



Rodger Edmonds

June 5, 1934 - December 8, 2012

“When the cares of my heart are many, Thy consolations cheer my soul.”

Psalms 94:19

RODGER EDMONDS JR., the fifth child of Roger and Monwilla Edmonds, was born on June 5, 1934 in Baltimore, Maryland. He suddenly departed this life on December 8, 2012.

Rodger, fondly known as Sonny, grew up with his siblings and his close knit extended family in East Baltimore. In a story he started about his early life, he reminisced about going with his father to the ice house to buy ice for their snowball stand at their home on Rutland Avenue. He was amazed at seeing how the large block of ice, after being loaded onto the front of his father’s car, would melt forming the shape of the grill and bumper. He also expressed his love and admiration for his father (although not negating his love for Mama... “who feed me and washed me”) he also wrote... “From the time I could walk my most recallable days were with my father”.

Rodger was baptized in the Zion Baptist Church as young boy where he attended Sunday School, choir, and BYPU. In later adulthood he recommitted his membership at Zion and has been a faithful steward ever since. He was a featured soloist in the young people’s choir and the senior choir. He had a great tenor voice.

Roger was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. At Carver High School he was known for his prowess on the football field, making All-City status and winning an athletic scholarship to Delaware State College. After two semesters of college he entered the United States Army, completed his service time and was honorably discharged. He worked for many years at the Glidden Paint Company. He retired after over thirty years of dedicated service from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Within those career years he also took time to continue his pursuit of higher education at Baltimore City Community College.

In union with Frances Distance, he had two children, Roger Edmonds III and Roslyn Edmonds-Hajek. He was a loving and ever present support to his son and daughter during their childhood and that tight bond continues until now.

Sonny was known by family and friends for his outlandish sense of humor, generous spirit, cowboy hat and boots and his love for the music of Willie Nelson. He also enjoyed traveling and was known to jump into his vehicle and journey cross country on a whim.

He leaves to mourn and cherish fond memories: his son, Rodger Edmonds III; daughter, Roslyn Edmonds-Hajek; son-in-law, Thomas Hajek; grandson, Roger Edmonds IV; brother, Louis Edmonds; sister, Margaret Edmonds-Holt; sister-in-law, Jeanne Edmonds; aunts, Ruth Edmonds and Eva Johnson; loving nieces, nephews, Just Cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Crownsville Vt Cem

1080 Sunrise Beach Rd
Crownsville, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 13. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
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Family Hour

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 10:30 PM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
1700 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rodger Edmonds*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lessie C. White lit a candle in memory of Rodger Edmonds*



Lessie C. White - December 11, 2012 at 09:32 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your lost. Losing a loved one is never easy. Jehovah God promises to do away with our suffering. In the bible at Revelation 21:4 it says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." How comforting to know what Jehovah will do for us all in the very near future.*

Kevea P. - December 11, 2012 at 08:26 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 - December 10, 2012 at 04:35 PM