



EDITH M. COCKBURN

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Edith Menzie (O'Meally) Cockburn, 95, passed peacefully on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 in Sterling, Virginia. She was born to the late Solomon Edgerton and Charlotte (Murray) O'Meally on November 5, 1926 in Harewood, St. Catherine, Jamaica, West Indies. Named after her beloved late Aunt Edith Menzie Kerridge (O'Meally) of Panama.

In summer of 1958, she immigrated to Brooklyn, New York City, New York and married her late husband, Stanley Aloysius Cockburn also a native of Jamaica from Castleton, St. Andrew. They were married for 48 years and settled in St. Albans, Queens, New York where they raised their three daughters. She was loving and shared her wonderful God-given gifts throughout her life. Edith entered the elderly nursing field as a nursing aide and become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). For almost two decades, she worked and then retired from Windsor Park Nursing Home in Queens Village, New York.

In Jamaica, West Indies, Edith was a member of St. Saviour's Anglican Church and The Order of the Daughters of the King. She and the family joined the congregation of St. Alban the Martyr Episcopal Church in St. Albans, New York where Edith was an active member of the Sunday School Breakfast Committee for many years.

In 2008, she relocated to Statham, Georgia and then Sterling, Virginia with her daughter Tregel. In her new home, she enjoyed making new friends and participating in the daily activities and being an active senior volunteer at the Senior Center at Cascades in Sterling, Virginia to keep her "young".

Edith loved to sew and crochet! Making lots of clothes and granny-square blankets for her family and friends, including church confirmation, prom, and wedding dresses for her daughters. To many, she was a confidante, sounding board, and a shoulder to cry on. When visitors came to her home from abroad, there was always a warm welcome. Edith will be deeply missed by family and friends near and far.



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There are many stories and memories, too numerous to recount.

In addition to her parents and husband she was predeceased by her brothers Lionel, Philip and Durneif O'Meally and sisters, Daisy Davis, Hepzebah (HB) Johnson, Loris Rerrie, and Daphne Collins. Edith is survived by her daughters Diane Jellerette (Troy) of Norwalk, Connecticut, Sharon Tucker (Wayne) of Uniondale, New York and Tregel Amos (Michael) of Sterling, Virginia; Nana Edith's cherished grandchildren Vaughn Tucker, Monica Tucker, Danielle Jellerette, Taylor Jellerette (Michelle), Alyssa Amos and Michael Amos, Jr.; Her loving sister Evelyn (O'Meally) Wedemier Salmon of Pembroke Pines, Florida and her dear cousins Alvarene Molland (Murray) of Manhattan, New York and Lloyd O'Meally of Panama. She has left many nieces, nephews, cousins, sister friends, and adopted children who called her Mom Edith. We were all blessed to have had her in our lives.

An informal remembrance gathering will be held Wednesday, December 29th, 2021 from 10:30am to 1pm at 22066 Circle Drive (corner of East Maple Avenue) in Sterling, Virginia 20164. Contact info: 571-313-0018

Memorial contribution(s) can be made in Edith's memory to:

☐ Senior Center at Cascades, The Advisory Board, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling, VA 20165
Make check payable to: LCSCC Advisory Board
<https://www.loudoun.gov/1145/Senior-Center-at-Cascades>
Senior Center at Cascades Advisory Board is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

☐ St. Alban the Martyr Episcopal Church, 116-42 Farmers Blvd., St. Albans, NY 11412
Attention: Rev. Voets or Sandra Hinds
<https://www.satmqueens.org/>
Make check payable: St. Albans the Martyr
Memo line: St. Albans Community Foundation

Online condolences may be made to the family at Loudoun Funeral Chapel:
www.loudounfuneralchapel.com




Events


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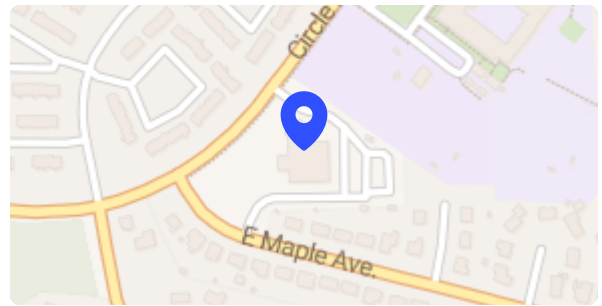
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Remembrance Gathering

 **Wednesday**, December 29, 2021

 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM ET

 **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
22066 Circle Drive, Sterling VA 20164





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DD

Denroy Davis posted:

Shalom Alechem. What a beautiful face. It is a face of a life well lived. Death is not a destination, but a portal between the temporary and the eternal. It is given that everyone must die once. To die is to return to where we originate. Aunt Edith is one of the last of my Mother (Daisy Maud O'mealy-Davis) generation. I am grateful for their existence, if it was not for them I would not be here. Life is not what we accumulate, but what we become from the experience we called life. Death like graduation is what we should all look forward to, where our heavenly Father will say WELL DONE. See You on the other Side Aunt Edith. Rabbi Denroy Davis (Nephew)

