



Mary Elizabeth Edens

February 14, 1920 - January 11, 2009

Mary Elizabeth Copeland Edens, daughter of the late Rev. Joseph H. and Ethel Copeland, was born on February 14, 1920 in Portsmouth, VA. She departed this life on January 11, 2009 after a lengthy illness. At an early age she accepted the Lord and was baptized and received her education in Portsmouth, VA. At the age of twelve Mary was deeply rooted in the knowledge of the Bible and could quote all sixty-six books of the Bible. She taught children's Christian education under the leadership of Dr. Handy. In 1936 Mary met the love of her life Henry A. Edens, Sr. The young couple move Wilmington, NC. Where their first child, a son was born. Later they relocated to Baltimore, MD. Where nine siblings were born. She was preceded in death by her daughter Joyce Massey; two sisters Vernice Hopkins and Aretta Dunham and a brother Andrew Copeland. Mary joined the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Baltimore, MD where she was a member for twenty-two years. Later she joined the Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Matthew Marcus, Sr. She was a member of the senior choir and later became a deaconess. Her husband started a mission, which she named Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church. At Prince of Peace she was the First Lady and organist. After her husband retired from the Ministry, they moved their membership back to Ark Church under the leadership of Dr. James L. Carter. Mary was a super mom, a meticulous homemaker. She enjoyed cooking and playing her piano. Mary was a very caring person who loved to acknowledge birthdays for family and

friends. Mary's favorite scripture was Isaiah 9:6. Mary could often be heard singing the songs of Zion. Mary was a quiet and loving person. She loved the Lord and instilled in her children Christian values. She leaves to cherish her memory; her loving husband of seventy-two years, Pastor Emeritus Henry A. Edens Sr. two sons, Henry H. Edens Jr. and Marvin Edens; six daughters, Vernice (Thomas) Thaniel of Highland Springs, VA., Mildred (Gilton) Pitts of Hampstead, NC., Gilda Woodard, Cynthia (Roland) Carrington of Shrewsbury, PA, Sheila (William) Butts and Beverly Edens; sixteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, twelve great-great grandchildren; two brothers, Rev. Joseph H. Copeland Jr. (Lillian) of Portsmouth, VA and Rev. Edward Copeland (Mary) of Lawton, OK; four sisters, Ethel Ellis (Herman) of Portsmouth, VA; Lillie Baysmore of Chesapeake, VA; Florence Sawyer of Chesapeake, VA and Annie (Eugene) Jones of Portsmouth, VA; a host of other relatives, friends and her church family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Edens*

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“ *Dear Cynthnia, Please know that you are vey much in my thoughts and heart/prayers at this time of sorrow. Sincerely, Miranda But I will sing your strength,in the morning I will sing of your love; O my Strength, I sing praise to you. You, O God, are my fortress, my loving God. (Psalm 59:16-17)##imported-begin##Miranda Collins##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Cynthia, you and your family have our deepest sympathy. You know you have our love and understanding. Your family is in our prayers and please know we will do whatever is needed for you and your family during your time of bereavement. Love you Debbie and Doug Carrington##imported-begin##Debbie Carrington##imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mrs. Edens. First Corinthians 15:26 lovingly tells us that our "enemy death" is to be destroyed. Also Acts 24:15 reveals "there is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Mildred , **BE ENCOURAGED** and know that you and your family are being continually lifted up in prayer. Love Deaconess Johnson###imported-begin###Mary Johnson###imported-end##

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“ I am so very sorry that you lost your dear Mary. At such sorrowful times turn to the God of all comfort who loves us more than we could ever begin to know. That is why he sent us his most beloved Son so that through his precious blood we might have life everlasting. John 3;16 reminds of this, because it says: "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son in order that everyone exercising faith in might not be destroyed, but have everlasting life." Jesus ressurected many while he was here on earth, thus giving us a preview of what he will do in the near future. A touching account of one of these ressurections is found at Mark 5:38-43, where Jesus ressurected a little 12-year girl. So if this is how Jehovah and Jesus loves us; then we have nothing to fear. Please let your precious memories of Mary help you to cope, and May the love of Jehovah carry you through.###imported-begin###R Johnson###imported-end##

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