



Edythe Earle Stewart

May 25, 1926 - May 29, 2022

I'm writing my own obituary because I don't trust anyone else to do it. (Ha) I was born in New Kent County, Virginia on May 25, 1926. And it appears I passed away on May 29, 2022 in Lanexa, Virginia. After attending high school, I was employed with the federal government in Newport News as a record keeper for the overseas ships, carrying soldiers and supplies. I also interviewed prisoners of war through an interpreter. I was a bookkeeper/secretary with many employers, to include Eastern State Hospital. I retired from James City County Social Services after 42 years of employment.

In the early 40's, I enjoyed playing first base on a government softball team, and I must say I was quite good! I was an avid fisherman and loved spending time on any beach. I founded the James City County Volunteer Ladies Auxiliary in 1967. In which we raised money for our Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

I was an active member of Liberty Baptist Church and served on various committees, Sunday School Teacher and I also sang in the choir.

I was predeceased by my husband, Richard, of 60 years. I am survived by my devoted daughter, Gayle (Hank), and brother Buck (Patty), as well as grandsons Ben (Janna), Tye (Leslie), and Taylor (Billy), great grandchildren Ethan, Chase, Jackson, and Cole. I am known to my grandchildren and great grandchildren as Mamaw.

I love people and cherish my friendships, which are many. Every morning I

pray that I can bring a smile to someone each day.

My celebration of life will be held at Liberty Baptist Church, Lanexa, VA on June 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the JCC Fire Department, Station 1, 3135 Forge Road, Toano, VA 23168.

The family would like to thank Sentara Home Health Care especially her friend Bob, Sentara Hospice Services and a special thank you to all of our family and friends.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Baptist Church
15810 Liberty Church Rd.
Lanexa, VA 23089

Tribute Wall

KW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kat warren - June 20, 2022 at 09:00 AM

KW

“ I did not get to know you long enough...but I will see you on the other side.



kat warren - June 20, 2022 at 08:58 AM

PS

“ Edythe was like a second mother to me and my family. Many years ago she was the total support to my husband when I was experiencing a medical emergency. Our 40 year friendship was a blessing to me. I will miss our phone calls, but I know God needed a special angel, so he called for Edythe. We will always love you.

Patty Sharp - June 17, 2022 at 10:52 PM

DT

“ Thinking about my childhood and my early adulthood - when Edythe was just a constant presence and resource for me because Gayle was my BFF. She was the coolest mom (to me); full of love and wisdom always. So many nights I spent in their beautiful home with the coldest daggone AC you've ever experienced. So many memories of weekends at the river with Gayle, Edythe and the Pettengills. I learned to swim there in the Chick, because you really had no choice!



Edythe made a huge impact on me and SO many others as evidenced by all these tributes. To say I loved her is an understatement...she was like a second mother to me. Even in these later years, when I would see her at church or out someplace - it was like the years just melted away. Thank you Gayle for sharing your early life experiences and your mother with me.

I know your loss is great...I love you and If you ever need me I am just a phone call away,

Debbie Thomas

Debbie Thomas - June 14, 2022 at 03:16 PM

DH

“ *Edythe was an incredible human being. I had the pleasure and honor of working with her for many years at James City County Social Services. She served hundreds of residents and was often their only social connection. She loved her clients and they loved her. She arranged for many needed services for them but more importantly she was their friend, someone they could call upon and trust. Edythe was also a role model and mentor for dozens of employees. Edythe impacted everyone she knew and I am truly grateful to have known her. While she will be dearly missed, her influence on so very many will live on in so many ways.*

Diana Hutchens

Diana Hutchens - June 14, 2022 at 09:37 AM

YT

“ *Yvette Brown Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Edythe Earle Stewart*



Yvette Brown Taylor - June 08, 2022 at 02:52 PM

AG

“ *Edythe was a wonderful woman and a joy to be around. She use to write in our bibles “this book will keep you from the devil, the devil will keep you from this book”. She always has a smile and kind word for everyone and encouraged you and old to always trust in god.*
Angie John and Olivia Garrett

Angela Garrett - June 01, 2022 at 06:37 PM

NW

Edythe was one of my special friends. My earliest memory of her was a ballgame at NewKent High School. She was a great player! As the years past we became closer when our girls became friends. Gayle, my daughter, Debbie, and Terri Wiley (Stamper) became the Liberty Belles ,singing at many church and social events in the area. Edythe, Mildred, and I travelled a lot, and were so proud of them. As long as I czar remember, Edythe was the first to offer help to families suffering the loss of a loved one.!She taught Sunday School, vacation Bible School; youth groups, organized the Womans auxiliary for the fire dept. I could go on and on about the many services she provided in our area. In spite of all this she was a great wife and loving mother, and my friend. My sympathy to her family. Norma Wyatt

norma L wyatt - June 08, 2022 at 01:35 PM

DS

“*Mrs. Stewart, Edythe, she was by far my all time favorite “chaperone” and I have been teaching since the 80s. I will miss Edythe so much. Rye and Taylor, you have one of the coolest Mawmaws ever. Praying for you and your family as you remember her and grieve together. So glad I got to talk with her one last time on her birthday a few years back. She was the best! And as you said, full and overflowing with love... and lots of fun! I just love that she wrote her own obituary! I chuckled a few times. Wish I were closer to be there to celebrate her life on the 18th. I go to sleep tonight with a tear and a smile. She brought many a smile! This teacher has always been thankful for her support with you and Taylor and ... all the other kids at Toano MS!*

Mr. Stoddard

Doug Stoddard - June 01, 2022 at 01:09 AM

DS

Auto correct change your name from Tye to Rye. Can't get back in to edit. Love to your mom and whole family.

