



Mrs. Florence Edna Blankenship

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Florence EDNA Blankenship, age 83, passed away at home on Sunday, June 16, 2019 in Nashville, Tennessee. Edna was born at home on September 20, 1935 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Henry Hayden Reasoner and Florence Edna (Fields) Reasoner.

Edna's greatest earthly love was for her husband and family, all of whom she served tirelessly and joyfully. She was an extraordinary cook whose biscuits, yeast rolls, fresh coconut cake, meringue pies, and turkey gravy were legendary secret recipes shared with those she loved. She was a standout, multi-sport athlete from her teenage years to her 80's...excelling particularly in golf and bowling. She was a repeat Age Division Champion in the 2016 and 2017 Music City Half Marathons. Edna was a long-time member of Trevecca Community Church, the Agape class there, and was a beloved, faithfully smiling, and consistently hugging front-door greeter until early this year.

In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband of sixty years and one day, Tom Blankenship.

Edna is survived by daughter, Karan Gunter and husband Dwight; sons, Dan and Tab and Tab's wife, Denette; grandchildren and their families: Ryan, Cory, and Ethan Blankenship, Lindsay Wentworth, and Trae Gunter; and great-grandchildren Benjamin and Carter Wentworth, Averie Blankenship, and Rivers Gunter. She is also survived by sisters Mot, Prissy, and Annette (Sam); sisters-in-law Ruth, Rose, Betty, Sybil, Donna, and Barbara; a host of nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

A celebration of life service will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 10:30 am Trevecca Community Church (TCC) with Dr. Dwight Gunter officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 6 pm until 8 pm at TCC with an additional visitation at the church on Tuesday morning at 9:30. Committal will follow at 2:00 pm in the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Pegram.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the CrossBridge Restoration House ministry.

Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery (5110 Gallatin Rd. Nashville, TN 37216) has been entrusted with the final care of Mrs. Blankenship.



Events


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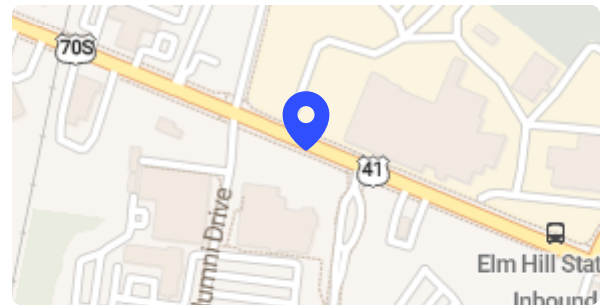
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 18, 2019


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene**
335 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville TN 37210

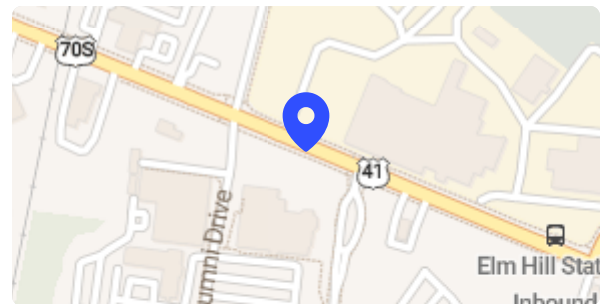


Visitation

 **Wednesday**, June 19, 2019


 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM CT


 **Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene**
335 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville TN 37210

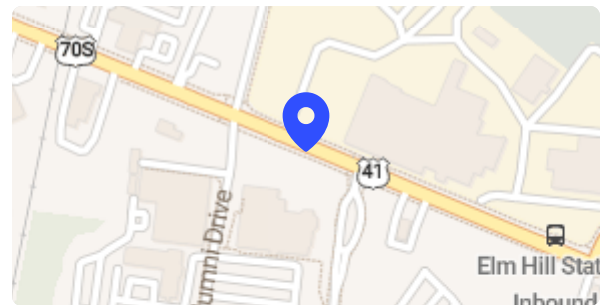


Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

 **Wednesday**, June 19, 2019

 10:30 AM CT

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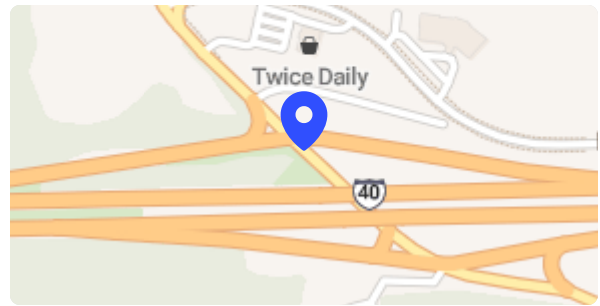
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Cemetery Details

 **Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery**
7931 McCrory Lane, Nashville TN 37221





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Carol Mahan posted:

I will certainly miss my Sweet Friend. She always had a smile and a hug. A precious lady indeed. We will continue to pray for comfort for her family. Carol Mahan

June 18 at 3:14 PM



Lana Bogie June 19 at 4:08 AM

So sorry for the loss of your Mother. There is no one quite like our Moms. May God's loving arms comfort you!



Ruby Dunlap shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Miss Edna first caught my attention by how tiny she was and then by the gracious smile with which she blessed all of us as we entered the door of TCC. Even when she'd had a bad week with her health, she was still bravely welcoming folks at the front doors of TCC. Bob always kept a special dark Doves chocolate in an inner pocket of his jacket just for her and we would tease her about going for that chocolate like a little pickpocket. I'm attaching a photo of her committing this nefarious deed on a Sunday morning in August, 2018. She was a lovely lady. Heaven is blessed with her presence now.

June 18 at 12:21 PM



Phyllis Taylor posted:

My deepest sympathies are with you all. Edna was a special lady with a forever smile, warm hugs and encouraging words. I always enjoyed my time of service with her at the front doors. May you experience God's peace, comfort, and love. Phyllis Taylor

June 17 at 2:58 PM



Marie Jones posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I have and will continue to miss Edna's smiling face and hug each Sunday as I enter the church. She was a strong and courageous lady. And she will be greatly missed.

June 17 at 12:50 PM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Blankenship family.



June 17 at 12:07 PM



Donna Blankenship-Tindall posted:

Edna was a dear and wonderful Christian. As my sister-in-law, I loved her dearly. Please accept my deepest condolences. I wish I could be there for her memorial. God bless the entire family

June 17 at 12:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Blankenship family.



June 17 at 11:06 AM



Robert Dunlap posted:

Dear loved ones;Your mother was the only one that I would allow to pick my pocket. I sure miss her and Tom' smiling faces. I only have fond memories of your parents. They are truly missed. I pray that the Lord' blessing will see you through these times. Bobby D.

June 17 at 10:25 AM



Media

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Miss Edna Pickpocket



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Florence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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