

Celebration of Life



Edwina Deniece Croutch Edgeworth

Sunrise: January 8, 1958 - Sunset: May 25, 2021

Sunday, May 30, 2021
2:30 P.M.

Bennie Blakely Jr. Memorial Chapel
Blakely's Funeral & Cremation Service
714 East Franklin Street
Monroe, North Carolina

Rev. Bob Evans, Officiant

Order of Service

Prelude..... Minister Deborah Wilson/Family & Friends

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Selection..... The Girls

Scripture Readings:

Old TestamentReverend Michael Croutch

New TestamentPastor Narlie Croutch III

Prayer of ComfortElder Malcolm Croutch

SelectionThe Potts Family

Reading of ObituaryPastor Cynthia Williams

Remarks (2 minutes)

SelectionSheryle Clyburn

Words of ComfortReverend Damaro Robinson

SelectionCroutch Family

Recessional

The Committal / Benediction / Interment

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

621 East Lawyers Road

Monroe, NC 28112



The Family Acknowledgement

The family of **Edwina Deniece Croutch Edgeworth** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this most difficult time. A special thanks to family, friends, and 1st and 2nd generation.









The Obituary

Edwina Deniece Croutch Edgeworth was born on January 8, 1958 to the late Narlie and Mary Meaders Croutch in Union County, North Carolina. She made her heavenly transition into eternal rest on May 25, 2021 at Levine & Dickson Hospice House at Aldersgate in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was the youngest of all the siblings.

Edwina (affectionately known as Niece) received Christ at an early age and was a lifetime member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She was a staple in her church family and served willingly and obediently in the church. Nothing was impossible for her to achieve, and she never gave up on any task that was given to her. Niece was a member of the Senior Choir, founded and directed the Union Chapel Mass Choir, helped form the Mass Choir Fish Fry and served on various committees within the church. Everyone knew if it was placed in her hands, it would be done at an uncompromising level of excellence and grace. In addition Niece loved working in the church ensuring that her home church would always be in the community as well as the Croutch family legacy of music continuing to live throughout the generations. In all things, she put God first in her life.

Niece was a kindred spirit and loved to be surrounded by friends and family. She had an overall respect for each individual person and loved them unconditionally. She affectionately gave nicknames to everyone and tried to be supportive in whatever they were doing in life. She shined while in the presence of others and it was not uncommon that food and music was not far behind. Niece enjoyed shopping, singing, laughing and enjoying life. She often laughed until she cried, which is a trait common in the Croutch family. She was wise in years and often became a listening ear and guidance for those who were in need. Niece had a zest for life and was an advocate for supporting those who were fighting cancer. Her life was spent being a trendsetter and pushing through new initiatives to help fight for a cure, including organizing races, being at the forefront of new drugs and even appearing on television to give insight into how to live despite diversity/medical conditions. She truly was a warrior and fighter.

Niece was a graduate of Piedmont High School, class of 1976, and was a social butterfly. While in school not only was she smart but also popular serving in different clubs as well as being a dynamite cheerleader. Deniece went on to excel corporately in business, moving up in the ranks at Security Bank and eventually became a paralegal working for a law firm. She along with her sisters founded and successfully ran LE & G Cleaning Services because no one can clean like the Croutchs. In her later years, she worked for Union County Public Schools working in the school system along with also driving her yellow school bus. She definitely gained notoriety and demanded respect from all her students.

Ms. Edwina Deniece Edgeworth was preceded in death by her five brothers: R.Z. Croutch (Lessie), Robert Croutch (Gladys), Narlie Croutch, Bobby Croutch, Ellis Meaders and sister: Loretta Barrett.

She leaves to cherish loving memories **one son:** Ronnie Edgeworth Jr (Quandra); **one granddaughter:** Nyla Edgeworth; **brothers:** Thomas (Ethel), Earnest (Margie), Henry (Myra); **sisters:** Mary Lindsey, Alice Morrow, and Vanessa Grier (Danny); **sister-in-laws:** Phyllis and Rose. She will be truly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends,

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Casket Bearers
Nephews

Weep Not For Me

By an Unknown Author

Weep not for me though I have gone
 Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
 Upon my soul's sweet flight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
 There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
 For all those many years
There is no pain, I suffer not
 The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
 In your memory I live on
Remember not my fight for breath
 Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
 But celebrate my life

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