

A portrait of Mary Edmonds, a woman with short, curly dark hair, wearing glasses, a black top with a blue and white patterned bow, and a multi-strand necklace. She is holding a large white rose. The background is a collage of flowers, including purple and pink roses, and a white floral arrangement.

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Mary Edmonds**

**Sunrise**  
*September 9, 1929*

**Sunset**  
*December 18, 2013*

*Service*

Friday, December 27, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

**Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church**

83 Elizabeth Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

**Dr. Elton T. Byrd, Pastor/Founder**  
**Officiating**

## Obituary

**Mary Miller-Edmonds** was born on September 9, 1929 to Nannie Rountree and George Thomas. Mother Mary/Aunt Mary as she was lovingly called departed this life on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, after a long illness and stay at Saint Barnabas Hospital Center in Livingston, NJ.

Mary received her early educational experience in the Newark School district attending Kindergarten at Newton Street School & 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Elementary School. She began her High School experience at Central High School; however, she completed her education by earning her GED from the New York State Department of Education.

Mary was Baptized at the age of 19 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Newark, NJ. Since the 1980's she was a dedicated member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and a faithful servant of the Lord until making her transition.

Married to Alexander (Bubby) Edmonds, Jr. on January 2, 1962 who passed in October 1997, from this union she was blessed to maintain loving relations with her 3 step-children and spouses: Alex and wife Phyllis (3 children), Denise and husband Richard (1 daughter & 3 grands) & Larry and wife Joyce (3 children & 3 grands).

Always willing to serve and help out, Aunt Mary worked as a Nurses Aide and as a Patient Aide to Developmentally challenged children with many years of employment at Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook State School and the Manhattan Developmental Center retiring in 1993. Unstoppable, she went on to assist her mother Nannie in the family business "The California Restaurant". After Nannies retirement from the restaurant, Aunt Mary was her constant companion, they traveled, shopped, attending family reunions and visiting Atlantic City. When Nannie's health began to fail Aunt Mary never left her side, caring for her and seeing to her every need, until her last moment on earth.

Aunt Mary was a survivor, in 2002 she underwent triple bypass surgery, "God is good" her recovery was powerful. As the years passed she also survived several very serious operations and hospital stays, all the while keeping as her focus faith and service to God and her humanitarian obligations.

Aunt Mary was preceded in death by her two sons (James Miller and Calvin Miller), her dear Brother, William Miller, her beloved Mother, Nannie Rountree, father George Thomas, a dear Cousin Esther Sims, Nephew William Miller and Great Nephew Zafir Abdul-Rahman.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two nieces Jamillah (Pamela), Karimah (Roslyn), two Nephews Vincent and Marc Miller, Great Nephews and Nieces, and a host of other dear relatives and close friends.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Hymn of Praise ..... FMBC Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... FMBC Choir

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

Obituary ..... (Please Read in Silence)

Remarks ..... (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Selection ..... FMBC Choir

Eulogy ..... Dr. Elton T. Byrd, Pastor

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey



## *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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