



Edward Vincent Church Sr.

May 10, 1939 - April 4, 2026

Honoring A Special Gentleman

Edward Vincent Church, Sr., was born on May 10, 1939, to the late Harry Tull and Hazel Irene Burris Church. Edward was the youngest son of eight children born into his family. Edward peacefully transitioned from this life on April 4, 2026, at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury, Maryland.

Edward grew up in Delmar, Maryland, alongside his parents and siblings. Edward enjoyed going fishing, hunting, and working on the family farm. Edward received his formal education at Salisbury High School in Salisbury, Maryland, and graduated in 1958. He married the love of his life, Ververline, on November 4, 1960, and they remained together for 65 and a half years. Edward and Ververline raised five children, three boys and two girls.

Edward was employed at Dupont, where he worked as a Nylon Machinist Operator for thirty-five years until he retired. Edward was kindhearted, known for helping anyone in need, and for being a gentleman. Edward liked telling a good joke. Edward loved the family's famous farm barbecues with relatives and friends. Edward was an exceptionally good cook and was known for making unbelievably delicious sweet potato pie, a recipe he often shared with the family.

Edward was a genuinely humble person who greeted everyone warmly in his home, making each guest feel both welcome and appreciated. Edward was known for having a kind spirit and loving heart.

Edward leaves to cherish his precious memory: his wife, Ververline Church; sister, Jane Church Birckhead; sons, Edward Vincent (Sonia) Church, Jr., Gregory Aaron (Bendetta Blue) Church, Sr. and Marvin (Keisha) Church; daughters, Vastina Church Woods and Angel Sommers Church; grandchildren, Davon (Charmine) Brown, Gregory Aaron Church, Jr., Jeremy Church, Jordan Church, Sydney Church, and Madison Church; great-grandchildren, Christian Brown, Daya Brown, Courtney Brown, and Adonais Brown, Gregory Aaron Church III, Willow Church, and beloved nieces and nephews.

Family members who preceded him in death include: his brothers, Harry (Marion) Church and George Church, sisters, Verdell Church (Retired Col Clifton) Sands, Martie Church (Donald) Dashiell, Annabelle Church (Seldon) Dix and Carolyn (Carroll James, Jr.) Church Scott Moore and brother-in-law, Robert Birckhead.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

APR **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - April 24 at 01:49 PM



“ *Sending my Prayers to the Family*



Ronald Hull Jr - April 29 at 11:31 AM



“ *Chimere Blake lit a candle in memory of Edward Vincent Church Sr.*



Chimere Blake - April 25 at 07:45 PM



“ *The Waters family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Vincent Church Sr..*



The Waters family - April 25 at 11:12 AM

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“ *The Waters family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Vincent Church Sr..*

The Waters family - April 25 at 11:12 AM

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“ *Alexander Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward Vincent Church Sr..*



Alexander Family - April 24 at 11:49 AM

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“ *The Goslee Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edward Vincent Church Sr..*



The Goslee Family - April 23 at 12:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Vincent Church Sr..*



April 23 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Vincent Church Sr..

April 23 at 10:23 AM



“ Carolyn Duffy lit a candle in memory of Edward Vincent Church Sr.



Carolyn Duffy - April 19 at 12:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *The good old days*



Warren Gaines - April 14 at 08:48 PM



Carolyn Duffy & Family :To the Church family sorry for the loss of your loved one, our hearts go out to you but know God is with you.

Carolyn Duffy - April 14 at 11:53 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - April 09 at 07:26 AM

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My heartfelt sympathy to the Church family in their loss. Praying God's continued blessings during this time of bereavement. Lovingly submitted, Min. Phyllis Hardy, Union Methodist Church, Delmar

Phyllis Hardy - April 09 at 08:07 AM