

My Nana

A nana is warm hugs and sweet memories. She remembers all of your accomplishments and forgets all of your mistakes. She is someone you can tell your secrets and worries to and she hopes and prays that all your dreams come true. She always loves you, no matter what. She can see past temper tantrums and bad moods and makes it clear that they don't affect how precious you are to her. She is an encouraging word and a tender touch. She is full of proud smiles. She is the one person in the world who loves you with all her heart, who remembers the child you were and cherishes the person you've become.

*Written and presented to Nana on her 70th birthday
By Steven (Stevie) Armstrong*

II Timothy: 4:7-8 "... I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing..."

PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren - Christopher Edwards, Adam Edwards
Logan Edwards, Troy Edwards, Tyler McKoy and Jordan McKoy

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Margaret Oliver Edwards, wish to express our sincere appreciation to our loved ones, friends, neighbors and church family for their acts of kindness and every expression of sympathy extended to us during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

*Special thanks to Jacksonville Restaurant
(325 Grand St., Paterson, NJ) for catering the family dinner.*

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

OF

Margaret Oliver Edwards



***Margaret began the race on July 25, 1941
and finished her course on August 22, 2013***

Mount Bethel Baptist Church

399 South Broad Street

Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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Rev. Thomas Johnson, Pastor

Rev. Cedric J. McKoy, Officiating

Reflections of Life



Margaret Oliver Edwards, a resident of Paterson, NJ departed this life on August 22nd, 2013 at Hackensack University Medical Center. She was born on July 25, 1941 in Hackensack, NJ to the late Marcellus Odell Oliver and Nannie Love.

Her early childhood was spent in Clarksville, VA. She graduated from West End High School in 1959 and was the Secretary of her Class. Early in her life she knew she was called to help others. Accordingly, Margaret chose childcare as her field of occupation. She worked at Christ Church Day Care Center in Paterson for 17 years caring for infants and teaching toddlers. Margaret spent several years as a private duty nurse before missing her passion and returning to childcare to finish her career as Assistant Director at Grace Chapel Baptist Church's first day care center – Gracie's Child Development Academy in Paterson, NJ.

She began her Christian life at Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Paterson, NJ where she served on the Booster Club for the benefit of Christian Education. For the past 20 years she had been attending Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Ridgewood, NJ and joined the church on April 7, 2013. She had an unflinching faith in God, which helped her endure the challenges of her illness. She fought courageously and was always thankful to God for the love and kindness of her friends and family.

Her strong presence, unwavering faith and her candor endeared her to so many. She loved her family and took great pride in her children, her grandchildren, and the many adopted children that became part of her life over many years. Her greatest joy was spending time with them to whom she was affectionately known as "Nana." Her favorite moments included: attending school programs, enjoying one on one time, vacationing with the family ~ especially cruising together and giving hugs and kisses.

Margaret was preceded in death by her five brothers, Chester Oliver, David Love, John Oliver, James Oliver and Edward Oliver; and sister, Rosemary Willis.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Winnie Edwards of Paterson, NJ; her children, Mark Edwards (Lisa) of Voorhees, NJ; Lisa McKoy (Vernon) of Westwood, NJ; Michael Edwards (Malika) of Warren, NJ; Kelvin Edwards (Lori) of Bordentown, NJ; and Diane Cottman of Ewing, NJ; three siblings, brother, Charles Oliver of Hackensack, NJ; sister, Bernice Freeman of Lexington, NC; and sister, Shirley Sperling of Lexington, NC; two brother-in-laws, Claude Edwards of Camden, NJ and Leonel Edwards of Paterson, NJ; 20 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, 9 godchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Margaret is also survived by countless other adopted children and grandchildren who saw her as a mother or grandmother figure in their lives.

Submitted with Love,
The Family

MOUNT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
399 South Broad Street
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450-5010
REVEREND THOMAS JOHNSON, PASTOR

Friday, August 30, 2013

7:00 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE Brother Michael Butler, Musician

PRESIDING..... Reverend Russel Graham

PROCESSIONAL..... #248 "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"

INVOCATION

MUSICAL SELECTION..... "Victory Is Mine"
Choir

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Psalm 23 Alyssa Armstrong

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 Cynthia Toppin

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Gloria Nobles
Prayer Hymn

Solo "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me"
Brother Jean Thomas

REMARKS..... Harold Bradley
Chairman, Deacon Board
Clergy and Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RESOLUTION

OBITUARY

Solo "My Tribute"
Brother Malcolm Cobb accompanied by Brother Thomas L. Page

EULOGY..... **Rev. Cedric J. McKoy, Pastor**
Beulah Grove Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

RECESSIONAL..... "Going Up Yonder"
Brother Malcolm Cobb accompanied by Brother Thomas L. Page

COMMITTAL SERVICE Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum
Fair Lawn, New Jersey
Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.