



Edna Welch

March 30, 1960 - April 16, 2026

Ms. Edna Faye Griffin Welch, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, was born on March 30, 1960, in Ashland, Alabama to the late William M. Griffin and Annie Lee Ware Griffin. She departed this life peacefully on April 16, 2026, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama.

From a young age, Edna accepted Christ and joined the Bethel Baptist Church, where she served as a faithful member. Her commitment to her faith was matched only by her devotion to her family who will always hold her memory close.

Edna's educational journey led her through the halls of Clay County Schools, culminating in her graduation from Clay County High School in 1978. She furthered her education in 2002 at Ayers Technical College, earning an associate degree in Early Childhood Development and later became a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Her employment began as a seamstress at Russell Corporation where she worked for over 25 years until its closure. She later worked as a kindergarten teacher, a CNA, and a substitute teacher. At the time of her passing, she was employed as a seamstress at New South Sewing & Manufacturing.

Edna's spirit thrived in the joyous moments spent with family and friends. She loved listening to southern soul music and vacationing with her family. She

was also an enthusiastic football fan of the Clay County Panthers (now Volunteers), Notre Dame, and the Alabama Crimson Tide. Tailgating with her sisters on the phone on Fridays and Saturdays was a weekly event. She also cherished every chance to support her beloved nephew during his college football career, attending many games which gave her an opportunity to travel to many states and experience many things that would not have otherwise happened.

Edna loved the family gatherings in "The Lower Yard," as it was affectionately known. She was often seen with a video camera capturing precious moments of family and friends coming together to celebrate, socialize, or just being together as a family. This was a testament to her love for family. She will be remembered not only for the joyful moments shared but also for the profound legacy of love she leaves behind.

Preceding her in death are her dearly departed parents, William and Annie Griffin, along with her loving husband, Samuel P. Welch, her precious sons, Samuel M. Welch and Arnold A. Welch, her brothers, Willie Griffin, Jerry Griffin, and Jimmy Griffin, all of whom greeted her with love and open arms.

Edna leaves behind a legacy of love, best embodied in her surviving sisters, Mary Ann Parker of Lineville, AL and Linda G. (Spencer) Williams of Jacksonville, FL; her niece, Natasha Williams of Phoenix, AZ; nephews, Michael Curtis of Dallas TX, Spencer Williams, Jr. of Houston, TX and Terry Caldwell of Lineville, AL; along with sisters-in-laws, Annie Welch Johnson of Decatur, GA, Maybelle Welch of Lineville, AL, and Laura Welch of Marion, MS; brothers-in-laws, Wyatt (Barbara) Welch of Tampa, FL and Roy Welch of Ashland, AL; Class of 1978 sisters and brothers, Rosa Sterling, Mae F. Kidd, Barbara Ross, Lisa Simmons, Arthur Welch, Dwight Sims and Hugh Foster; bonus family, the Williams Family. Her life has touched countless others, including a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends who

will forever carry her memory in their hearts.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Baptist Church - Ashland

High Pine Road
Ashland, AL 36251

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Bethel Baptist Church - Ashland

Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Such a quiet yet beautiful Spirit! Ms. Edna was not a woman of many words, but the love that was shown towards us was always genuine. She will be missed, but We Know.... to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Her Soul is Resting!*

Rev. Dewayne & Sis. Belinda Keith

Belinda Keith - April 24 at 05:36 PM

MF

“ *Marvin and Glenda Bennett and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edna Welch.*



Marvin and Glenda Bennett and family - April 24 at 01:21 PM

LB

“ *Praying God's grace and comfort over this family.*



Luther Buie - April 23 at 12:07 PM

FK

“ There are some people who make the world a better place just by being in it, and Edna was one of them. She was a sweet, dear friend, and her loss leaves an emptiness that is difficult to put into words. I pray that in the coming days, the beautiful memories you shared as a family bring you some small measure of comfort. She was so very loved and will be so deeply missed.

Frances Kidd - April 23 at 09:33 AM

LA

“ Lynette Allen(Sterling) lit a candle in memory of Edna Welch



Lynette Allen(Sterling) - April 23 at 01:47 AM

EF

“ Edna Few lit a candle in memory of Edna Welch



Edna Few - April 22 at 09:52 PM

JH

“ Jackie W Hall lit a candle in memory of Edna Welch



Jackie W Hall - April 21 at 03:48 AM

SW

“ *A warm smile on a cold day, a genuine heart, a friendly personality, and a loving spirit made Edna who she was. I will definitely miss those hugs and laughter on Sundays at church. Earth loss the beautiful flesh, but Heaven and the angels gained a beautiful soul. We will miss you down here, but all the loving memories and encounters will not let us forget you. We love you Cousin "Faye".*

Stephanie Sims Williams - April 20 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ *Great is our God
May you find peace and understanding.
Always got a hug full of love on Sundays. She
will be missed
Love Dwayne, Lois and family*



Dwayne and Lois Simmons - April 19 at 01:41 PM