



## James Arthur Edmonds

April 2, 1938 - April 3, 2024

James Arthur Edmonds, born April 2, 1938, peacefully transitioned on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the age of 86. He was the son of the late Margaret 'Martha' (Jeffries) Edmonds and Willie H. Edmonds. After his delivery in Virginia, the family transitioned back home to Baltimore, MD. James was educated in the Baltimore City school system and graduated from Douglas High. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, he would return to Maryland and work for the Department of Corrections.

While working full time, he took classes in criminology and pursued a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. In 1968, he joined the Baltimore City Police Department, and was later recognized by Claude Profili, Lodge 2157, when he received the First Annual Award for Policeman of the Year for his outstanding achievement in law enforcement. Mr. Edmonds would go on to earn an undergraduate degree from the University of Baltimore and immediately accepted the next challenge of enrolling into a master's program. In May of 1979, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. In September of 1979, he took the next step within the police department and was promoted. Patrolman Edmonds (badge 2349) became Detective Edmonds.

In March of 2000, after being recognized as a Police Agent in the Baltimore City Police Department for 32 years and serving devotedly alongside two Police Commissioners (Commissioner Edward Woods and Commissioner Thomas Frazier), James Edmonds retired and transitioned with Commissioner Frazier to Washington, DC. where he received a Schedule C Appointee in the administration of President William J. Clinton in the U.S. Department of Justice. Following his time at the Department of Justice, he returned to the State of Maryland and served in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, retiring finally in 2011.

Beyond the accolades of husband, father, uncle, cousin, and friend, James also achieved a Governor's Citation, personal blessings of Pope John Paul II and held membership with the Fraternal Order of Police.

God saw fit to bless James Edmonds beyond measure. To be blessed beyond measure is to experience the extreme goodness of God. Throughout life, James remained committed to Christ and more importantly his faith remained consistent

To live with the memories are his wife, Sandra Edmonds; daughter, Amanda Edmonds; nieces, Suzanne "Carolyn" Edmonds, Pamela Edmonds, Ariana April Davenport (Paul Sr.); nephews, Charles Harmon (Paula), Darrell Harmon (Andrea), Omar Harmon (Waynette); sisters-in-law, Jennifer Harmon and Mary Wilson; brothers-in-law, Yancy Carrigan (Gloria) and Odysee "Mac" Carrigan Jr.; great nephews, David Edmonds-Carty Jr., Paul Davenport Jr., Daniel Edmonds, Dylan Edmonds-Carty, Milan Capers, Darius Davenport; great niece, Alessandra Edmonds; great-great nieces; nephew-in-Christ, Franklin Aadoo; as well as cousins, additional extended family, and many closely

devoted friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Martha and Willie Edmonds; his brother, Willie H. Edmonds Jr.; his niece, Nancy Edmonds and his nephew, Willie "Rick" H. Edmonds III.

# Previous Events

## Wake

APR **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Loch Raven U.M. Church  
6622 Loch Raven Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21218

## Funeral Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Janet Brooks lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Edmonds



Janet Brooks - April 19, 2024 at 08:12 PM

ZW

“ Zina Weems lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Edmonds



Zina Weems - April 19, 2024 at 10:29 AM

BL

“ It was a pleasure to honor Comrade Edmonds with a Salute To Service tribute for serving his county with honor. God's blessings to his family.

Bill Hill- Gilchrist Team Leader - April 16, 2024 at 07:03 AM

MW

“ Our deepest condolences to a good friend and church member. Our daughter babysat their daughter, Mandy. A good friend who continued to drive to Bowie to meet with us during our visits. May God Bless and Comfort Sandy and Mandy. Blessings. M. Baba Whisler and family.



M. Baba Whisler - April 15, 2024 at 07:33 PM

LB

“ *Fond memories of such a special man. I enjoyed working with and calling Jim Edmonds my friend. Condolences to the family.* ”



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**Linda Brookes** - April 12, 2024 at 02:28 PM

FB

“ *Mr. Jim was such a great person. Sending my sincerest condolences to his family!!* ”



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**Felicia Bailey-McCoy** - April 12, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CB

“ *Cherylle Brown lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Edmonds* ”



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**Cherylle Brown** - April 12, 2024 at 09:58 AM

BS

“ *Sorry for the loss* ”

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**Bill Hill- Gilchrist Volunteer SST** - April 11, 2024 at 06:50 AM



“ *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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**March Funeral Homes** - April 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM