

*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*  
*Edna Howard*

**May 27, 1918**

**January 31, 2020**



**Monday, February 10, 2020**

**Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.**

**Service: 11:00 a.m.**

**From the Heart Church Ministries®**  
4949 Allentown Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746

*Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor*

# Obituary

Edna Howard was born on May 27, 1918, to Edward and Laura Howard. She was the eldest of nine children. On January 31, 2020, following a long illness, she made her transition to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Edna was educated in Harnett County Public Schools in North Carolina. Soon after, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she was employed as a domestic worker for 25 years. She later worked for DC Public Schools in food services for 20 years until her retirement.

Edna, a woman of faith, was baptized at an early age in North Carolina. In 2009, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries, and was later baptized in 2011..

Edna loved family; and was blessed with a son, Larry Howard. She had several pastimes, her love for shopping at Lord & Taylor department store; and going out to eat were her passions. She also enjoyed listening to jazz and blues music; as well as cooking her favorite dishes.

Edna the centenarian, lived her life to the fullest. In 2018, she was honored by Maryland's Centenarian Committee at a recognition luncheon in Woodlawn, Maryland. She was a classy lady who always carried herself with grace. Everything Edna wore had to be carefully coordinated; it had to match. Her life has left a priceless legacy and deposit in the earth for generations to come. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Edna leaves to cherish her memories two sisters, Ruby Person of North Carolina and Ernestine Taylor of Virginia; a niece and nephew, Jerome Roland (Patricia), a godson John Taylor; goddaughter, Sheila Miller; twenty-six other nieces and nephews; one hundred forty-seven grand nieces and nephews; and family and friends.

Edna was preceded in death by her son, Larry Howard; sisters, Ollie and Leola; and brothers, Horton, Clayton, James and Willie.

# Order of Service

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn ..... “Amazing Grace”

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-5  
New Testament: John 14:1-6

## Prayer of Comfort

Instrumental Selection ..... Mr. Roy Lambert, Jr.

## Acknowledgements

Mrs. Ruby Person, Sister  
Mrs. Eugenia Robinson, Family Friend  
Mrs. Sheila Miller, Niece

## Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Song of Preparation ..... Mrs. Linda Gray

Message of Hope ..... Reverend Willette O. Wright

## Call to Christ

## Recessional

**Interment:  
Lincoln Memorial Cemetery  
Suitland, Maryland**

# Congregational Hymn

## Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.*

## Pallbearers

*Family and Friends*

## Flower Bearers

*Family and Friends*

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Edna Howard acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you. We love you all. Special thanks to Yolanda Hightower, Ishaac Conteh. Karen Bailey and Mary Ryans from the Capital Caring Hospice Services; Barbara Lambert and Eugenia Robinson and Bettie Jo Davis.*

### **Services Entrusted to:**

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home  
Suitland, Maryland 20746