



Rev. Henry A. Edens Sr.

February 15, 1917 - July 23, 2018

HENRY ALLEN EDENS, SR., son of the late Delia and Fred Edens, was born on February 15, 1917 in Onslow County, North Carolina. He departed this life peacefully at home on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Rev. Edens was raised in Wilmington, North Carolina where he attended public schools. He met and married the love of his life Mary Elizabeth Copeland in Portsmouth, Virginia in 1936. they later moved to Baltimore, Maryland. From this union they were blessed with 9 children. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary E. Edens, daughter Joyce A. Massey, son Henry Edens Jr., brother John William, and sister Lula Bell Shepherd. He worked for Cats Paw Rubber Co. in 1969 he became employed by Towson State College where he remained until he retired in May 1982.

In 1961, he joined Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Matthew Marcus, Sr. He became a faithful member of the Usher Board, Trustee Board, and later he became an ordained Deacon. He received his calling in 1972 and was ordained on December 22, 1974 by the late Rev. M. Marcus Sr. on May 20, 1975, he graduated from Virginia Seminary College in Lynchburg, Va. He believed in studying to show himself approved so, he attended the School of the Bible in Baltimore, Md. He was a member of the Baptist Ministers; Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity, United Baptist Missionary Convention, and Hampton's Ministers Conference.

On October 15, 1980, he began to move forward with the vision God gave him as Pastor. In his vision the name "Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church" was given so the Church was formed. In 1996, he retired and became Pastor Emeritus and moved his membership back to Ark Church under the leadership of Dr. James L. Carter.

Rev. Edens had much love for his family and people. On Saturdays, the family would get together for bible study. He enjoyed playing dominoes and dressing daily in his finest attire. Before retiring for the night, Beverly, Marvin and Gilda would sing by his bedside, "The Lord's Prayer". He enjoyed when preachers came to visit him. It especially touched his heart when the young ministers shared a word with him. When his health began to fail, Beverly, Marvin, and Gilda took excellent care of him.

Rev. Edens leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Marvin Edens; six daughters, Vernice Thaniel of Glen Allen, VA, Mildred (Gilton) Pitts of Hampstead, NC, Gilda Woodard, Cynthia (Roland) Carrington of Shrewsbury, PA, Shelia (William) Butts and Beverly Edens; sixteen grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren; brother in law, Rev. Joseph H. Copeland, Jr. (Lillian) of Portsmouth VA; three sisters in law, Lillian Baysmore of Chesapeake VA, Annie (Eugene) Jones of Portsmouth, VA and Mary Copeland of Lawton, Oklahoma; goddaughter, Sandra Sidbury (Washington D.C), a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

viewing

JUL **29**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

JUL **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

The Ark Church
1263 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Henry A. Edens Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Sheila and Family my sincere condolences and prayers to you and your family during this time. May God bless and strengthen you all. Sheryll M*

Sheryll Morton - July 27, 2018 at 07:03 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Henry A. Edens Sr..*



July 26, 2018 at 11:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Henry A. Edens Sr..*



July 26, 2018 at 10:27 AM

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Sheila Butts - July 26, 2018 at 10:05 AM

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“ 13 files added to the album *Rev. Henry A. Edens*



Sheila Butts - July 25, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ 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.

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