



## Dr. Mary H. Eady

August 5, 1938 - April 27, 2014

Dr. Mary Haywood Eady, 75, transitioned from her earthly body to be present with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 27, 2014 in Norfolk, VA. Her passing leaves a missing link in the love chain of her beloved husband and cherished daughters.

Born to the late Lacey Haywood and Pastor Odessa Currie Haywood on Friday, August 5, 1938 in Lumberton, NC, she accepted Jesus Christ into her life at a very early age and remained His faithful servant throughout her life. God blessed her with many gifts and talents, such as her beautiful soprano voice, playing the piano/keyboards/organ, ministering, mentoring, and counseling others.

Dr. Eady was a faithful and dedicated member of two local churches, New Light Baptist Church (NLBC) in Chesapeake and St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church (SMMBC) in Portsmouth. She joined NLBC in 1970 and served as Chair of the Deaconess Board, coordinator of African-American history events, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, founder of Puppetry Ministry, editor of the church newsletter and coordinator of the evening tutorial programs. In addition, she was a youth minister and a licensed missionary. She also sang in the Gospel and Senior Choirs, served on Christian Board of Education, and she helped form and directed the "Sunshine Choir" (now known as the Young Voices of Praise). She was a visionary for the Pulpit Ministry and worked in various other ministries. It was there where she followed in the footsteps of her mother by becoming a

licensed and ordained minister on December 27, 1998. She would later join St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church (SMMBC) in 2002 and again dedicate her service to others as an Associate Elder, member of the Christian Board of Education, founder and director of the Puppet Ministry, and volunteer musician for the St. Mark Christian Academy.

As a 1966 graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, Dr. Eady had great "Aggie Pride" where she earned her Bachelor of Science in History and English. As a student at NC A&T, she met a tall, handsome engineering student, Samuel Eady, who became her life partner and best friend. Sam and Mary met in 1958, married in 1960, and were inseparable until her passing. While students at NC A&T, they both participated in the Civil Rights Movement, including the Greensboro Woolworth Lunch Counter Sit-Ins and protest marches. In 1971, she earned her Masters degree from Old Dominion University as a Reading/Education Specialist. Both she and her husband later earned a Bachelor of Theology and a Master in Divinity from Richmond Virginia Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Beacon University.

Dr. Eady began her teaching career while a student in college by serving as a principal for the summer school at Hayes Taylor YWCA in Greensboro, NC. She has taught in the Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Chesapeake Public School Systems. She served as a sponsor and mentor for various student organizations and programs. While at Indian River High School, she sponsored the "Delta Dolls" club and directed the African American History month programs. After 32 years of teaching, she retired in 1998 as a Reading Resource Specialist from Indian River Senior High School in Chesapeake, VA. She was well loved and respected by her students and coworkers who regularly showered her with gifts and cards even after retirement.

In addition to her educational involvement, Dr. Eady was a member of the Tidewater Chapter of N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association, Inc., Chesapeake Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Hampton Minister's Conference, the Interdenominational Minister's Wives and Widows

Alliance of Tidewater, Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers' Conference, and Old Dominion General Baptist Association (ODGBA). She served as the Education Coordinator for the Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers' Conference, and Scholarship Committee Chairperson of the ODGBA. She also served as an adjunct professor at Norfolk State University and Tidewater Community College. She loved working as a volunteer with various organizations in the community such as Genesis Eyecare, Carrington Place Nursing Home, Sentara Village Nursing Home, Friends of Hampton Roads Inc., and Upward Bound.

Aside from the many activities in which Dr. Eady was involved, she loved to travel with her family, friends, and church members. The highlight trip of her lifetime was to Israel, where she was baptized in the Jordan River and sang a solo in the Chapel at the birthplace of Jesus!

