



Robert T. Edwards

September 17, 1926 - January 30, 2022

Robert T. Edwards was born September 6, 1926, and departed this life on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Robert was one of five children born in Onley, VA to Robert and Helen Wise Edwards.

Robert Edwards was baptized at an early age and graduated from Mary N. Smith High School of Accomack, VA. He also attended North Carolina A & T State University.

Robert Edwards and Frances Strand, whom he lovingly called “Frank,” were married on June 15, 1953. They relocated to Portsmouth where they had a son, Gregory Leo Edwards, in 1955. The young family joined and became active members of Emanuel A.M.E. Church where Robert served as a member of the Steward Board. He also became well-known in the community for his workmanship as the proprietor of Crossroads Shoe Repair Shop in Portsmouth for nearly 60 years. After Frances passed in 1993, Robert married Jean Wright of Portsmouth who passed in 2016.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents (Robert and Helen Edwards), wife (Frances), brother (Ralph), second wife (Jean), and sister (Dr. Sarah Anderson). He will be remembered by his brother, Alfred of Maryland (Antha), sister, JoAnn of Delaware, and son, Gregory Leo (Jan) of Ohio. In addition, a host of loving nieces (Denise, April, Karen, Carla); nephews (Alfred, Bobby,

Dwayne, Mark, Clifton, Carby, Zachary); relatives (Sarah & James Williams), friends, neighbors, and caring friends (Deloris Lee) will mourn and celebrate Robert Edwards' life and memory.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Graveside

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert T. Edwards*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 04, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Mr. Edward's was such a gentleman. I was so impressed by his gesture of tipping his hat to the ladies while strolling through the neighborhood. He will truly be missed. What an incredible man!*

Georgene Jones - February 08, 2022 at 11:04 PM

EO

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Robert T. Edwards. Thank you for sharing him with us. I met Mr. Edwards as a youngster at Emanuel A.M.E. Church. He was a pillar and a guiding light to our congregation and community. As child I was always impressed with his gentleness in his words, his love for God and his displayed love and affection towards Mrs. Frances. When I think of Mr. Edwards, I instantly reminded of words penned by Grady Poulard.



The Measure of Man
by Grady Poulard

*The measure of a man is not determined
by his show of outward strength,
or the volume of his voice,
or the thunder of his action.
It is to be seen, rather,
in terms of the strength of his commitments,
The genuineness of his friendships,
the sincerity of his purpose,
The quiet courage of his convictions,
his capacity to suffer,
and his willingness to continue 'growing up'.*

*Thank you, Mr. Edwards for leaving a footprint in my heart and
being the example that I needed to see child and a young woman.
May rest be unto your body and peace unto your undying soul.
Forever in our hearts....*

*Lovingly,
Erica D. Orton
Cicy J. Orton*

Erica D. Orton - February 08, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 08, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ Pamela Gary Blanco lit a candle in memory of Robert T. Edwards



Pamela Gary Blanco - February 07, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Extending my heartfelt sympathy to the Edwards family. Mr. Edwards certainly repaired many pairs of shoes for me. You would see him in the shop working with ease and perfection. Crossroads Shoe Repair was truly a fixture at Alexanders Corner in Portsmouth, VA. Mr. Edwards was always a kind gentleman to his Alexander corner neighbors.

Praying for the Edwards family.

M. Grant - February 07, 2022 at 05:11 PM

IB

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss of such a wonderful man. Mr. Edwards was a very good friend to our father, Joseph N. Carver who also attend Emanuel A.M.E. Church . During the time our father passed in 1994, he was there for us with kind words. Because of that friendship with our father and his kindness, we always visited him at his shoe shop whenever any of us were in Portsmouth; for actual service, or just to say hello. We always drove by his shop after it closed and wondered how he was doing. He was such a wonderful person, and I am sure he will be terribly missed by all who knew and loved him. From the Carvers (Glenn, Iris and Angela)

Iris Carver Brown - February 07, 2022 at 04:06 PM

GD

“ Mr Edwards was our neighbor shoe repair expert. The community will miss him. Remembering his family in prayer.

Geraldine Dillard - February 07, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ Praying for the family of Brother Edwards



Joyce Foster - February 07, 2022 at 02:32 PM

DM

“ To Gregory and family. So sorry for your loss. I remember my mother calling him at Crossroads and he would drop off the shoes on his way home. Another pillar of Victory Manor and my childhood church.

Doryce Moore

Doryce Moore - February 06, 2022 at 06:13 PM

JG

*Our Sincere Condolences to the Edwards Families...
In Remembrance of our Mother, Jean D. Gill Edwards,
Peace and GOD Bless!❤️*

*Jeannine Gaines
David Gill
and Families*



Jeannine D. Gaines - February 11, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert T. Edwards.*



February 04, 2022 at 12:47 PM