



## Ethel May Smith, of Fitchburg

April 28, 2025

Fitchburg – Ethel May Smith, 88, of Fitchburg, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2025 in Leominster Hospital.

Ethel was born in Brooklyn, NY, a daughter of the late Henry B. and Ethel (Johnson) Smith.

Ethel worked as a bookkeeper for many years at Paragon Plastics and later for Anwelt Shoe, eventually retiring from Plastikan. Ethel was a lifelong faithful member of Christ Church. She taught Sunday School for 19 years and was the Altar Guild directress for 26 years. Ethel was a Eucharistic Visitor and was very faithful in contacting and visiting shut-ins. Always active, she spent her retirement volunteering for the Johnny Appleseed Visitor's Center and Leominster Hospital. Ethel was a past member of the Leominster Business Professional Women's Organization, serving as president from 1990-1992. Ethel was an avid traveler, especially with her best friend, Joan. Anyone who knew Ethel knows that she loved a good cup of tea...or two.

Ethel is survived by her brother-in-law William Banks of Leominster; nieces and nephew, Cheryl Carroll and husband Patrick of Pepperell, William Banks of Maryland, and Christina Melanson and husband Arnold of Fitchburg; great nieces and nephews, Patrick, Sean, Brandon & Dakota, Ashton & Jon, Dominic and Kenneth; and a great great nephew and niece. Ethel is also

survived by her longtime “family”, the Fontaine, Carpentier and Cederblom families.

She was predeceased by her sister Carol Banks and her best friend Joan E. Fontaine

Calling hours will be held in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg on Sunday, May 4, from 3-5pm. Ethel’s funeral will be celebrated in Christ Church, 569 Main St., Fitchburg on Monday, May 5, at 11:00am. Burial will be held privately at a later date. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to Christ Church, 569 Main St, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg  
316 Clarendon Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(978) 343-4407

## Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church  
569 Main St.  
Fitchburg, MA

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ I was so saddened to just learn of Ethel’s passing. She was one of the first people who welcomed me to Christ Church. Unfortunately, we lost touch during Covid when I switched parishes. She was such a wonderful and amazing woman who taught me what to do with Altar Guild. She always spoke so lovingly about her family, friends and her life’s experiences. Her love for The Lord was unwavering. Rest in Peace Ethel. God Bless You. Roberta Pastorello/Fitchburg



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**Roberta Pastorello** - June 04, 2025 at 08:09 AM

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**Anderson funeral home** - May 20, 2025 at 11:02 AM

LL

“ My dearest Parish friend and companion, Ethel and I spent many hours and days sharing adventures exploring lakes and parks, house and yard cleaning, visits to doctors and eating out. She was always up for plays and my choral and band concerts, sharing time watching and listening with my mom while I played clarinet or sang. We will all miss her enthusiasm and love. The Lambert family.

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**Lyn Lambert** - May 05, 2025 at 09:30 AM

EJ

“ *Ethel, thank you for your service on the Altar Guild as Directress at Christ Church. As your successor, I thank you for sitting with me over tea at your home during the transition (then Covid hit!) and for walking me through this high honor of leading and serving our Rectors and supply priests as we set the Lords Table and follow the liturgical calendar for worship and sacramental events. We have the best Altar Guild and will continue our service for which you have said you were so proud to see all of our behind the scenes work. We love you. You are now setting the Lords table in heaven my friend. Thank you for sharing so many of your moments and memories at Christ Church with me. God bless you and your family.*

*Evelyn (Evie) Jiménez*



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**Evelyn Jimenez** - May 04, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DG

“ *Ethel was the sweetest person I know. When I came from Good Shepherd to Christ Church she was one of the first to welcome me and my husband. If I had any questions she was always helpful. I know she's with God, but I envy him her presence.*

*Dixie and Eddie Gelinis*

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**Dixie Gelinis** - May 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

JB

“ *Ethel smith was my Sunday school teacher. Loved Christ Church and always called to check on my mom when my Dad passed. So very caring. She will truly be missed. Love from the Derderian/Babaian family.*

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**Jaymie Babaian** - May 01, 2025 at 09:17 AM