She leaves to cherish her memory, her best friend and beloved husband of 54 years, Dr. Samuel Eady; two lovely daughters, Dr. Tonya D. Eady (Chesapeake, VA) and Judge Karen Eady-Williams (Charlotte, NC); an adored son-in-law Darrel J. Williams, Sr.; and a treasured sister, Geneva Haywood Clark (Hyattsville, MD). She also leaves behind her loving nieces Jacque Clark, Vickie Clark, Beverly Clark Huckaby, and Jennifer Eady. And she had one nephew, Patrick Clark. Her special god-children include Janelle Crump, Iris Graves Elam, Carissa Graves Henry, Tavis Graves, Cory Taylor, Whitney Boyd Diene, and Christopher Jackson. She leaves a host of other great nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, students, church members, and community members, who will sorely miss her earthly presence.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
2714 Frederick Blvd  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Mary H. Eady



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - May 01, 2014 at 03:22 PM

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*Mom, five years ago today, you transitioned to Heaven. Not one day has passed without thinking of you. Your love and spirit remain with us each day.*

*People say it'll get better, however it's just different. There's nothing better about you not physically being here with us. Yet, we trust God and thank Him for your love, life, and legacy. For we know that to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord.*

*We love you and pray for the day when we will see you again, in the name of Jesus, Amen.*

*With all of my love,  
Tonya*

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**TEady** - April 27, 2019 at 12:31 PM

TO

“ *Your life, love, and legacy will remain with us forever!*  
*Tonya*



**Tonya** - July 13, 2022 at 10:32 AM



*I'll never forget Ms. Eady. She was my 7th grade teacher at Chuckatuck Elementary. Besides being a great teacher she had a flair about her. Her presence commanded respect not because she was mean or threatening, but because she cared so very much about her students. Soar high Ms. Eady 💙*

**Keith Ricks** - February 09, 2023 at 06:03 PM

MM

“ *To the family of our dear friend Dr. Eady we will miss you. She often talked about her family and her daughters she was so proud of them, what a great woman, mother, and friend of God. What great times we had at ST. Mark Christian Academy when you played music for the classes, we had such a great time and the children loved it. The teachers that remember you will miss you. Mr. Eady we will always pray for you and your family that God will keep you and strengthen you in this time. God bless you and your family.*

*Ms. Monk*

**Mary Monk** - May 02, 2014 at 02:43 PM

AI

“ We were so sorry to hear about your loss. She was a beautiful person both inside and out. We always looked forward to seeing her. We will miss her smiling face and kind words. Love, Your Virginia Oncology Family

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**Aimee** - May 02, 2014 at 12:03 PM

SB

“ Dear Tonya and Karen: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. God Bless you and your family.  
SuAnne Hardee Bryant

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**SuAnne Hardee Bryant** - May 02, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ I pray that God holds your hand as often as needed, as you go through this period of bereavement. My mind goes back to New Light Baptist Church, when we first met Dr. Eddy she loved, loved, loved my daughter Jackie. She greeted us every time she saw us with such an amazingly anointed spirit. We are in prayer for your family. Blessings! Greg, Janine, Jackie and Greg II (Pierce's)

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**Marlyn Pierce** - May 02, 2014 at 07:06 AM

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“ To Brother Eady, Tonya, Karen and Darryl,

*Words cannot express how sorry we really are to hear of Sister Eady's passing. You have our sincere sympathy and continued prayers. We will never forget her beauty, her loving smile, her pleasant voice and her encouraging words every time we were in her presence. We thank God for her noticeable love for her husband and how proud she was of her lovely daughters.*

*We know that your loss is great, but trust that God is greater. Keep the faith in knowing that we who believe shall see her again.*

*With God's comfort and riches blessings,*

*Mike, Michelle and Bria (Williams)*

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**Michael, Michelle and Bria (Williams)** - May 02, 2014 at 04:51 AM

CW

“ Tonya and family, you have my deepest condolences. I just got the news and am truly shocked and saddened. I was one of Mrs. Eady's Delta Dolls at IRHS in 87. I will always remember the time she took us all to her church one Sunday, what unity. She was such a caring person. I'll never forget her. I saw you, your mom and dad in Golden Corral a year or so ago and my face lit up to see her, it made me so happy that she even remembered who I was. She's one person that left such a great impression on me that, I'll never forget her. Hang in there, I'll be praying for you all.



