



Edwin Dominic Baptist

July 13, 1934 - October 17, 2021

Edwin Dominc Baptist of Springfield, Virginia passed away October 17, 2021 at Alexandria hospital due to a Heart Attack. He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Antoinette Shirley Baptist. He was a loving father of Louanna Knight, John Atchison, the late Louisa Atchison and the late Maximus James Brook Knight; grandfather of Madeline and Maya Knight; brother of Elfreda Baptist and Henrietta Gauba. Also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Edwin was born in India on July 13, 1934 where he completed his degree in Engineering. He met Shirley in Calcutta, India playing badminton in the church yard and it was love at first sight. They were married 4 years later and had 2 beautiful daughters, Louisa and Louanna. Edwin & Shirley left India in 1974 and moved to England where Edwin was a Mechanic for Ford Motor Company. They then moved to the United States and settled in Springfield, Viriginia. He worked for the Embassy of Australia and then moved on to work for FDIC in telecommunications until he retired.

He would love to tinker and fix anything he could get his hands on! Most people have great memories of his funny stories, joking around and his great sense of humor! He loved to watch Football on Sundays and was an avid golfer who won several golf tournaments. He was also the former President of the Mangalorean Indian Association for many years where he enjoyed organizing functions.

Edwin would enjoy playing the guitar and singing. He had a green thumb as well and would love taking care of the garden and the lawn. He was a kind hearted soul who will be missed greatly!

An open casket visitation will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel (5755 Castlewellan Drive) on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 1:00 PM-1:30 PM. A service will follow at 1:30PM at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. The service will be livestreamed on Jefferson Funeral Chapel's website for those who are unable to attend in person.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to Lighthouse Baptist Church 5901 Wilton Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22310. Please view and sign the online guestbook.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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Jefferson Funeral Chapel

5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, US, 22315

OCT **Funeral Service** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - October 21, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ Edwin,a lovable ,caring and affectionate cousin .So full of life with a great sense of humor .We always felt so welcome at their home. Will miss you Edwin .We love you.

Owen & Cherylann Pereira - October 21, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Edwin you were one of our favorite cousins, a kind and loving person! Enjoyed the time spent with you and Shirley many decades ago! So wanted to meet up again, but God had other plans I guess! Rest In Peace dear Coz.. till we meet again on the other side!

sheila dsouza - October 23, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ My dear Father in law Edwin. We first met over 40 years ago. From day one you treated me with kindness and love. You always treated me as family even before Louisa and I were married. After our marriage, you treated me as if I was your own son, and for that I will be forever great full. I love with with the same heart felt love as you loved me and loved you as if you were my father. I've the many years of you selfless kindness and generosity, I have learned from you that the measure of a man can be summed up in these things. Faith and family first, character and integrity, giving to others and love. I will miss you with all my heart. Give Louisa a hug and kiss for me. Ready in pease my dear father.

John Atchison - October 23, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Edwin & Shirley's 50th anniversary celebration - November 2014



Elvis Picardo - October 23, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ Michelle and I had the pleasure of attending Edwin & Shirley's 50th wedding anniversary in Arlington in November 2014. Edwin and Shirley were wonderful hosts, very warm and welcoming. The 50th anniversary party was great fun, and we were fortunate to have attended it. Rest in Peace, Edwin. You were loved by all and we will miss your spirited nature and sense of humor.

Elvis Picardo - October 23, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Growing up listening to wonderful stories from my parents, Harriet and Charles, about my mum's delightful nephew Edwin and his lovely wife Shirley, made our visit to Virginia in May 2015 such a memorable evening... with Elfreda speeding down the motorway to Edwin firing up a barbecue and Shirley cooking up a feast... then Edwin regaling us with his unrivaled talent of storytelling – to hilariously re-enact (with dollops of his own added masala!) one of my favorite stories – of my dear terrified parents pulling each other in opposite directions while attempting to cross the just-turned red “DON'T WALK” signal at Pennsylvania Avenue... with halted traffic wondering about the saree + suit clad Indian country bumpkins who had caused the commotion... and a policeman escorting them back to the central island so that traffic could flow...

