



Edna Brown

May 17, 1952 - January 9, 2026

Edna E. Brown was born on May 17, 1952, in Salemburg, North Carolina, to the late Earl Frank Williams and Novella Monk.

Edna was a born-again believer who loved God immensely. She often spoke of her deep love for Him and her gratitude for all He had done in her life. Edna was loving, kind, giving, family-oriented, and naturally comedic. She was loved by many, and anyone who encountered her was quickly drawn to her warm spirit and humorous conversations. Edna had a unique way of making people laugh without even trying. Her loving heart and joyful sense of humor left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Edna loved spending time with her family and especially cherished her grandchildren and great-grandson. She attended Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, Connecticut, and later earned her GED.

Edna lived in New Haven, Connecticut, for most of her life. She later married her longtime husband, the late Benjamin Brown, Jr. She worked at SNET as a telephone operator, later became a devoted housewife, and eventually worked at Columbus House as a Supervisor. During her time at Columbus House, Edna created a successful and impactful program known as Road to Recovery.

In 2020, Edna was placed at the Montowese Center for Health and

Rehabilitation after being stricken with COVID-19. She resided there for five years and received excellent care from the staff and caregivers.

Edna is survived by her three children: Celestine Lawton of New Haven, CT; Benjamin (Latresha) Brown III of Petersburg, VA; and Marcus Best of New Haven, CT; two sisters, Sharon (Perry) Parker of Dunn, North Carolina, and Adrien (Scot) Esdaile of Hamden, CT; seven grandchildren, Camille (Dylan) Carew, Brian Pratt, Jr., Brianna Brown, Jayda Best, Chauncey Best, and Bryelle Streater; along with a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Edna was predeceased by one sister, Brenda Delores Rich; one brother, Allen Ray Williams; and one grandson, Benjamin Aarion Brown.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HP

“ To Brown Family: Sending prayers and condolences to our beloved Edna, we became friends at Shaw’s on Whalley Ave while shopping for Columbus House. She loved cooking and helping her clients, with a smile 😊 on her face and always helping anyone in need sharing her resources. Now going home to share her love and be among family and friends RIP my friend



Helen C Powell - January 19 at 07:02 PM

TF

“ The Carew Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Edna Brown.



The Carew Family - January 15 at 06:25 PM

TF

“ The Carew Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edna Brown.

The Carew Family - January 15 at 06:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna Brown.



January 14 at 08:18 PM

FN

“ From the Nwaokafors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edna Brown.

From the Nwaokafors - January 14 at 08:18 PM

EE

“ Sending our condolences and love to the family of our dear Edna....may she rest in peace...
Love, Eileen, Steve, Aaron and Morgan



Eileen Esdaile - January 14 at 05:08 PM

VB

“ To Celestine and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a beautiful and caring person. She loved her family. May all of the beautiful memories of your beautiful mom, grandma, great grandma, aunt, sister etc. forever linger in your hearts forever, and may God strengthen you and your family at this difficult time, as only He can.



We love you,
Verna and Alicia
Charlotte, NC

verna bishop - January 14 at 01:53 PM

VS

“ To the family of Edna Brown my sincere condolences to y'all may God continue to keep you in his care through this difficult time Earth has no sorry Heaven can not heal

Virginia Scott - January 14 at 06:45 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edna Brown.



January 14 at 04:13 AM



“ Milton Stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edna Brown.

Milton Stewart - January 14 at 04:13 AM



“ May God be with the family at this most difficult time. Edna was a beautiful person to have know .full of laughter,may she rest in peace,and the family keep memories alive in there hearts.Love Sylvia Moody



Sylvia Davis - January 13 at 10:13 PM



“ Our condolences for our cousin Edna passing a very loving cousin, Debbie, mickey n Ricky Henry n Family

Debbie Henry Murphy - January 13 at 10:04 PM

LW

“ Prayers and condolences for the family in your time of sorrow. May your faith bring you comfort and strength.
Lynn Woods and family



Lynn Woods - January 13 at 08:35 PM

LD

“ Sending love, prayers, strength and condolences to the family. May God comfort your family.

Lori Isaiah Nolan Davis - January 13 at 07:23 PM

BL

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences 🙏



Beatrice Lewis - January 13 at 07:22 PM

JD

“ Edna you will be miss you were such a beautiful sister in law to me and auntie to my children to your family may God strengthen you all through this difficult time ...



Joan Dasher - January 13 at 06:31 PM

DA

“ Praying for the family may God bless you and wrap you in his cloth at this difficult time sending love from the Edwards, James, Rawls and Ragland family



DanaEdwards-Rawls - January 13 at 06:17 PM

LM

“ Rest in peace my beautiful cousin. I will always remember and cherish the time we used to have together when we were growing up and y'all would visit us in the south(North Carolina). Will always love you 🥺



Linda Faye Murphy - January 13 at 05:02 PM

CJ

“ Family, please accept my sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy.

Cousin Peggy Jo - January 13 at 04:09 PM