



## Vadie Edwards

May 31, 1922 - May 14, 2020

Vadie Lee Coleman Edwards was born to Elijah and Cleopatra Coleman on May 31, 1922. She grew up as the third of four children--John Wallace Coleman, Lillie Mae Coleman Dixon, Vadie, then Claude Coates Coleman. The Coleman family worked their farm in Halifax County, Virginia, and the children walked to the Elkhorn Elementary School, picking up children from neighboring farms along the way. She was active at County Line Baptist Church, along with all her family members. She later graduated from Halifax Training School.

By her mid-twenties, Vadie Lee was ready to leave the farm so she traveled north to live with cousins. She first traveled to Philadelphia but then drifted a little south to Maryland where she secured a job with the state of Maryland as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Henryton State Hospital. While there, she met and married Frank Edwards Parker, in 1949. She worked for the State of Maryland for 36 years. At the age of 97, Vadie passed from life to eternal peace on Thursday afternoon, May 14, 2020 at Caring Hearts Assisted Living in Bowie, Maryland.

After her retirement, Vadie continued to show her love for the Lord by attending Victorious Ministries International in Baltimore, MD; and later when she moved to help Melissa with Aisha, she joined St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Salisbury, Maryland, until she became housebound. St. Paul ministered to her at home until she moved to assisted living in Bowie.

Vadie Lee raised two other children in her time on Earth. First, she raised her granddaughter, Melissa Edwards, then she had a strong presence in the life of her great-grandchild, Aisha Mohammed. Melissa primarily lived with her grandmother Vadie and attended Pr-kindergarten to eight grade where her grandmother lived. Vadie helped Melissa succeed in the newly integrated Carroll County school system, become accepting of others, develop a love of travel, and learn to love God at West Liberty United Methodist Church. Vadie moved in with Melissa shortly after Aisha was born, so she could watch her great-granddaughter until Aisha began school. Then, just as she had done for

Melissa, Vadie was present with afterschool snacks as Aisha attended Pre-K to eighth grade.

Vadie's legacy continues with her grand-daughter, Melissa Edwards (Mohammed); her great-grand-daughter, Aisha Mohammed; a sister-in-law, Fannie Coleman; nieces, Doretha Dixon Gay, Margaret Dixon Reynolds, Sandra Coleman Folkes, Penny Coleman Rucker, and Renee Coleman Brown; nephews David Dixon and Wayne Coleman; and a host of extended family and friends.

# Cemetery

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## Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Rd.  
Timonium, MD, 21093

# Events

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**MAY 28**    **VIEWING ONLY**    11:00AM - 12:00PM

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March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US,  
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# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Vadie Edwards, Please Click the Link below.



**March Funeral Homes** - May 28, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ That was a beautiful service..very moving. I am fortunate to have met Vadie Edwards. she was a very nice and independent woman and I admire that. May she rest peacefully.

**Praneetha** - May 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Our sympathy to Melissa, Aisha, and the relatives of Vadie Edwards.

**Fletcher** - May 28, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ While I did not have the good fortune to meet Vadie Edwards, I have been blessed to become friends with her great granddaughter, Aisha, who is a living testament to the strength, dedication, and loving character she passed on to her beloved family. May she rest in eternal peace where the angels sing her favorite songs.

**Sara Israel** - June 07, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of Vadie Edwards.



May 28, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ Sandra & Roy Folkes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vadie Edwards.



Sandra & Roy Folkes - May 26, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Vadie Edwards.



May 26, 2020 at 11:39 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vadie Edwards.



May 25, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 18, 2020 at 09:34 AM