Doug Stoddard - June 01, 2022 at 01:11 AM

MA

“ Thoughts and prayers for Gayle and family. Mamaw (she let me call her that also) was a great spunky lady that loved her family unconditionally!! I had the pleasure serving on the lady auxiliary for a few years with her and Gayle and will always be thankful for her Wisdom she would share.

Mary Amos - May 31, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SC

“ Miss Edythe was a role model sent from God when I was a young mother and I will be forever grateful for her guidance.
Sandra Currin

Sandra Currin - May 31, 2022 at 06:45 PM

RP

“ I've know Edythe all my life. She was a second mom to me. She loved life and lived it to its fullest. I will miss you Edythe!!

Ray Pettengill - May 31, 2022 at 06:07 PM

SM

“ I've know Edythe for most of life and have great memories from Sunday School to going to the beach and family events and had the pleasure of serving with her with the Ladies Auxiliary. She will be missed Love you Mamaw. Stephanie Moore

Stephanie Moore - May 31, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SB

“ Edythe was an amazing person. She was such a genuinely nice person and friend to all. I admired her wit and laughter. I feel truly honored to have known Edythe and will always cherish my memories of her.

Sharon Bryson - May 31, 2022 at 04:47 PM

RS

“ *What a friend! Phil and I will miss her so much. She was a blessing to us.*

Robbie Stowell - May 31, 2022 at 04:00 PM

DR

“ *What a wonderful person David and I have been blessed by God to have the privilege of knowing. We will miss her so much. God's grace and peace to Gayle and Hank and family. David and Peggy Riley*

David and Peggy Riley - May 31, 2022 at 02:46 PM

GT

Thank you Peggy. Mom always said both of you had a special place in her heart.

Gayle Tyssen - June 14, 2022 at 08:54 AM

HT

“ *What a wonderful lady. Such a zest for life. RIP. Harold and Diane Timberlake*

Harold and Diane Timberlake - May 31, 2022 at 01:50 PM

ML

Edythe was a blessing to everyone. She loved to serve others and showed the love of Jesus to all. She will be missed.

MaryAnn Lee - June 01, 2022 at 09:57 AM

GT

Thank you Harold!

Gayle Tyssen - June 14, 2022 at 08:52 AM

JL

“ Janet Lanham lit a candle in memory of Edythe Earle Stewart



Janet Lanham - May 31, 2022 at 01:27 PM

RM

A great lady I had the honor and Privilege to Kno and Love She sllway treated zme like a family member. Sh is and will be missed. God Bless Gail..

Randy Joe Moseley. - May 31, 2022 at 03:46 PM

BF

“ What a lady and friend to our entire family. Edythe could ALWAYS make me smile.



Becky and Will Mann and family - May 31, 2022 at 01:21 PM

GT

Thank you!

Gayle Tyssen - June 14, 2022 at 08:55 AM

HW

“ HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of Edythe Earle Stewart



HENRY WARD - May 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM

HW

Edythe has been a dear friend for many years both in the church and the community . She always had something positive to say about everyone .

My prayers are with Gayle, the grand children and her brother Buck.

Henry Ward

HENRY WARD - May 31, 2022 at 12:49 PM

MP

Miss Edythe was a sweet lady. She was always kind to the kids that came by when I picked Gayle up for school. My heart love and prayers go out to Gayle and the family.

Margaret Parker

Margaret Parker - June 01, 2022 at 02:11 AM

DC

Edythe was a wonderful lady who loved life and those around her. We've been blessed to know her these past few years, and our lives are richer for it. Our prayers are with her family.

David and Susan Coe - June 01, 2022 at 09:14 PM

MC

Mrs. Stewart was such an amazing woman! I taught the grand kids at the local middle school and whenever I needed anything, she made herself available to assist me! She was probably the first one to volunteer to chaperone any event and for that, I was always thankful. RIP, my dear lady!

My love to Tye, Taylor, and Gayle! Praying for your strength in the Lord/.....

Marilyn Taylor-Canaday (Toano Middle School)

Marilyn Canaday - June 11, 2022 at 05:48 PM

GT

Thank you everyone for the kind words, Mom always put others first and enjoyed making people smile.

Gayle Tyssen - June 14, 2022 at 08:58 AM



I can't remember not knowing Edythe. She was one of my Sunday School teachers and I always adored her. Even after she lost her sight and I would see her and speak to her, she would call me by name and ask me to come closer and tell me she always recognized me by my voice. R. I. P. Sweet lady. The community has lost a precious gem.

Tiena Wayne Kusmira - June 20, 2022 at 09:55 PM