



## Roland Lewis Edmonds

May 25, 1945 - May 25, 2018

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth”

Ecclesiastes, 7:1

...I was Born

Roland Lewis Edmonds, known to all as, “Yogi”, was born at Johns Hopkins Hospital, May 25, 1945 at 5:50 a.m.

to the late Lewis and Sedonia Edmonds.

...I Learned

Yogi attended public school #113 from first to third grade. He transferred to public school #74 after desegregation.

He graduated from Clifton Park Junior High and spent his first year of high school at Frederick Douglas High School

while attending night classes at Carver Vocational High for barbering. He transferred to Baltimore City College

for the remaining high school years and graduated in 1963. He attended Morgan State College for 3 years

before testing and being accepted into the four year electronics apprenticeship at Bethlehem Steel.

...I was Blessed

Yogi was baptized at an early age at Zion Baptist Church on Eager and Bond St. He marched with his parents,

who were founding members of Zion Baptist, to the new location on Caroline

St. He was a member of the BTU, junior choir and the usher board. He attended Sunday school regularly and belonged to the Boy Scouts Troop.

...I Served

Yogi served in the United States Army from September, 1966, to September 1968. He was a radio operator-infantry and was awarded the National Defense Medal and a rifle sharpshooter certificate. He was honorably discharged.

...I Loved

Yogi was married to Elaine Larnetta Frazier on February 4, 1967, at St. Peter Claver Church by Father Philip Berrigan.

He would later joke that they weren't really married because Father Berrigan subsequently left the priesthood.

They loved and raised three children: Shamayne Camy, Alicia Cherie, and Alef Craig (Ace). Their nephew Derek and niece Bridgette were constant playmates with Camy and Ace. They joined the family for children's shows, day trips and vacations. Derek and Alef would play daily in the alley between Lakeside and Windemere . A neighbor accused Yogi of being untruthful when she asked "how are your two sons", and Yogi replied, "I only have one son".

...I Worked

Yogi started a basement barbershop at the age of 14 with the full support of his father, a barber, who provided the chair and all the equipment. He serviced all the neighborhood children from across the track and his

Homewood/Cecil Ave. neighborhood. He used his money to tithe, a requirement of his father, and to buy s

tylish clothes. He continued to cut hair in the army to make extra money. Yogi was an Electronic Repairman,

A rate, at Bethlehem Steel. He had a first class FCC license through the State

of Maryland. He worked for Bethlehem Steel for 39 and a half years before retiring in 2012.

#### ...I Played

Yogi enjoyed life. He played baseball on the neighborhood team, The Penguins. He played football at City College during his sophomore year. He was on the swimming team at Morgan State College. He played chess with the best.

He constantly worked on expanding his computer system. Most of all he enjoyed painting in all mediums: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink and later digital painting. He enjoyed music, especially jazz and was a regular at the New Haven Lounge for the jazz and other entertainment. He travelled when Elaine picked the place and took care of all the incidentals. He booked his yearly trip to Ocean City and later Bethany Beach. He would invite family and friends to “come on down the ocean”. He had a witty sense of humor that kept people laughing. His ingenuity was exceptional.

#### ...I Gave Back

Yogi began his involvement in the Steelworkers Union shortly after he began work at Bethlehem Steel. He was an outspoken critic of the wrongs that the company would do to working people. He became shop steward for the Electronics Department and was quickly noticed by union leadership. He was on the “Contracting out Committee” for over 20 years. He represented the Electronics Department in the formulation of testing procedures, specifically the new Cold Mill. Over the years he gained the respect of even the most spiteful managers.

Jim Huber, Vice President, 1997-2003

Yogi joined the Northwood Football League when Ace was 7 years old. He

coached: 11-13 Midget Team, 10-12

Junior Midget Team, 7-9 Mitey Mites and gave support to whatever team Ace was playing on. Yogi labored and loved the Youth Football Program. He designed the 'Ram' logo for the league and it was used on caps and T-shirts. Yogi served as a board member. Whenever asked Yogi did and proudly. Tim Causion, Northwood Football League Alumnus

...I Crossed Over

Yogi passed away on May 25, 2018, on his 73rd. birthday. He was at home and surrounded by family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories: His wife of 51 years, Elaine; two daughters: Shamayne Camy, Alicia Cherie; he was preceded in death by his son Ace; one daughter-in-law, Sherie; seven grandchildren: Mark Anwar, Shaequan, Michael, Vincent, Bryanna, Shimira, and Bryant; five great grandchildren: Macey, Kaelyn, Leona, Mark and Chase; two brothers, Samuel (Cleo); Franklin, and one sister, Beverly; he was preceded in death by one brother, Lewis and one sister, Delores; seven sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law. He had a special relation with all his nephews: Mark, Keith, Andre, Derek, Marcus, Nathaniel, and Clifton, who preceded him in death; four nieces: Paulette, Charlotte, Angie and Shannah; "Just Cousins"; Longtime friends: Osborne Robinson Jr., Mutee Mulazim, McCarroll Nole, and Sam McCoy; numerous other cousins, family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Wake

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roland Lewis Edmonds*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roland Lewis Edmonds.*



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June 05, 2018 at 04:14 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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**March Funeral Homes** - May 31, 2018 at 01:25 PM