

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a striped scarf. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background of the portrait is dark. The entire funeral home is decorated with large, translucent white roses and flowing white ribbons.

# *Edna Virginia Chesley Clark*

**Born into Time**

**December 21, 1928**

**Born into Eternity**

**May 13, 2021**

**Friday, May 21, 2021**

Viewing: 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Homegoing Service: 11:00 A.M.

**Thornton Funeral Home Chapel**

3439 Livingston Road

Indian Head, MD 20640

Rev. Darryl K. Mason, Senior Pastor

Metropolitan United

Methodist Church, Officiating

**Interment**

Metropolitan United

Methodist Church Cemetery

*A Celebration of Life*



## *A Cherished Mother and Grandmother*

A cherished Mother and Grandmother, you are and were ... and will forever be  
You loved us throughout a lifetime and we'll love you throughout eternity.  
As a child, you were my Mom and my strength, the force upon which I relied  
You helped me grow through life's laughter and tears and  
you always stood by my side.

You were so strong and worked so hard to take good care of me  
Hours spent ... such time I can't comprehend ...  
proved your faithful devotion to me.

And when I brought my own child home your commitment only grew  
You helped her, played with her, and loved her as only a Granny can do.  
And my daughter ... she came to adore you! For you spoiled her  
with love and affection,

You treasured her in such special ways, there are too many examples to  
mention.

And though she was denied more days and  
years with a Granny as wonderful as you  
You've filled her heart with sweet memories that will remain  
a whole lifetime through.

Dearest Mother and Grandmother, we love you!  
We find we cannot do enough

To express the depths of our gratitude for your sacrifice and your love.  
But trust that you will be remembered in sweetest memories every day  
For you have blessed our lives forever through  
your goodness, love and strength!

Love, Pamela & Janée

# Order of Service

Officiant		Rev. Darryl K. Mason
Prelude		
Hymn of Praise	"My Hope Is Built"	Congregation
Invocation		Minister Faye A. Johnson
Scripture Readings:		
Old Testament: Psalm 23		Ms. Melanie M. Wimbush
II Timothy 4:7-8		Ms. Melanie M. Wimbush
Musical Selection	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Mr. Gregory Boyer
Gospel: John 14:1-14		Pastor Jacques T. Banks
Words of Comfort		Pastor Jacques T. Banks
Special Tribute by Daughter		Read by Minister Patricia Plummer
Family Tribute		Mr. Darryl Johnson
Musical Selection	"Blessed Assurance"	Congregation
The Obituary		Ms. Ava Morton
Acknowledgements		Ms. Ava Morton
Remarks		Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq. President, Board of County Commissioners Charles County
THE EULOGY		Rev. Antoine C. Love
Prayer of Commendation		Rev. Antoine C. Love
Recessional	"When We All Get to Heaven"	Congregation



# Obituary

Edna Virginia Chesley Clark was born on December 21, 1928, in Aquasco, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late John Henry and Mary Edna Chesley. She was the eighth of ten children, all who have preceded her in death.

Edna was educated in the Prince George's County public school system and graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. After graduation, she attended Maryland State Teachers College, which is now Bowie State University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. She continued to hone her craft and took enough courses to earn a Master's Equivalency.

In college, she met and became the roommate of Phelicia Clark. One weekend Edna went home with Phelicia and met her brother James. Little did she know this visit would be life changing. James and Edna fell in love and were married on December 19, 1953. Through this union they were blessed with one daughter, Pamela. She was their pride and joy. Their union lasted for 56 years until James went home to be with the Lord on November 1, 2010.

As a child, Edna's religious upbringing began at John Wesley Methodist Church in Aquasco. She was passionate about serving the Lord. When James and Edna moved to Indian Head, Maryland, she became a member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Edna was a dedicated member serving in many capacities, including the Women's Society of Christian Service, United Methodist Women, and one of her favorites, the Sick & Shut-in Visitation Committee. She was also co-director of the Vacation Bible School, director of the Children's Ministries, secretary of the Finance Committee, and the organizer of the Tutoring Program. Edna faithfully attended Wednesday Bible Study, where she enjoyed studying and reading God's word. Even though she wasn't able to continue going to church due to her illness, she enjoyed listening to the scriptures and singing/listening to hymns with her family and friends, especially her sister-in-love, Elvira Langford.

In addition to serving at her church, Edna actively served her community. Her faithful dedication and service to the youth and the community was exceptional. She was a member of the African American Heritage Society, NAACP, and the Rural Elderly Ministry Project at St. Phillip's in Baden.

Edna was an educator for 31 years. She taught in Calvert, Prince George's, and Charles Counties. Her final assignment was at JC Parks Elementary School. She received great satisfaction watching her students grown and learn. She loved her children and they loved her back. Many of them have stated that she was their favorite teacher

and made a lasting impact on their lives. She even referred to her first graders as "little angels." Although she loved teaching, her favorite job was taking care of her granddaughter Janée. She was Janée's caretaker from birth throughout her school years, and was always a prominent figure in her life.

Edna truly enjoyed spending time with her friends. Edna played on a basketball team when she began her teaching career. She and James belonged to the V2 Club, a couple's social club that did many activities together, including traveling, dancing, and going to each other's homes to fellowship. Edna collected mugs from all over the world and proudly displayed them in her home. She also enjoyed shopping, not only for herself, but for everyone else. If she felt it was a good deal, she would purchase it knowing someone would be able to use it.

Edna was deeply devoted to her family. We could always depend on her for encouragement, love and support. When a new baby was born, she would go and spend time with the new mother and father to help out. When someone was ill, she would go take care of them making sure they had everything they needed.

Edna is survived by her devoted daughter and son-in-law, Pamela Jackson (Richard); loving granddaughter, Janée Johnson; brother-in-law, Elson Johnson; sisters-in-law, Elvira Langford and Willa Mae Parker (Everett); special niece, Alberta Butler; caring friend, Jean Thomas; and many other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.



*"Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes because, for those who love with heart and soul, there is no such thing as separation."*









## *Pallbearers*

Clark Boyer  
Keith Johnson  
Howard Mosley

Gregory Boyer  
Joshua Wimbush  
Karl Parker

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Darryl Johnson  
Randy Branson

Gil Ingles  
Kenneth Washington

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

The family would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for your expressions of love, prayers, and all other acts of kindness during this time of bereavement. Your compassion will sustain and comfort us in the days to come.

## *Acknowledgements*

Special thanks to Ms. Jean Thomas, caregiver for many years, Nancy and Lito Magimot of Angels Heart Assisted Living Home, and Hospice of Charles County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association

