



Deacon Edward Randolph Potter

July 2, 1931 - June 3, 2020

Edward R. Potter, also known as “Popeye and Sonny”, was born on Thursday, July 2, 1931, to Lillian Potter and Charles Webb, Sr., in Easton, Maryland. He passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at home, surrounded by his loving family. Edward was educated in Talbot County school system and graduated from Robert Russa Moton High School, Class of 1948.

Edward Potter served in the United States Army from 1952–1954. After serving in the Army, he began his work as a brick mason for C & R Antonini. He worked as an apprentice, graduated from Brick Mason School, and became a foreman. In 1996, Edward retired from C & R Antonini, after 42 years. Upon retiring, he worked part time for Harper and Sons in Easton, Maryland. In that capacity, he worked on the renovation team at Easton Middle School, Tilghman Elementary School, Talbot County YMCA and Chesapeake College.

At an early age, Edward Potter accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and became a member of Union Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Lindsay Crudup. He was an active, devoted and faithful member and worked tirelessly for the Lord. Edward served as a Sunday School teacher and on the Trustee Board. He became an ordained Deacon on January 7, 1962, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr. He served in that capacity for 57 years. Within his tenure, he served as Chairman of the Deacon

Board. Edward also served as a member of the Progressive Baptist Association and was the Chairman of the Deacon's Union for 10 years. Edward enjoyed the preached Word, as well as, praying, studying and applying the Word of God to his daily life. His favorite hymn was Love Lifted Me and favorite scripture was Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Edward was a member of the NAACP and the Talbot County Christian Men's Alliance and he also volunteered at the Neighborhood Service Center on Dover Street, under Mrs. Dorothy Black.

Edward was united in holy matrimony on July 21, 1952, to Cecelia A. Jenkins, whom he affectionately called "Kitty". Together, they had nine children; six sons and three daughters. In this loving family, they farmed, worked together, attended church together and laughed often.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Lillian P. & Ralph Roberts and Charles Webb, Sr.; three brothers, Douglass, David and Charles Webb, Jr.; and a sister, Cecilia Freeman.

Edward leaves to cherish his memories and maintain his legacy, a loving and devoted wife of 67 years, Cecelia A.; nine children, Leroy (Gloria) and Craige (Gloria) of Newport News, VA, Ralph(Rose), Robert (Sylvia), Lillian (Ronnie Arnold, Sr.) of Columbia, SC, Richard (Ulandia), and Cecelia D. of Austin, TX, Michael(Hardenia) and Elizabeth of Easton; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Genevie Kennedy, Althea Reynolds and Terry Robinson (Allen); two brothers, Dean (Ida) and Donald Webb; five sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; his close spiritual friend, Rev. Clarence Savoy; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Mrs. Cecelia Potter and entire Potter Family My Prayers and Love are with you and as you mourn the loss of Deacon Potter The Spirit of the Lord was on Deacon Edward Potter. He accepted and he embraced the Lord Holy Spirit in his life as he moved about doing a good work and serving as Chairman of the Union Baptist Church Board of Deacons. Deacon Potter was a man of a good reputation. Deacon Potter was instrumental in bringing Baptist Churches and other denominations together on the Eastern Shore to worship, pray and fellowship. He had "WORD" wisdom and showed that he was filled with the Holy Spirit. For these reasons, my husband, the late Reverend Fentress A. Hickman, did not hesitate to call on Deacon Potter on occasion. Pastor Hickman loved and appreciated Deacon Potter as a fellow brother and follower of Jesus Christ, as a supporter and friend. Yes, God did bless us by sending Pastor Hickman to Union Baptist Church, a church that came together to truly praise and worship the LORD GOD Almighty. We met such wonderful families, showing God's love, be it one member or as in Deacon Potter's case many members. Deacon Potter said to me at one time that our former Church did not realize what they had in Pastor Hickman. To Union Baptist Church, Do you realize what you had in the man Deacon Edward Potter? He hath shewed thee O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to Love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6:8 Deacon Edward R. Potter left a wonderful example of Christianity in practice for all to model. May the Lord continue to bless you and give you peace. Love, Shirley Hickman

Shirley E Hickman - June 12, 2020 at 07:41 PM

GF

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Potter family. RIP Deacon Potter

Genevra Farrare - June 12, 2020 at 01:32 PM

AJ

“ Rest In Peace Popeye. You have done your best . You/we were Hammondtown. You were A BIG part of Union Baptist Church . Edward you will be missed. Take your rest all will remember what you have given,done and leave to others . Love and Prayers for all .

