



Edna Loretta Florence

April 25, 1941 - September 27, 2023

Edna Loretta Florence, age 82, of Bridgeport, died Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born on April 25, 1941, in Reedy, WV, a daughter of the late Thomas Edgar and Edna West McCutcheon. On June 22, 1963, she was united in marriage to Charles Clarence Florence, Jr., who survives. Also surviving are three daughters: Renee and husband Russ Warner of Buckhannon, Denene and wife Cindy Quinton of Morgantown, and Charlea and husband Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey of Bridgeport; five grandchildren: Brittany and husband Ryan Conover, Caitlin Warner and fiancé Frederik Brondsted, Courtney and husband Justin Walton, Jared Ramsey and wife Andrea, and Kristen and husband Todd Gutta; three great grandchildren: Kiralym Conover, and Leo and Elly Ramsey; one sister Phyllis Metzger of Orange, VA; one brother Rev. Calvin McCutcheon and wife Sandra of Buckhannon; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and special fur-grandbabies: Maddie and Louie Quinton. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by two brothers: Durward and James Randall McCutcheon.

Mrs. Florence was a long-time educator and principal, dearly loved and respected as a mother-figure by faculty, staff, and students alike. She instilled confidence in those with whom she worked through mentoring and always reminding them of their importance. Numerous students fondly remember her telling them, "You are important." She also helped to brighten the days of

others as she gifted them with her favorite flower—roses. Her professional memberships included the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority and the WV Elementary Principals' Association. A United Methodist by faith, Mrs. Florence was a member of the Wesley UMC in Morgantown, where she enjoyed participating in Bible studies. Her spirit of service and dedication will continue to shine in the lives of countless fellow educators, students, friends, and her family.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 5-7:00 PM, at the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel. A funeral will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM, at the funeral chapel with the Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey officiating. Private interment will be made in the McCutcheon Cemetery near Reedy, WV.

Cemetery Details

McCutcheon Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Funeral

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edna Loretta Florence.

October 22, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.



October 22, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ I would like to express condolences to family and friends of Mrs. Florence. She was my Principal years ago at Ridgedale Elementary. I loved my time teaching there. She was always so kind to me. And I do remember how she gave roses to staff members. It was a beautiful gesture from a pure heart.



Laura Greaser - October 09, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.



September 30, 2023 at 09:40 AM

LW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Loretta at Riverside School(where she served as assistant principal) and at National School. The compassion she demonstrated toward students and staff was extraordinary. I stood in awe as she modeled how it was possible to have a career and a family simultaneously. Her thoughtful notes, beautiful roses, and her love of cake made “easing into the morning”, as she called it, highly successful. She was a firm believer in “putting one’s own house in order” before being able to teach and serve others. Without a doubt Loretta was my favorite principal and the light she radiated lives on in the hearts of those whom she mentored.

Lu Waters - September 29, 2023 at 08:39 PM

BF

Sending our love and condolences to the family. I loved seeing Loretta every Sunday and visiting for a few moments. Her kind and welcoming spirit made us feel the love of Christ and truly at home at Wesley. She will always be in happy memories.

Beth Fuller - September 30, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.



September 29, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.*



September 29, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Charlie, Renee, Denene and Charlea: Jeff and I are so sorry to hear this news. Loretta took a chance on me for my first job in Mon County and I am so thankful for that opportunity. She always did sweet things for her staff and helped organize a baby shower for me for Joel because we had no boy clothes I know her illness has been challenging. Thinking of all of you and putting my arms around you with many prayers. Cathy and Jeff Orndorff*

Cathy Orndorff - September 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *WV Alpha Delta Kappa Psi Chapter Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edna Loretta Florence.*

WV Alpha Delta Kappa Psi Chapter Sisters - September 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *WV Alpha Delta Kappa Psi Chapter Sisters purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.*



WV Alpha Delta Kappa Psi Chapter Sisters - September 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MP

“ To Mrs. Florence’s family, I have prayed several times for Loretta and all of you over the past several years. I remember Mrs. Florence from her days at Central Elementary School! She was a 6th grade teacher before becoming a principal. All of the kids and parents loved her!! She was the sweetest, most kind, genuine human being! I can’t help but smile when I think of her!! She was a special gift to all of us!! God bless you all and may He keep you in His care!

Melanie Panetta-Wagner - September 28, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.



September 28, 2023 at 07:56 PM

CW

“ Renee and Russ, I'm so sorry to learn of your mother's death. Sincere sympathy to you and your family.

Carol Jean Walton - September 28, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.



September 28, 2023 at 06:53 PM

BB

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers*

Beatrice Burnside - September 28, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.*



September 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edna Loretta Florence.*



September 28, 2023 at 05:30 PM



Sondra Shaw

“ *Sending condolences,, prayers and love to family. May God wrap His loving arms around you. Treasure your memories.*

Sondra Shaw - September 28, 2023 at 04:50 PM

WS

“ *Mrs. Warner I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. I hope that you can find comfort in the good memories you share.*

Love and prayers, Wilma Small

wilma small - September 28, 2023 at 11:03 AM