Friend, Edna Friend,

It is unfortunate that the Covid virus has prevented many of us from honoring your memory in person! With that said, I would be amongst those standing in line waiting to say something to you! You were my dear friend and I lived next door to you for 20 years and was very blessed to have your friendship. When my family and friends came, you would be a part of our celebration and we would play the "Guess How Old Edna Is Game"! The highest age ANYONE guessed was 52!!! When I always told you that you would live to be 100 you said, "Betty, I do not want to live that long. When the Lord takes me, I am ready." As recently as Thanksgiving Day, you said that same thing to me. Less than one year after you loss Lewis, Jr., I lost my son, Dan. You were there to hold my hand, to offer cards each anniversary and birthday and, just to listen. I watched your faith tested in 2016 when you lost Lewis, Jr., and saw how you trusted in the Lord to guide you and comfort you. Your faith was unwavering and your compassion, forgiveness and integrity unmatched. I will miss you dear friend and, if I am good enough, will see you later! Much Love, Betty

Betty Cleaves - December 07, 2020 at 07:56 AM

KR

“ God blessed my life with Edna Reese Friend for 39 years. Edna was a friend, confidant, encourager, spiritual advisor and most of all my adopted Mother. She was a warm, loving and kind person that always made me laugh.

Edna will forever be loved by my family and never forgotten. Rest in peace Mom ❤️🌹



Kathi Garcia Russell - December 07, 2020 at 12:51 AM

AG

“ *Ms Friend was a kind soul and a loyal friend. I'll miss our in depth conversations. Her integrity and life walk have certainly made an impact on me. See you when we get to the other side. Rest in peace.*
Arlessa Gray



Arlessa Gray - December 06, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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“ *Geraldine, Phyllis & Family,
Condolences, love and prayers.*

Carver High School, Class of 1960 - December 06, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DM

“ *Drucilla Marsh lit a candle in memory of Edna
Reese Friend*



Drucilla Marsh - December 06, 2020 at 03:24 PM

DM

My Condolences to the family of Edna Friend. She was a sweet person with lots of wisdom. She had a beautiful smile and will be missed. God Bless you.
Deaconess Drucilla Marsh and Family

Drucilla Marsh - December 06, 2020 at 03:30 PM



To the Friend and Reese Families you have our deepest sympathy. Ms. Edna was a beautiful person. She loved people and people loved her. She will be missed by many. May God bless the family during this time of sorrow and may he give them peace knowing she is happy with her family once again.

Love the "Friend Girls" in Chesterfield, Joan, Marietha and Hilda

Hilda Jones - December 08, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JP

“ *To The Reese Family,
I was sorry to hear about Edna passing, was a beautiful person inside ,and out I attended Carver high with her sister, and brother Melvin. may she rest in peace. class of 1955.*

*Jean Pryor
Rochester, New York*

Jean Pryor - December 02, 2020 at 09:57 PM

AS

“ *Mrs. Edna was such a beautiful friend to our family, such a dear friend to our mother and father. My mother has known Mrs. Edna for over 50 years! She has been so supportive for my daughter's milestones, high school and college graduations. We will miss you Mrs. Edna, may you rest in peace.*

Angela Moseley Scott



Angela Moseley Scott - December 02, 2020 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ Friend - That's what Edna's friendship has meant to me for 29 years. Throughout the years, her wisdom has guided me through the sunshine and storms in my life. I will always be reminded of her wisdom, her grace and her sense of humor. She's at peace now and in the presence of the Lord.

Christine Hinton

Catherine C Hinton - December 02, 2020 at 06:42 AM

RF

“ I will miss your earthly presence. I know you have arrived home and have seen the King face to face. 🌸🌸🌸

Rev. Shirley Friend - December 01, 2020 at 08:47 PM

CH

“ Christine Hinton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edna Reese Friend.



Christine Hinton - December 01, 2020 at 08:31 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.

March Funeral Homes - December 01, 2020 at 11:35 AM



To Mrs. Edna, you were such a sweet person. Always had a beautiful smile and always so nice to everyone. Your heart was so broken when we loss Lewis Jr. but you stayed strong. Although we did not see you much, you were always with the "Friend" family for whatever we did. You were always there and you will be missed by many. God is going to keep the Reese/Friend families in his care. God Bless you!

Hilda Jones - December 03, 2020 at 01:25 PM

GK

Edna, you were a very special person. I was always impressed with how truly lady-like you were, from the first time we met. My heart is broken to know that you are gone. It is always hard to see a kind, gentle hearted person leave this Earth. You will be truly missed by all because you touched the heart of so many. You are a child of God, so take your resting place beside his throne and rest in peace.

Gwynneth Knight - December 03, 2020 at 10:31 PM

HW

To the family, "Miss Reese" as we called her when she was secretary at Carver High School was such a kind sweet person and always had a smile. She was truly a beautiful person and always attended Star Fellowship Church when her friend Julia Bullock sponsored a program. Rest my friend, until we meet again

Hazel Walker-Hobson - December 04, 2020 at 07:57 PM

EL

Edna, My dear friend and neighbor! Your faith, compassion , friendship and integrity will be missed! I know, however, you have seen the face of God and now joined with Lewis, Jr,! Love always,

Betty Cleaves

ElizabethCleaves - December 06, 2020 at 09:52 AM