Ann Jackson - June 11, 2020 at 10:13 PM

LG

“ To the Potter family:We will all miss this man of God! Always willing to share so much knowledge and wisdom! You just had to be willing to receive it. He had a passion to share God\u2019s word and serious when he spoke with a smile! Going to miss him!Rest in sweet peace Deacon Potter! \u201cYes Sir, I\u2019ve got the mints\u201d Love,Lorraine \u201cGould\u201d

Lorraine Gould - June 11, 2020 at 09:36 PM

RJ

“ Life comes with its high and low's and I must admit this is time I am feeling really low. I never conceptualized living in a world without my grandfather "pop", but you so eloquently would share with the church and all of us that one day death will come for me as well as you and that it would be fitting for us to get right with God while we still have a chance. Your transition has created a sadness that feels like an empty hole with no bottom to it, however my spirit is rejoicing knowing that you are now resting in the one who you worshipped, loved and adored, that being the almighty God. Tomorrow will come and go but the life that you lived will linger on through the ages. Your wisdom, your ability to stand for what was right, your ability to correct us when we were wrong, your ability to stand in your truth grounded by the word of God will be how I remember you. Though my current state is low I can hear you saying, \u201cIn all things give thanks....\u201d so, as I close, I thank God for allowing you to live a life that gives me a true depiction of Christ like on earth. I thank God for allowing you to be all that you were to so many people and finally I thank God that I was able to call you pop. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing. Thank God for a Life Well Lived. Take your rest pop... With the utmost gratitude and love from your grandson Richard

Richard M. Potter, Jr. - June 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

PY

“ Dear Potter Family, Deacon Potter was a warrior in God\u2019s army! His declaration of his firm belief in God\u2019s promises could bring about peace and encouragement during difficult times. His spirit will live on in the lives of the people he touched. May you all find comfort in the many happy memories you shared. Rest In Power Cousin Sonny! Blessings and love, Pamela DeShields Young

Pamela Young - June 10, 2020 at 05:47 PM

CC

“ *Forever in our hearts, thanking God for your life, Love and Prayers to the Potter family.*

Cheri Thomas and Mira Cruz - June 10, 2020 at 02:34 PM

OJ

“ *Dear Lord you took one of the best Deacons when you called my Uncle home to his final resting place .Im so blessed and privileged to have been a part of his wonderful life gone but never forgotten. CONTINUE RESTING IN SWEET PEACE UNCLE. LOVE & MISS YOU \ud83d\ude2d\ud83d\udc94\ud83d\ude4c*

Olisa Jenkins - June 09, 2020 at 02:25 PM

TP

“ *Deacon Potter I thank my god every time I remember you. Thank you for your wisdom Thank you for your encouragement Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for teaching me to always fight on my knees. I am forever grateful to God for allowing me the opportunity to serve and be guided by someone as great as yourself. If you didn\u2019t truly know this MOG, you missed out. Take your sweet rest, that you worked so tirelessly for, Deac. I love you and I will surely miss you!!!\u2764\ufe0fTana*

Tana Potter - June 09, 2020 at 11:51 AM

FC

“ *Deacon Edward Randolph Potter*

From Carolyn Baker & Shirley Campbell - June 08, 2020 at 12:37 PM

AP

“ It’s never a GoodBye, It’s a Cya Later
GranddaddyLove Ash, Tay and Tris

Ashley Potter - June 08, 2020 at 10:27 AM

RP

“ My condolences to you and the family. My home is built on a firm foundation because of Deacon Potter. I learned so much spiritually from watching you and I am grounded in the Word of God because of your prayers. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life. Minister Roxine Palmer and Clarence Palmer.

Roxine Palmer - June 05, 2020 at 10:56 PM

VR

“ Sending love and deepest condolences to the entire family...continue to hold onto God's Unchanging Hand.

Vernette Hutchins Roberts - June 04, 2020 at 02:49 PM