



## Edith "Edie" Ertl Ward

May 22, 1952 - February 28, 2022

Edith "Edie" Ertl Ward, 69, of Toano, Va. passed away Feb. 28, 2022 after a long battle of declining health. Edith enjoyed any chance she got to travel, especially to the beach, but her greatest joy and passion was spending time with her grandchildren.

Edith is survived by her husband of 43 years Christopher Ward; a daughter Stacie Burns (Justin); a son Rexford Ward (Lauren); and four grandchildren Lola, Connor, Liliana and Ava. There will be a memorial service held 11 AM, Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, Va. 23140.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation, <https://www.michaeljfox.org/donate>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sissy was one of my favorite cousins when I was little. Every time we visited Aunt Edie, S Uncle Henry, Sissy, and Buddy we got to go on a memorable road trip. We loved to visit and we always felt welcome. We visited Williamsburg which was like visiting another world. We always enjoyed being together.

*As we got older and we had our own families, and we lost touch. I regret that. I thought of her often, and wish we'd gotten together.*

*Buddy took Sis and I on a rowboat ride on a very scary river one time. We saw lots of snakes and he caught a bunch of turtles, which turned into dinner when Aunt Ede got done cooking up a big pot of turtle soup. She didn't tell us what was in the soup until we were done eating. That was a good move!*

*Another time Aunt Ede took us into Williamsburg. This trip is the most memorable in my young life. We got to take my first bus ride into Williamsburg. As we got onto the bus we asked my Aunt if we could ride in the back of the bus. It was 1957, and white people didn't ride in the back. She gave us permission, so back we went. All the little old black ladies walked to the back where they had to sit, and every one of them said to us, "Babies, you shouldn't be back here! This is for us negroes." We politely said that we wanted to sit back there. We were so happy we got to stay back there. On our trip I noticed that all the black people walked in the street. That seemed strange to me. Then I saw a couple of water fountains with signs on them. One for the black people and one for the white people. The one for the blacks was in disrepair and nasty, sparkly clean for the whites. These images were burned in my brain and have changed my ideals throughout my life. I love diversity, and and so thankful for that eye-opening day.*

*I pray that my Aunt, Uncle, and cousins are hugging each other right now. And I hope they all know that they made a difference in my life and that they've all been in my heart.*





**Linda DeBouter Fellows** - March 03, 2022 at 06:31 PM



*Another of my coworkers at Lowe's when i first started at Lowes Edie was in home decor she was always helpful to all the customers and a nice person. RIP 🙏. For the family.*

**Charles Barbour** - March 07, 2022 at 12:53 PM

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*I remember Edie used to drive to Richmond road gulf with her friend Elaine and hang out while I was working with her dad Hank and Jim Hoffman. She finally got Hank to buy her an old car which she got painted green. We were a pair at James Blair and when I joined the Marine Corps in 1969, she kept me going through boot camp and tech school with her wonderful weekly letters. Due to the long periods of separation, she moved on with another relationship, and we lost touch. I called Hank every Christmas until he died, I don't know if she knew that. God bless them both...*

**tom obrien** - July 01, 2022 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Carolyn Fleischer lit a candle in memory of Edith "Edie" Ertl Ward*



**Carolyn Fleischer** - March 03, 2022 at 06:30 PM