Edwin was so warm, welcoming, and thrilled to have his extended family visit him in Virginia... And us wishing it had happened much, much sooner. My kids, Sara and Zaha, were bowled over by him and thought he was so cool... Rest in peace, Cousin Edwin... and dear Shirley and Louanna, we will always be there for you. Much love.

Warmest,
Renton, Pamela, Sara, and Zaha D'Sousa.



Renton D'Sousa - October 23, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ Rohna Fernandes lit a candle in memory of Edwin Dominic Baptist



Rohna Fernandes - October 23, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Goodbye Uncle Edwin, we will miss you so very much. You held a special place in my heart because you reminded me so much of my Dad, your brother - you both looked similar and you had so many mannerisms in common. I will treasure the memories of the fun times we had together, like your 80th birthday celebration in Arlington and the salsa cruise at which you were the liveliest dancer (no wonder the young lady demonstrating the dance picked you to be her partner!). Our kids remember the time when you visited us and kicked the football around with them. But that was you all along - sporting, fun-loving, funny, affectionate, and always up for an adventure. May you Rest in Peace. I pray that Aunty Shirley, Louanna, Aunty Elfreda, Aunty Etta and John find the strength to cope with the immense loss caused by your passing. Love you Uncle Edwin.

Michelle Picardo - October 23, 2021 at 01:28 PM



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Mervyn Mascarenhas - October 23, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ Our dearest and most loved Cousin Edwin will no longer be with us but the fond memories we have will be treasured forever. We were lucky to spend a few days with both Ed and Shirley a few years ago. What a happy holiday it was. Always a laugh and stories of the past always to be remembered. Our sincere condolences to dearest Shirley, Lou Anna and the whole family. May God grant you the courage to bear this great loss. Renita, Douglas, Cyril, Craig, Mirelle and Ethen.

RENITA MATHIAS - October 23, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ Bye Uncle Edwin, will miss you so much - every time I have a spicy curry I think of you! Have so many fond memories of you in Tangier Drive and all the things you taught me - mowing the lawn, clearing the leaves, washing the car and then making chapattis from scratch (and that was after you'd played golf) - I couldn't keep up with your stamina at all! Will miss your twinkly eyes especially when sneaking in a sweet and the lots of muttering under your breath. Rest In Peace with Louisa, you'll both be in our hearts forever.

Nayantara Gauba - October 23, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ We are so sad not to be with the rest of the family to say our goodbyes in person but we are certainly with you in spirit. Uncle Edwin will forever have a special place in our hearts - he's been an amazing, loving, fun-filled part of our lives and we will miss him very much. Uncle Edwin - your love, kindness, generosity and great sense of humor throughout our lives will never be forgotten and will always be appreciated. We are so thankful that our two branches of the family have been so close and have shared so many wonderful milestones together. We love you always.

Maria (Nathaniel, Eloise & Noah) & Justin (Stefanie, Madelyn & Margo)



Maria Baptist Horton - October 23, 2021 at 01:07 AM



“ Rest in peace dear cousin Edwin you were my mum s favourite nephew. I have such good memories of you from my childhood you were always so jolly and made us all laugh. And most of all you cared. Will miss your presence Sylvi

Sylvia - October 23, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ Have heard so many nice things about our dear cousin Edwin from Sylvia and was looking forward to meeting him during our next US trip. Unfortunately covid delayed everything and unfortunately we now do not get to meet him. If hee was my mums favorite nephew then he must have been a jolly good chap. Our heartfelt condolences to Shirley and the entire family. May his sweet soul rest in Eternal peace.

Lots of love

Selma, Ponnappa, Anshul, Aashrit & Sohini

Selma Aranha Ponnappa - October 23, 2021 at 01:30 AM



“ We will always cherish the wonderful times with you and Auntie Shirley. You kept us entertained with the stories of the good old days and in splits of laughter.

@ Nisha: I remember when you introduced me to American football in your den when Rahul and I first arrived in the U.S.

@ Rahul: I still have the T- shirts you gave me when I visited you and Auntie Shirley to stay overnight. You were so warm and welcoming.