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**Chanee' Williams** - May 01, 2014 at 09:34 PM

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“ *"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.!"*

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**Thaddeus** - May 01, 2014 at 09:03 PM

AW

“ *Tonya & Karen my deepest sympathy goes out to you at this time. Don't know if you remember me but I am Rev. Eley's youngest daughter Aquila. I loved your mom & dad, and you girls as did my entire family! They loved us too; so my Prayers are with you! Hold on to God's hand right now, and He will get you through!!!  
Love, Aquila E. Wiggins*

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**Aquila E. Wiggins** - May 01, 2014 at 07:49 PM

LH

“ *I thought about the slumber party we had! What a wonderful Hostess Mrs. Eady was.... Such an sweet lady... Heaven has truly gained an Angel*

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**Lisa Hankieson** - May 01, 2014 at 07:41 PM

VL

“ *Tonya,  
May God comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow. Your mother was a God-sent to all. May she rest in His arms.  
The Lamb Family (Thad, Val, & Jazzy)*

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**Valerie Lamb** - May 01, 2014 at 07:08 PM

GC

“ I will fondly cherish the kind words she'd share whenever we'd meet.



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**G Cox** - May 01, 2014 at 06:39 PM

MF

“ I can truly proclaim that your family has had a special place in my life and in my heart since we were children. I am most appreciative for your Mother's unconditional love and support of me throughout the numerous decades.

*John 16:22- "So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."*

*Min. Alvin "Aalim" Turner & Family*

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**Min. Alvin "Aalim" Turner & Family** - May 01, 2014 at 06:11 PM

LS

“ Tonya, my deepest sympathy goes out to you, the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of your beloved mother.

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**Lamont Simmons** - May 01, 2014 at 04:55 PM

LB

“ We would like to thank the Eady Family for being a blessing in our lives...The Brames



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**Lewis & Diane Brame** - May 01, 2014 at 04:46 PM

KC

“ Tonya and Karen, My prayers are with you'll and your family. Though it has been years since I've seen your mom, I will always remember the very first time that I met her and her glowing smile as she showed me 'the white room'. I went home and shared with my mom that 'I met a classy and sophisticated lady like in the movies'. That 'white room' did it for me! Some days it may be hard to smile but know that every time you do your mom's smile will live on through you. MuchLove! Kim Cassell

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**Kim Cassell** - May 01, 2014 at 04:32 PM

CW

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Eady. I was a student of hers and a Delta Doll from Indian River High School Class of 1988. She was a truly wonderful woman and she will be greatly missed. May God bless and comfort you in your time of sorrow. - Candance Ford Wood

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**Candance Ford Wood** - May 01, 2014 at 03:53 PM



“ *Lisa L. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Mary H. Eady.*



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**Lisa L.** - May 01, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary H. Eady.*



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May 01, 2014 at 03:19 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary H. Eady.*



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May 01, 2014 at 03:11 AM



“ *Alway a True Woman of God...Sweet Spirit..motherly love.  
Sis . Tracy*

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**Tracy Minggia-Lee** - April 30, 2014 at 10:23 PM

JF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.  
( Isaiah 25:8)

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**Jackson Family** - April 30, 2014 at 07:38 PM

GS

“ Gwen Simmons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Mary H. Eady.



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**Gwen Simmons** - April 30, 2014 at 12:14 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary H. Eady.



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April 29, 2014 at 08:48 PM



“ ELDER EADY WAS TRULY THE REAL MEANING OF AN ANGEL.SHE WILL BE MISSED.

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**Jackie Wilson** - April 29, 2014 at 05:05 AM