

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Linda Faye Edmonds

**Sunrise
July 18, 1951**

**Sunset
January 17, 2022**

Saturday, January 22, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Union Baptist Church
221 Myrtle Ave., Passaic, NJ 07055
Milton Edmonds, Officiating

Obituary

How do you measure a person's worth?

Salt was used as currency as early as 6,000 BC; in fact, the term “salary” is actually from the Latin term “salarium,” which means “salt money.” So, when someone says, “She’s worth her weight in salt,” that was something extremely valuable. Some would say that Linda was worth her weight in salt... some would even say that Linda was worth her weight in gold, which by today’s standards, is a small fortune. I would say that Linda was priceless. Her value cannot be measured, and her contributions, whether in teaching or her family, were boundless.

Linda Faye Edmonds (nee Johnson) was born to the late Milton and EmmaRetta Johnson in Birmingham, AL, on July 18, 1951. She grew up in Hackensack and Englewood, NJ, and then moved to Passaic, NJ, in high school. She married the love of her life, Arthur L. Edmonds, on April 3, 1971. Linda loved the Lord, her family, teaching, traveling, and nature.... which is why she named her grandkids with names relating to nature.

Linda has a very large family consisting of 4 children, 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and ten siblings. She also raised Jerell Edmonds, River Edmonds, Terrell Finley, and Kaleb Pujols.

God was very significant in Linda’s life. She was a member and Missionary of Bible Way Tabernacle Church of Passaic, NJ, where she was also the Sunday School Teacher, Youth Counselor, and Jr. Choir Director.

She obtained a real estate license from Caldwell Banker, but her real passion was teaching. She graduated with honors from Passaic Community College with an associate degree in Early Childhood Education and was selected as Who’s Who among her peers. She continued her education, graduating with honors from Springfield College, with a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Early Childhood Education, then received her P3 Teaching Certification from Caldwell College.

Linda worked Real Estate Sales at Coldwell Banker, as a Pre School Teacher at New Baim Jewish Synagogue, as Children's Care Coordinator at Passaic County 4C's, as a Pre School Teacher at Children's Day Nursery; she ultimately joined the Passaic Family Head Start on September 24, 1990. During her tenure at Head Start, she has taught hundreds of children. Every child remembers their favorite teacher. Linda was that for countless children. She was supportive of other teachers and assistants as well. Linda retired on June 13, 2017, and after retirement, she continued as a teacher at Nygeria Ark.

A good teacher gives you something to take home and think about besides homework, but Linda was a GREAT teacher. She taught her students lessons that will stay with them for their entire lives. She was unforgettable to the more than 500 students she taught, and to her family, she was nothing short of a superhero. Her absence leaves a huge void, but her contributions in life have created a legacy that will last forever.

Linda was preceded in death by siblings Samuel, Melva, Pastor Bobbie, and Thomas; nephews, James and Jonathan; grandchildren; Rain Ervin, and great grandchildren, King Edmonds.

Linda is survived by her husband of 51 years, Arthur L. Edmonds Sr.; their children Regan Edmonds (Florida), Alisa Edmonds (Florida), Arthur L. Edmonds Jr. [Angelina], and Milton Edmonds [Erica]; grandchildren; Rain, Jerell, Xavier, Jabari, Isaiah, Aaron, Tree, River, Emily, Terell, Raina, Arthur 3rd, Zyrell, Shyrell, Starr, Rhythm; great grandchildren; Jazayvion, Nahriah, Aleenah, Kaleb, Camryn, Storm, Zayshone, Kaleb Pujols, Aura, W’ynter, Kairo, Saige, Dayshaun, Aamari’Asir; siblings; Shirley, Jeanette, Leon, Imagine, Geneva, Angela, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional	The Edmonds Family
Master of Ceremony	Josette Littlejohn
Opening Prayer	Evangelist Barbara Daniels
Scripture – Old Testament	Jerell Edmonds
Scripture – New Testament	Nahriah Edmonds
Musical Selection	Amyhni White
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Rashawn Hassel
Remarks	Please keep comments to 2 minutes
Reflections / Acknowledgements	Regan Edmonds
Musical Selection	Praise Worship Team
Word of Comfort	Milton Edmonds
Recessional	The Edmonds Family
Interment	Pastor Jeanette Littlejohn

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Rd.
Paramus, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Linda Faye Edmonds** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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