



Miss Edna M. Mason

October 30, 1919 - April 9, 2021

Yes, I'm 101 years old-Wow! I can't believe it! Once, I was a little baby, born in South Boston, Virginia whose parents were the late Dr. James M. Mason and Mrs. Edwina Wilson Mason.

My mother, passed right after birth of her second child (my only sibling)-Doris M. Gomez whose life sadly ended October 13, 2015 in Union Springs, Alabama.

In 1926, my father married Edna B. Jones of Pittsburg, PA and we were truly blessed by this union. She was a wonderful mother to Doris and me; she devoted her life to us and cared for us in extraordinary loving ways.

I received my elementary education in the South Boston, Virginia local public schools and in 1935 I graduated from Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, North Carolina.

1940 was a very busy year for me, I graduated from North Carolina College where I received a B.S.C. Degree (Bachelor of Science in Commerce), I became a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Lambda Chapter and after graduation, I began my career on September 21st at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company as a clerk in the Statistical Division of the Actuarial Department.

In 1941, I became a charter member of Alpha Kappa Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. which later became Durham Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I have been a Delta for 81 glorious years. After working for 40 years, I retired on November 30, 1981 from North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company as the Manager of the Claims Division. In 1990, I was inducted into the society of Golden Eagles and I have attended all but two of the annual homecoming luncheons since becoming a member.

I have been retired for 40 years and I have enjoyed every one of them. Being retired allowed me to travel extensively throughout the United States and Europe, I spent my early retirement years volunteering with Call for Action, Meals on Wheels, Den Leader-Cub Pack at White Rock Baptist Church, Board Member of Scarborough Nursery School, member of National Council of Negro Women and Year-Round Garden Club. As time progressed, I realized that I would have to scale back on some of my activities, however being a member of the Year-Round Garden Club has been one of my most treasured organizations. The monthly meetings at each other's homes are always a delight and once I no longer was able to drive someone mostly my Soror and fellow garden club member, Jacqueline Jones always made sure someone would pick me up.

Oh, what a beautiful life I have lived! I must thank my creator-the Great master of the universe. I have LOVED God all the days of my life and I did my best to honor and serve. I formerly attended White Rock Baptist Church until I became one of the founding members of Beacon Light Missionary Baptist Church where I served as a Trustee and sang in the Senior Choir.

To know Edna was to love her dedicated life; in church, community, and civic affairs. She was the epitome of a Lady, and befriended all who found the need of her services.

As she "Cometh unto the Father" she is survived by her extended family her surrogate brother-in-law Mr. Leroy Brown, her beloved niece, Ms. Cheryl Brown, her great nephews, Kyle and Max Jeffers and her great-great nephew Kasey Jeffers, all of Durham, North Carolina, a host of cousins and a legion of other friends and associates.

A graveside funeral ceremony to honor the life of Miss Edna M. Mason will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Beechwood Cemetery, 3300 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

In every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Graveside

APR 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Edna M. Mason*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dear Family...
Doris Gomez was the delivering nurse for me in Union Springs,
Alabama and I was named after her Doris Maree.*

*I am glad to be connected and know both sisters are celebrating
together in heaven.*

Doris Edwards - August 31, 2023 at 06:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of this great lady's passing. While we had not
met, we correspond over the years. She shared with me some
memories of my great aunt Alice and pictures of them.
She was an incredible lady, May her memory be a blessing.*

Rebecca Adams Palmer - July 25, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Special thanks from her cousins to Cheryl Brown, her niece &
caregiver; Church family, Delta Sorority and local Meals-on Wheels
who cared so much for Edna Mae's welfare and happiness.*
Alicia Cohen

Alicia Cohen - April 15, 2021 at 09:47 PM

PM

“ To the family of Miss Edna Mason: Our sincere condolences on the loss of a wonderful lady. We always remember her genuine smile and loving spirit. She was a special friend to the members of the W. D. Hill Senior Center. She will be missed.

Lubertha Buie and Pat Buie McGhee

Pat McGhee - April 15, 2021 at 12:37 PM

AS

“ With love and fond memories of our Sunday travels to Beacon Light, I will truly miss you.
Allean Stanton



Allean Stanton - April 15, 2021 at 12:23 PM

GT

“ Gene And Jacki Tatum lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason



Gene and Jacki Tatum - April 15, 2021 at 08:24 AM

MT

“ Minister Jacki Tatum lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason



Minister Jacki Tatum - April 15, 2021 at 08:18 AM

DW

“ *Durham Section National Council of Negro Women, purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Miss Edna M. Mason.*



Durham Section National Council of Negro Women, - April 14, 2021 at 12:53 PM

TP

“ *Thomasine Bass Perry lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Thomasine Bass Perry - April 14, 2021 at 12:40 PM

TP

I have very fond memories of talking with Miss Mason each year at the annual NCCU Golden Eagles Luncheon. I will miss her warm, friendly smile and kind words. May you eternally rest in God's perfect peace, Miss Mason.

Thomasine Bass Perry - April 14, 2021 at 12:52 PM

AC

Such fond memories when our family visited her family's home about 1958 when I was just 11 years old. It was so cute and interesting to see my mother and cousin Edna Mae giggle like school girls. Fast forward 2000's, wonderful to see her at the Wilson family reunions with her sister Doris and finally the 2010 reunion in South Boston. As she could no longer travel, we had wonderful phone calls. She takes a bit of the family history with her. I'll miss her. Cousin Alicia Cohen & Member, Reston-Dulles VA NCNW

Alicia Cohen - April 15, 2021 at 09:37 PM

AG

“ *Ann Gray lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Ann Gray - April 14, 2021 at 12:37 PM

SC

“ *Miss Edna M. Mason was a beautiful person with a wonderful smile. She was a member of the Durham Section, National Council of Negro Women. She always let her light shine. Condolences to the entire family. Sandra Russ Cropps, President, Durham Section, National Council of Negro Women.*



Sandra Cropps - April 14, 2021 at 12:33 PM

TH

“ *TimothyD. Holland lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



TimothyD. Holland - April 14, 2021 at 12:08 PM

QL

“ *Queen Lawrence*



Queen Lawrence - April 13, 2021 at 11:12 PM

SH

“ *Condolences to the entire family.*

Selma Hayes - April 13, 2021 at 05:00 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Traynham lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Cynthia Traynham - April 13, 2021 at 04:42 PM

LB

“ *Thinking of you. With Deepest Sympathy.*



Lillian Bowser - April 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JJ

“ *Johnetta And Muriel Jordan lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Johnetta and Muriel Jordan - April 13, 2021 at 11:26 AM

AV

“ *Andre D. Vann lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Andre D. Vann - April 12, 2021 at 09:02 PM

TL

“ *Theresa Lyons lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Theresa Lyons - April 12, 2021 at 08:34 PM

TL

Ms Mason, the kindest, sweetest person i ever had the pleasure of working with. Rest in peace, my fiend. Tee Lyons

Theresa Lyons - April 12, 2021 at 08:39 PM

MM

“ *Mable Miller lit a candle in memory of Miss Edna M. Mason*



Mable Miller - April 12, 2021 at 01:55 PM

MM

I am so thankful to have known such a beautiful person for so long. Ms Mason was such a sweet spirit. I will treasure the memories and the legacy of a life that meant so much. May she rest in peace.

Mable Miller - April 15, 2021 at 06:22 PM