



Edith Taylor Wilkinson

September 22, 1914 - June 16, 2017

Matthews, NC - Edith (Mae) Taylor Wilkinson passed away on June 16, 2017. She was born September 22, 1914 to Elbert Monroe and Laura Ashworth Taylor in West Point, Va. With her dad serving as a Mail Clerk on the N&W Railroad, the family was soon transferred to Norton, Va. When Edith was a teen, the family moved to Bluefield, Va., and finally settled in Bluefield, W.Va.- where she met and married Bernard Astor Wilkinson they were fortunate to be married 78years. Bernard and Edith spent his final 17 years of life in Colonial Heights, Va. near their daughter and son-in-law-Nancy and Jim McNeer and their family. When Bernard died (at age 100), Edith came "home" to be with her other daughter and son-in law Betty and Jack Bourne in Bluefield, Va. Edith was preceded in death by her parents, all her five siblings, and by her grandson-James Scott McNeer. She is survived by her two daughters and sons-.in-law, and by her grandchildren-Jody Bourne (wife Chrissy), David Bourne (wife Vicky) and Amanda McNeer, and by her great grandchildren; Jessica Bourne Morris(husband Scott), Hannah and Ben Bourne, , Morgan and Sloan Bourne, and Megan and Matthew McNeer; and by many nephews and nieces.

Edith was a homemaker in the best tradition -which allowed her time to "always be there" for her family and for volunteer work. She was involved in helping with her church, the local hospital, her family's activities, the Women's Club and with the Lions Club Auxiliary In the later years assisted her husband in his Insurance Office, and she became a care giver for her mother and

sister. In Colonial Heights, Va. she and Bernard sang with the Southernaires - entertaining in local civic clubs and nursing homes. Then it was her turn to be the one to receive care. (She was concerned that she had outlived her usefulness.); however, she did continue to enjoy life and to socialize- as she was taken out to eat, to the beauty parlor, and to many church activities. In the fall of 2016, Betty, Jack, and Edith moved to North Carolina to be near the grandsons and their families. The family want to thank the wonderful staff at Carrington Place, in Matthews, NC, for the loving care of Edith.

Her family will cherish her beautiful needlework gifts, her delicious recipes and her modeling the importance of preserving strong family traditions. She wanted her family to look and to act in the best manner possible.

Funeral services will be Tuesday June 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Hugh Cole officiating. Burial will follow in the Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 1:00 until the service hour.

The family requests, if desired, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Richard Bland College Foundation (J. Scott McNeer Scholarship Fund), 8311 Halifax Rd., South Prince George,, VA 23805-or to her church Edgemont Baptist Church, 2507 Jefferson Dr. Bluefield, WV 24701 Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Edith T. Wilkinson.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

JUN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edith Taylor Wilkinson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing, but so glad that she had so many years to share with her family. I will always remember your mom and dad as being very friendly and kind. I can remember when you used to live on Wythe Ave., just a block from me, and we went all the way through school together. I am praying for you and your family to know God's comfort and strength during this time; He is faithful. (I'm not sure of your address, so I am sending my condolences in this way.) Would love to see you.*

Joan Anderson Murray

Joan Anderson Murray - July 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ *So sorry to hear the loss of Edith, a wonderful woman of God. She will be missed but now with Jesus and Bernard. Betty Jo and Nancy, our prayers are with you in this time of sorry.*

David and Gail Garrett

Palm Coast, FL

David Garrett - June 20, 2017 at 10:40 AM

JF

“ Betty & family, My condolences and prayers are with you all at this time. I am sure your mom will be greatly missed, however, she is now joining with your father and lots of friends. Would like to be there in person, however, I don't travel far from my home in Texas. Hugs and prayers are with you all today. Joyce Long Fisher.

Joyce Fisher - June 20, 2017 at 07:18 AM

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Kenneth Gray - June 19, 2017 at 11:32 PM

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Edith Wilkerson and Marylou Cole At Church

Kenneth Gray - June 19, 2017 at 11:46 PM

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“ Betty and Jack, so sorry to hear of Edith's passing. She and Bernard were special people in my life and in many others that I know. She was a neighbor, a dear friend and everyone loved her. I am so glad that she got to come to Edgemont Baptist Church and we could sit together. It is a comfort to know that she is in the loving arms of her Savior and with Bernard.
Katie and I will be praying for you and the rest of the family in this difficult time.
Katie and Ken Gray

Kenneth Gray - June 19, 2017 at 10:56 PM

PT

“ Aunt Edith was a sweet, spunky, funny, and completely lovely lady. She loved God, she loved her husband, she loved her children and grandchildren - she loved everyone. And we ALL loved her, too.

Phyllis Taylor - June 19, 2017 at 03:21 PM

RS

“ Betty and Jack, We are so sorry about the death of Mrs. Wilkerson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.

Randy Yost & Missy Wallace Simpson - June 19, 2017 at 01:07 PM

DA

“ Betty and Jack, so sorry to hear about Mrs. Wilkinson she was such a sweet lady. She will be missed by all. She always had a smile. May God Bless you and the rest of the family during this time, because we know that Mrs. Wilkinson is in a better place than we are.
Love Jim and Dana Carver

danacarver - June 19, 2017 at 12:04 PM

BJ

“ Betty Jo~~We were sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. We will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers in the upcoming days and months. Cherish your memories...

Bob and Alva Jones - June 18, 2017 at 08:10 PM

CM

“ *Such lovely people were Bernard and Edith Wilkinson. My best friend and husband (John and Teresa Eckman) purchased their home on Jefferson St., which they occupied and loved for many years, before moving onto Parkway. I always enjoyed knowing them both over the years. I pray that all Edith's loved ones find comfort in a life well lived, a long and happy life and that she and Bernard can now enjoy their eternal rest together.*

Cindy Romano McGraw - June 18, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *Bernard and Edith lived down the hill from us on Jefferson Street where I grew up. I mowed their grass for many years. I also mowed for her sister Erma Bond. They were two of the finest families you will ever find. They always met you with a smile and a kind word. They were truly "good people"! It's amazing Bernard and Edith both lived such long and fruitful lives. All who were able to know them were surely blessed!!*

*Daniel French
Boiling Springs, SC*

Daniel French - June 17, 2017 at 03:56 PM