



Mrs. Mildred S. Kington

May 19, 1923 - February 20, 2012

In lieu flowers

Donation In Memory of Mildred S. Kington to Robert and Laura Shavers
Scholarship Fund

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Wayne State University

College of Education

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Mildred Estelle Shavers Kington of Baltimore, Maryland, passed away peacefully at home of natural causes, surrounded by her family, on February 20, 2012.

She was born on May 19, 1923, in DeKalb, Texas, the tenth child of eleven born to Robert and Laura Shavers in the Garland Community outside of DeKalb. She was born a fourth-generation Texan in a community founded by freed slaves after the Civil War. Both of her parents were the children of slaves and were each the first in their families to attend college, and they later taught in the DeKalb area.

Mildred was educated at the Garland Community School until high school, graduated from Texarkana High School in 1940, and then attended what is now Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas. There, she was an active member of the college's basketball team. After interrupting her college education to work at defense plants in both Texas and Detroit during World War II, she transferred to Wayne State University's School of Education in Detroit and graduated in 1949 with a concentration in Home Economics. After graduation, she returned to college to attend Michigan State University, where she obtained a second concentration in Early Childhood Education. She later taught home economics and special education in public schools in Jackson, Michigan; Staten Island and Harlem, New York City; and Baltimore, Maryland. She married Dr. Garfield D. Kington, whose classmate in medical school had married one of her sisters, and they settled in Baltimore in 1958.

She left her teaching career to raise her five children, but remained deeply involved in the community. She helped establish and run community centers and summer camps and was very active in political and civic affairs. She was the founding president of the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church, which was part of the Underground Railroad and is now home of the Baltimore Urban League. And for more than twenty years she served on the board of Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church, a predecessor to Gwynn Oak United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her five children: Gregory A.

Kington and his wife, Linda Bernard, of Los Altos, California; Gail Kington Lloyd of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Douglas R. Kington and his partner Wendy L. Blair of Baltimore, Maryland; Dr. Raynard S. Kington and his spouse Dr. Peter T. Daniolos of Grinnell, Iowa; and Emerson A. Kington and his partner Rev. Albert Whitaker of Boston, Massachusetts; and five grandchildren: Justin Lloyd of Atlanta, Georgia; Jonathan Lloyd of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Alexis G. Kington of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Emerson D. and Basil Garland Daniolos Kington of Grinnell, Iowa. She is also survived by: twin sister Mrs. Myrtle S. Downs of Detroit, Michigan; two other sisters, Mrs. Genevieve Benton of DeKalb, Texas, and Mrs. Mattie Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee; and one brother, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Iverson Shavers of DeKalb, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **24**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

FEB **25**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gwynn Oak United Methodist Church
5020 Gwynn Oak
Baltimore, MD

Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mildred S. Kington*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family at this most sorrowful time. One day we will no longer shed tears of sorrow, but tears of joy when our loved ones are resurrected back to life. John 5:28,29 promises that one day "All those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus's voice and come out of the memorial tombs. May you find much comfort in all that God promises. Isaiah 55:10*

R Johnson - February 27, 2012 at 09:07 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - February 24, 2012 at 09:19 PM



The entire Hunt family salutes Mrs. Kington, a gallant lady who lived an exemplary life. (None of us can quite picture her on that college basketball team, but it just goes to show how many gifts we did not know she had!) Our prayers are with the Kington clan as you adjust to this temporary separation from the beloved Mildred. May God's Peace Abide, The Hunt Family

patricia hunt - February 25, 2012 at 09:58 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Douglas R. Kington - February 23, 2012 at 08:03 PM

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You and your family are in our prayers. Leslie Carter

Leslie Carter - February 24, 2012 at 10:10 AM

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“ 8 files added to the album *Program Photos*



Douglas R. Kington - February 23, 2012 at 06:10 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Aunt Mildred's passing and wish to express my sympathy to my cousins and Uncle Garfield at this time. She was a wonderful person and was always nice to me when she, Uncle G and my "Baltimore Cousins" would visit us in The Bronx. :)

Rest in Peace, Aunt Mildred. You will be missed and remembered by us all.

*With Love,
Michael Charles Owens*

Michael Owens - February 23, 2012 at 09:45 AM



“ I want to tell the Kington Family that they have my heartfelt condolences for the passing of Aunt Mildred. Sorry I will not be able to attend the services this weekend because of prior engagements already in place, But to rest assure that she is in the arms of our Almighty Father, watching over us, May she Rest in everlasting peace.



Love always, Derrick Donaldson

Derrick Donaldson - February 22, 2012 at 10:42 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.

March Funeral Homes - February 22, 2012 at 09:25 AM