



Joseph S. Edmonds

October 28, 1930 - February 21, 2021

Rev. Joseph Swanson Edmonds

Born October 28, 1930, went to be with our Lord February 21, 2021. He passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family. Rev. Edmonds is the beloved husband of the late Shirley Edmonds and the late Estha Edmonds; loving father of Estha Jane Montgomery (Dave), Rebecca Specht (Brian), and Joanna Craig (Bill); cherished grandfather of Christopher Craig, Erica Brissette, Cynthia Craig, Christina Arnberg, Chelsea Jardina, and Kimberly Chamberlain; treasured great-grandfather of Korben Brissette, Everleigh, Sloane and Reagan Arnberg, Eli and Ezariah Craig, Emma and Abigail Jardina, Kamilla, Kamali, and Kamaro Chamberlain.

Rev. Edmonds graduated from Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN, and from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He dedicated his life to serving our Lord as the pastor of the following churches: First Baptist Church of Ballston in Arlington, VA; First Baptist Church of Mulberry in Mulberry, FL; First Baptist Church of Friendly in Fort Washington, MD; First Baptist Church of Fruitland, in Fruitland, MD; and Anacostia Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

A private service will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 1PM. This service is private and available in person by direct invitation only due to COVID-19 restrictions. To view the service stream and recording please come back to this obituary website. We will be streaming directly to this obituary's tribute wall. The video will display as a post on the tribute wall when we start

the service. Please click play when the video is posted and available. If you are having technical difficulty you can view this service later as the video is recorded and will remain on this page. We appreciate your understanding during these extremely difficult times.

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Joseph S. Edmonds



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 24, 2021 at 09:12 AM

MD

Joseph...you will be missed.

2 Best memories:

- 1. Joseph lived in FL but came all the way to VA and registered in the state of VA to officiate at my wedding.*
- 2. Briana (my youngest child) ended up in the neonatal unit at Prince William Hospital. Her prognosis was uncertain. Joseph came to the hospital to sit and pray with me. It really meant a lot to me.*

Marjorie Davis - February 24, 2021 at 03:03 PM

NB

I am really going to miss you Mr. Edmonds Love, Nanette

Nanette BrissetteStout - February 25, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JC

I have many good memories of Joseph Edmonds. He was Uncle Joseph to my husband Rob (Bob) Carson, son of Joseph's sister Mildred Carson. The family had so many get-togethers over the years for holidays, birthdays, etc. Rob and I were blessed to have Joseph officiate / co-officiate at our wedding in 1981. What a beautiful day that was. The love of Christ radiated from Joseph as he shared Jesus with anyone who would listen. I am praising God that Joseph is now walking with Jesus and free of earthly pain and suffering. I pray that his loved ones receive peace and comfort that God provides to each person in the best way for each of them to receive it.

~ Love and hugs to each of you

~ Joyce Carson

~ Thursday, February 25, 2021

PS- Thank you that the funeral service was live-streamed. I'm grateful that I was able to view it real time.

Joyce Carson - February 25, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Joseph S. Edmonds

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

CT

“ Cousin Joseph was a devoted friend and cousin to my Uncle James and my mother Joan. Also, Joseph was a lifelong inspiration for me in his faith-filled response to Christ's calling.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28 (KJV)

Colleen L Turner - February 25, 2021 at 12:21 PM

CT

My mother sends her memories of spending happy times with Joseph, Catherine and Mildred when they were children and lived in Silver Springs. She also fondly remembers occasions with Joseph and Shirley during family gatherings.

Joseph was always warm and friendly, devoted to God and his ministry, and he lived out his faith every day.

Colleen L Turner - February 25, 2021 at 12:27 PM

JL

“ I loved my uncle Joseph, have and will continue to miss him. Having become a grandfather again the same day he passed away helps to some degree in celebrating a new life while at the same time celebrating a passing one.

I will never forget when very young, uncle Joseph when living in eastern Maryland showed up with, in my mind, an infinite amount of watermelon at which point all of the cousins proceeded to enjoy a watermelon feast!! What a good time that was for a young kid.

I remember him presiding over my mother's funeral and talking about her faith, and throughout her life how she was an unashamed Christian and something I had not thought about her up to that point. In my mind that was probably the most important legacy that anyone could be credited with. I am thankful that he highlighted that about her.

Then a number of years after that uncle Joseph visited with us in Champaign, IL where I had the opportunity to go shopping with him at one of our local grocery stores. Anyone who knows our uncle knows this was one of his favorite things to do. I won't forget his fascination with the jumbo bunches of radishes in the produce department. Yes we purchased a couple bunches and snacked on salted radishes that afternoon.

We wish we could be there at this time. Our prayers are with our surviving cousins and their families.

John Edward Ligon - February 25, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MF

“ Jane, Rebecca, Joanna and family, Our thoughts are with you this week as you lay your father to rest. We have had a few too many of the Covid limiting funerals this year and they seem to add to the pain. But take comfort knowing he is with the Lord, no longer suffering, and is joyfully reunited with Shirley, Estha and his parents.

Sincere condolences from the Mullen Family

Mullen Family - February 25, 2021 at 10:30 AM

DS

“ Division of Ocean Sciences purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph S. Edmonds.



Division of Ocean Sciences - February 25, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Edmonds.



February 24, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Edmonds.



February 24, 2021 at 11:02 AM

PS

“ *Rebecca - offering my sincere condolences and prayers to you and your entire family during this difficult time. ~ Paul Simmons*

Paul S. - February 24, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Edmonds.*



February 23, 2021 at 08:09 PM