Rest well Uncle Edwin - we will miss you.

Lots of love,

Rahul, Nisha, Jordan and Adam.



Rahul DSouza - October 22, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ Shirley I have fond memories of you & Edwin in England. Will also remember the couple of days you spent with us in Wellington. How could I ever forget the delicious kuow Suey you used to make in London. Take care Shirley,we love you !!!

Roydon - October 22, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ Love and miss you Uncle Edwin. Mum, Val and U Evis are waiting for you. RIP Shefali, Mark, Thomas and Ashton



Shefali - October 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ Condolences to Aunty Shirley, Aunty El Freda, Louanna and all the Baptist family. Such fond memories growing up in the DC area and the many gatherings with your family. Uncle Edwin was such an affable and warm person. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. God Bless. Quentine, Abhi, Nan, Sasha and Shawn Acharya.

Nan Acharya - October 22, 2021 at 01:54 PM



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Cousin Edwin will no longer be with us but the fond memories we have will be treasured forever. We were lucky to spend a few days with both Ed and Shirley a few years ago. What a happy holiday it was. Always a laugh and stories of the past always to be remembered. Our sincere condolences to dearest Shirley, Lou Anna and the whole family. May God grant you the courage to bear this great loss. Renita, Douglas, Cyril, Craig, Mirelle and Ethen.

RENITA MATHIAS - October 22, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ Shirley and family,
Edwin's passing came as a shock. The avid golfer, one always presumed he would be swinging his clubs for many more years. Edwin's smile and jokes are what first comes to mind when you think of him. I am fortunate to have known him many, many years ago in Calcutta and to have attended your beautiful wedding. Years later when we reconnected in Virginia, it was his good nature and kindness, especially to our children, that is fondly remembered. Thank you, Edwin, for your warmth, humour and laughter and for always being so welcoming. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Margaret & Mervyn Mascarenhas, Toronto

Margaret Mascarenhas - October 22, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ Shirley:
We have many fond memories of you and Edwin - golfing in Toronto, visiting with you in Washington DC and enjoying a delightful weekend at Rehoboth Beach. Plus many more. He will always be in our memories, especially his smile. A Gentleman to his core, we miss him.

Mervyn Mascarenhas - October 23, 2021 at 12:19 PM



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Giovanni Mascarenhas - October 21, 2021 at 10:58 PM



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Giovanni Mascarenhas - October 21, 2021 at 10:52 PM



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Giovanni Mascarenhas - October 21, 2021 at 10:46 PM



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elfreda baptist - October 21, 2021 at 09:31 PM



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Derrick - October 21, 2021 at 05:26 PM



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John Atchison - October 21, 2021 at 03:16 PM



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Louanna - October 20, 2021 at 06:27 PM



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John Atchison - October 20, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Shirley and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies. May God bless you with the strength and courage to bear this immense loss and get through this difficult time. It was wonderful to have known Edwin through the Mangalorean Association. He was a cheerful person and would always amuse us with his humor. We will miss him but we will always cherish the memories we have. May his soul rest find the light and rest in peace.

Juliet Vas - October 19, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ My heart goes out to John Atchison, Alfreda Baptist and the rest of the family. May God comfort your soul and give you peace and comfort during this time. Though it was a short visit with Edwin I am honored to have met him. God Bless you all! Jon and Kristi Gray

Jonathan Gray - October 19, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ Sending prayers to the Baptist family and John Atchison. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rhonda Justice - October 19, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ Please know the entire AOV family mourns with you John. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Your friend, Michael O'Donnell

Michael O'Donnell - October 19, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to dear Shirley, Elfreda and Louanna on the loss of a sweet, kind and warm-hearted husband, brother and Dad. I had the pleasure of knowing Edwin whenever I visited Quentine's family in Silver Spring, Maryland. We always chatted about the days we had both earlier spent in UK, and our life there. Edwin was always so kind to everyone he met. May his soul rest in peace.

Odile D'Souza - October 22, 2021 Waynesville, North Carolina

Odile D'Souza - October 22, 2021 at 10:58 PM