



*Home Going Celebration
for*

Helen Laverne Edmundo

Sunrise

June 10, 1934

Sunset

July 4, 2010

Friday, July 9, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

CALVARY GOSPEL CHURCH

17 Lyons Avenue • Newark, NJ 07112

*Rev. Steven B. Davis, Pastor
Officiating*

Obituary

Helen Laverne Edmundo was born on June 10, 1934 to Henry Elward and Isabel Vandevere in Roselle, NJ.

In her school years, Helen was an honor student, an avid lover of Latin, psychology, playing the flute, rhythm & blues and gospel music. At the age of twenty, Helen married Valentin Edmundo and gave birth to Linda Valerie Edmundo, their only and dearly loved daughter. With a keen mind and love of learning, Helen continued her education at Rutgers University where she received a bachelor's degree in Spanish. She continued her education at Kean University earning a master's degree in Counseling. She was a Spanish teacher and guidance counselor at Clifford J. Scott High School for twenty-six years, retiring in 1997.

Helen loved the Lord and praised God throughout her arduous battle with metastatic breast cancer. She was deeply committed to God, her family and service to UMDNJ Cancer Support Group.

As a dedicated teacher and counselor, Helen believed in providing discipline, education and compassionate support to her students. As a mother and grandmother, Helen's open arms were always stretched out to them as was her sound and wise advise. She was also a great defender of the animal kingdom, rescuing more than twenty stray dogs and cats.

Helen leaves behind: her sisters, Jean Wilfred and Marilyn Elward; daughter, Linda Valerie Edmundo; her grandchildren, Erika Edmundo-Glasgow, Robert C. Farmer, III, Raquel Farmer and Christopher Edmundo; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members to lovingly carry on her legacy of love, faith and dedication to God, to each other and to humankind.

Special thanks to Rev. Steven B. Davis and the whole Calvary Gospel Church family.

Order of Service

Invocation Rev. Steven B. Davis, Pastor

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 27 Rhonda Davis

New Testament - John 14 Linda Edmundo

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Steven B. Davis, Pastor

Soloist Mrs. Rhonda Davis

Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgement Rev. Steven B. Davis, Pastor

Reflections Erika Edmundo
Marilyn Elward

Reading of the Obituary Marilyn Elward

Soloist Mrs. Monica Hillman

Eulogy Rev. Steven B. Davis, Pastor

Benediction

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Trail To Heaven

*If you have faith you'll find the Trail to Heaven
Just like I did, an answer to my prayer
To hear the angels sing in all their splendor
Oh it's truly, from Heaven above
You will cry, but you should try
Saying a prayer, don't let love die
And even though I've found the Trail to Heaven
I'll send a message for you in my prayer.
I see stars shining bright and angels singing
I'm so happy I found the trail.*

*From a song by
Mahalia Jackson*

Pall Bearers

Dana Brogsdale
Darrin Brogsdale
John A. Wilfred

Michael Wilford
Robert C. Farmer, III
George Foster-Bay

Acknowledgments

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you.

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