December 29 at 3:35 PM

PP

Pauline Priestley posted:

So sorry you have left us but we had a very long and beautiful friendship. We will always remember you with love. You were such a caring and wonderful person. Rest In Peace.The Priestley Family-Elliott, Pauline, Erika and Paul

December 29 at 12:44 PM

LW

Lisa Grady-Willis posted:

I will always remember Mrs. Cockburn as a woman who moved, thought and spoke with purpose and intention - a trait that she passed on to my sister friend Tregel.I loved her voice, which could both soothe and command. She was a force to be reckoned with - again not unlike the women that she produced.Years ago Mrs. Cockburn made decorative plates for my husband and I, which I have proudly and prominently displayed everywhere that we have lived (and there have been quite a few moves). I have always appreciated having her spirit represented in my home.I tear up at the thought of losing her physical presence and the ability to visit. I smile with the realization that she and Mr. Cockburn have been reunited.

December 29 at 8:37 AM

ME

Melany posted:

My Aunt Edith was more like a mother to me! She was one of the few people I could talk to about just about any topic. We shared many stories over the years and she was always a source of strength and encouragement for me.I will miss her greatly and always. Rest In Peace with Jesus, Aunt Edith! Rest In Peace. Melany

December 28 at 6:14 PM



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Debbie Young posted:

Our condolences, love and prayers to Sharon, Diane & Tregel, and the entire family. Mrs C was a loving and caring lady. I have so many fond memories of her especially at the breakfast table in the parish hall after mass. She has joined a great army of angels, so we have another protector watching over us all. She will be missed and she has left a great legacy. All those who knew her and loved her are extremely blessed. Fr. Young & Debbie

December 27 at 8:03 AM



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Sharon Tucker posted:

Mommy loved to sew! Purchasing store bought clothes was a rarity. Taking a trip to Jamaica Avenue, NY to the fabric stores to pick out patterns from Simplicity or McCall's and if a Vogue pattern – something special was being created. Unfortunately, the art of sewing did not quite trickle down. Her New York grandchildren Vaughn and Monica would take any items to Nana Edith to fix or tailor. She would wait at the back of the church to collect the package and it would be completed by the time mass finished and they stopped at her house to pick up the finished items. Our house was the first stop when relatives visited from Jamaica WI. It was like Christmas when the suitcases opened. Always rum and Appleton for Daddy and breadfruit, bammy, cocoa nuts, and various seasonings for Mommy. Fond memories of family staying at the house and her excitement for the company and news from back home. There was the telephone check-in. Let the telephone ring once when you arrived home; she would call back and let the phone ring once. The telephone check-in without wasting a call – another back in the day tradition. Nana Edith would make Sunday breakfast (especially fried dumplings) almost every week. No matter how late in the day and we needed to get home from Church, I was always 'trumped' by Nana Edith. I could sit in the car waiting, but she was cooking for her grandchildren. That was Mommy! Nana Edith and Grandpa were devoted to their grandchildren. They attended as many events as possible that involved the grandchildren. It was once said, they were happy to live long enough to see their daughters graduate high school, having grandchildren was an extra special bonus. The O'Meally siblings were close in heart, if not in location. If someone was in need – they banded together and shared what little they had. This has been passed along to her children and grandchildren. Rest Mommy -- love and miss you.

December 27 at 5:50 AM



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AB

Aldith Baker December 28 at 3:51 PM

I am Aldith Baker first daughter of Daisy Davis Aunt Edith was one of my mom's younger sisters. I have pictures of my aunt when she was a young woman she was drop dead georgeous. I rember as a child sitting in her lap looking up at her thinking I want to be just like her when I grow up. Years later at our first family reunion one of our family friends asked if I was one of her daughters because there was a distinct family resemblance. Aunt Edith loved her family she especially loved her neices. Things I learned from her: she embodied gentleness, she taught me never to forget where I was coming from, to always have a hot meal on the table, she taught me to iron every thing even the underwater. She taught me that family was very important and that when I leave home I should take the family values with me and to teach them to my children and my children's children. One thing I will never forget is my Mom and her sisters would pause for prayers every day at noon to pray the family through the storms of life. From her I learned my my role in our extended family. She was very protective of us I recall at age 50 traveling from Tronto to mèt a cruise ship in Manhattan Aunt Edith met me at the Air port in a town car and accompanied me to the Dock just to be shure I arrived safely That's my aunt. Aunt Edith traveled to Toronto Canada to celebrate major family celebrations with my cousins her presence was always a blessing. I can still hear her gentle laugh as she hugged us and kissed our children. Aunt Edith you're memory will live on forever.
Ditty



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