



Faye Edwards Guntner

July 27, 1940 - August 17, 2025

Faye Edwards Guntner passed away on August 17, 2025, in Winchester, VA, three weeks after her 85th birthday.

Born on July 27, 1940, in Huntington, WV to parents Everett Edgar Edwards and Rose Elizabeth Sizemore Edwards, she grew up in Morgantown and graduated from Morgantown High School.

Intrigued by potential opportunities, she and her first husband, Lou DeProspero, took the civil service test and embarked on a new adventure in Washington, DC in the early 1960's. She worked for GSA and NASA.

Faye coached her daughter's little league softball and basketball teams and never missed her son's football, basketball or baseball games. She was delighted when her grandsons began playing football and baseball so she could once again cheer for her family from the stands. Unable to attend games in person over the last few years, she was grateful for streaming. On an iPad, she watched her youngest grandson pitch just a few weeks ago, in June.

She often said that being a mother was her greatest joy. The friends of her children knew her door was always open and there was likely something sweet baking in the oven. She crocheted dozens of purple hats for the kids to wear to show their high school spirit. She wasn't working at the time, so she was always around. But she managed to strike a balance between keeping an eye on things and looking away so her children could get into mischief and handle it on their own. She didn't get mad

when the kitchen table broke during a senior skip day party, but she did make us fix it. Although she was quiet and reserved, she loved to be surrounded by loud and happy people. Her children's chaotic high school years were her favorite years.

She retired to Inwood, WV, and spent her time gardening, crocheting, cooking, baking, making cat beds for her grandcats and spoiling her grandchildren. She is survived by daughter Beth DeProspero Elgin and husband Mike of Winchester, and son, Jim DeProspero and wife Lisa of Leesburg, and grandsons James, Wyatt and Dutch. She is also survived by lifelong best friend and unofficial fourth sister, Gail Mullin.

She was preceded in death by her husband Art Guntner, her parents, and all of her siblings (Jean, Nancy, Helen, James, Paul, Jackie, Billie, Bobby and Junior).

An informal visitation with the family will be held at Phelps Funeral Home, 311 Hope Drive, Winchester, VA 22601, on Thursday, August 28th from 1-3pm, followed by a gathering at Beth's house.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice (<https://give.blueridgecare.org/campaign/706674/donate>).

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service

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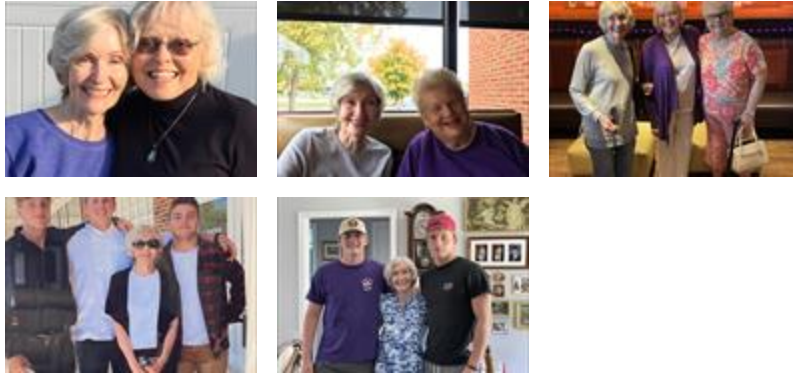
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Tribute Wall

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“ 5 files added to the album memories of Faye



Sharon Darling - August 27, 2025 at 10:35 PM

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“ Faye and I met , 35 years ago working for a beltway contractor. We stayed friends all through our working and retirement years. Faye was the kind of friend you could count on through thick and thin. We had a lot of good times together hiking, skiing t going to the theatre, concerts etc., I will always cherish those years. Faye had many talents. She was a wonderful cook and baker. Whenever I visited her from my many travels she would always bake me my favorite pie- excellent gardener, and she crocheted a throw for everyone-I will cherish mine forever. We both started out as secretaries, she ended up at the end of her career as the head of Human Resources. Whatever Faye put her mind to she did it well. Anyone that knew Faye was a very lucky person for Sure. I will miss our time together, but we'll cherish the memories and thank the lucky stars that I met her and we made friends with her for all those years she will be sorely missed.

The Darling - August 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM

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“ Shirley C Nichols lit a candle in memory of Faye Guntner



Shirley C Nichols - August 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to have Miss Faye as my neighbor. Such a beautiful lady full of love and grace. I enjoyed her visits and our late night phone chats. She loved her children and grandchildren and would always express that love whenever we talked. Miss Faye looked forward to getting together for our monthly neighbor lunches and was always so cheerful and so cute. My life was richer because she was in it, and I am definitely going to miss her, but I am happy that I have such fond memories. My deepest sympathy to the family.
Shirley C Nichols

Shirley C Nichols - August 26, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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I knew Faye for over 60 years. She was my colleague at GSA and my friend forever. Faye was a lovely, intelligent and wise lady. She was my mentor at work and an inspiration as a mother. I will remember her always. May memories comfort her family.
Love,
Carolyn Hebert

Carolyn Hebert - September 10, 2025 at 11:25 AM