



## Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell

June 15, 1933 - May 17, 2024

Ethel Mae Lizzie Fennell was born on June 15, 1933 to Paul Porter and Lizzie Dean Porter in Hertford County, North Carolina.

On May 17, 2024, after 90 years of a blessed and well-lived life, Ethel transitioned to eternal life. You can summarize her life with three words God, Family, Community. Before settling in Washington, DC, Ethel spent her early years in North Carolina where she met her soulmate, Edward Lewis Fennell, affectionately known as Lewis. They married on June 2, 1951. Their journey together spanned over 70 years. From this union, they were blessed with four children: Gloria, Brenda, Marvin Sr., and Latrice. She was a fierce warrior for her family. You did not want to mess with any of her children. Ethel was a member of a large family including nine siblings. At an early age, she learned the power of love and the strength of family.

Over the years, she became “Ma” and “Grandma” to the many people she impacted with her big heart and selfless acts of kindness. She enjoyed making big meals for her family and the countless friends and strangers who happened to drop by.

Ethel was a woman of devout faith. She was a member of Mt. Ennon Baptist

Church for over 18

years. She studied the Word and attended regularly until her health prevented in-person worship.

During the Covid pandemic, the family began sharing many Sundays together in front of the television watching church...praising and singing.

Ethel's silent strength, compassion, and unshakable faith will always be remembered and admired.

She will continue to be cherished and celebrated by many, including two beloved sisters:

Josephine Black and Carolyn Jenkins, her devoted children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Even during the grief and sadness since her passing, we are continually lifted and comforted by the people and the stories of the lives she touched. She was an angel on earth.

# Cemetery Details

## National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **31**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Ennon Baptist Church  
9832 Piscataway RD  
Clinton, MD 20735

## Funeral

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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**Live Streaming Link: <https://vimeo.com/event/4340456>**

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*Live Streaming link Password: 9832*

## Interment

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell*



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**Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-** - May 29, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JT

“ *To my cousins Gloria, Brenda, Marvin and Trecie,  
I know your hearts are heavy at this time as your mom's earthly journey comes to an end. Aunt Ethel will surely be missed, her sense of humor, her wisdom, her sweet gentle spirit, her love of family, hers and the ones that adopted her as a second mom. It was a joy to see the bond and love shared between her and her sisters, my mom and aunt Carolyn. Aunt Ethel was a wonderful person and my siblings and I loved her as a mom and we will miss her. We so loved to visit aunt Ethel and uncle Lewis, her fried chicken was the best and not to mention uncle Lewis's liver and onions.  
I pray that the memories of your beautiful mom will give you the strength to heal and get through these very difficult days. Epp, as Lewis called her will never be forgotten.  
Rest in heavenly peace Aunt Ethel,  
Love you,  
Joyce Thompson*

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**joyce thompson** - May 30, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.*



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May 29, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Joyce, Peter, James and Angela thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.*

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**Joyce, Peter, James and Angela thompson** - May 29, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Moma, I can't believe I'm posting a memory because YOU'RE GONE! I thank GOD for favoring me so much that HE gift me BOTH YOU & DAD! IF I share a memory for you...IT WOULD BE...LOVE, JESUS AND ALL OF HIS FRUITS! THANK YOU JESUS! THANK YOU MOMA! THANK YOU DADDY! MY HEART IS IN PIECEE JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE GONE BUT IM THANKFUL HE PLUCKED ONE OF HIS MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS THAT I'VE EVER SEEN OR KNOWN!*

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**Your Babygirl** - May 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *Josephine Black and Children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.*



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**Josephine Black and Children** - May 28, 2024 at 07:13 PM

JC

“ Josephine Black and Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.

Josephine Black and Children - May 28, 2024 at 07:13 PM

HF

“ Henry Wright and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.



Henry Wright and Family - May 28, 2024 at 06:08 PM

HF

“ Henry Wright and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.

Henry Wright and Family - May 28, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.



May 23, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.*



May 23, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ *Gloria F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ethel Mae Fennell.*

**Gloria F.** - May 23, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ *I will always remember Aunt Ethel She was a sweet person.*



**Brenda Dickerson & Family** - May 23, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers From Jessica Dickerson and family*



**Jessica Dickerson** - May 23, 2024 at 09:57 AM