



Edna Lorraine Coppage

February 19, 1941 - March 6, 2021

Edna Lorraine Coppage, 80, of Nanjemoy, MD passed away Saturday, March 6th, 2021 surrounded by family and close friends. Edna was born in Washington, DC to the late Wilson C. and Edna L. Switzer. She was a 1958 graduate of Suitland High School in Suitland, Maryland and a graduate of the Washington School for Secretaries. At her retirement, she was Director of Administration at the National Wooden Pallet and Container Association in Alexandria, Virginia.

She had held numerous important positions in her career with the National Tooling and Machining Association in Ft. Washington, MD, Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) in Old Town Alexandria, VA and The United States Independent Telephone Pioneers Association (USITA) on K Street in Washington, DC.

Edna is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Richard G. Coppage of Nanjemoy, Maryland: 3 children: David R. Coppage, 52 of La Plata, MD and Daniel S. 45 and Emily K. Coppage of Nanjemoy, MD and a brother-in-law Ronald K. Coppage of Lost River, WV.

Throughout the years, she had three special Bichon Frise dogs named Elle, Emme and Bella. She enjoyed spending quality time with family and close friends throughout the Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC areas. She was particularly fond of Dan and Emily's weekend house on the Potomac River in Nanjemoy, having Ledo's Pizza with her husband, and seeing her two adopted sons Kevin Mackey and Brian Droneberger along with their families. She

donated much of her time and efforts making blankets for needy children for The Linus Project.

A private burial will be held in Nanjemoy, MD with a celebration of life party to be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made and sent in Edna's memory to the American Cancer Society of Washington DC, the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation or Sibley Memorial Hospital of Washington DC.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Lorraine Coppage*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Edna has been my "Sister- Friend" for over 35 years. We were neighbors and didn't know it until she happened to make a hair appointment one evening after work at a local salon, and I was her stylist. What a wonderful chance meeting for me. Our friendship has continued, she's always been there for me. She helped me through all of my tough life changes, and shared the good times too. Four years ago, she baked a wedding cake for us. Edna and Richard drove over to St. Mary's Co, to surprised my husband Marion and me with a pineapple upside down cake, and it was delicious!! A topped with a cherished wedding couple. In these pasted months she has been my "Task Master" keeping me on point with the job of donating my recently deceased husbands clothing and belongs to thrift stores. At lease one day a week she would arrive over to assist me in sifting through too many years of clutter, asking me over and over again, "do you really need this?". She won every time. Edna has been a constant supportive force in my life, a true friend to me, we enjoyed each other, truly cared about one another, loved each other. I am so blessed to have had her in my life, but now that she has past, my heart aches without her.*

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“ Edna and I worked together at the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association in Washington, DC during our 20s and 30s and became life long friends. We traveled along with our husbands to work conventions in Las Vegas, New Orleans, Phoenix, Johnstown and other cities. We took a memorable trip to the Poconos with our husbands and shared memories of our sons and would meet for lunch in recent years. COVID kept us from enjoying our planned lunch last April. I will miss her calling me "JB" and our visits. Until we meet again, dear Edna. Your forever friend, Jerry Byrd Ritzel



Geraldine Ritzel - March 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM