



Edna Lucille "Miss Lucille" Roberts (Smith)

February 5, 1930 - May 28, 2019

Edna Lucille Roberts, was born February 5, 1930, in Suffolk, Virginia to the late Maggie Branch and Robert Smith. She entered her heavenly home on May 27, 2019. Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Earl H. Roberts, Jr. and her son, Dennis Smith.

Mom would answer to Edna or Lucille. She came to Salisbury, Maryland as a teenager. One day, she saw a young man whom she declared would be her husband and, sure enough, she married the man, Earl, Jr. They spent 52 years together before the love of her life, her best friend, passed away. Within their union, they raised six of seven children together, as the oldest lived in Suffolk, Virginia, with an aunt. Lucille worked in the housekeeping field. Her last employment of 15 years, was with the State of Pennsylvania as a Custodial Supervisor, from where she retired. She then worked part-time at J. P. Morgan as a seamstress. After living in Pennsylvania for 33 years, Lucille and her husband moved back to Delaware, so he could be closer to his family, as his health was failing. In 2010, Lucille broke her left hip and at that time, she developed more health challenges that began to disable her further. Of course, it just kept getting worse. Mother fought a very long and hard fight. The strength in this woman was beyond reproach. Just plain tough! Even in losing the battle, she fought so very hard.

Lucille was a member of the First Seventh Day Adventist Church of Millsboro.

Throughout her tenure with the church, she served as an Honorary Usher.

Lucille leaves to mourn her passing, her children, George Smith (Ann) of Suffolk, Virginia, Ernest Smith (Mary Jo) of Reading, Pennsylvania; Theresa Roberts of Long Neck, Delaware, Cynthia Roberts of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Vincent Roberts "the Baby", and Earl Roberts, III of Seaford, Delaware, who was her primary caregiver. Lucille also leaves 25 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; 20 great-great grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Cherry; one adopted sister, Jackie Sample; one adopted brother, Ernest "King" Townsend; one adopted daughter, Alice Mason; and very close and special friends, Pat Eschach and Debbie Schollenberger, who were "just like family".

Mom achieved two titles, that even she did not expect, dual matriarch of the Roberts and Branch families, respectively.

Lovingly submitted

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.\u201c

Hinton F. - June 01, 2019 at 08:02 AM

MW

“ \u201cm so sorry for your loss. We are near the time when God promise to \u201cchange their mourning into exultation, and I will comfort them and make them rejoice away from their grief.\u201d Jeremiah 31:13-17. The Bible gives us true hope for the dead and consolation for the living. Ms Woodson

Ms Woodson - May 31, 2019 at 09:29 PM

AR

“ I like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. It was never God\u2019s intent that death should rule over mankind. - Romans 5:12; 1Corinthians 15:26, 55; God will do away with death. But for now God has provided hope-as stated at John 5:28, 29. During this most painful time please find comfort from God\u2019s word.

Artina - May 31, 2019 at 10:07 AM

JO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May your precious memories of your time together help you through this time of sorrow and you can find strength in God\u2019s loving promise at (2 Corinthians 1: 3, 4).

JoyceA - May 30, 2019 at 03:41 PM

MA

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. The Bible tells us that turning to God in prayer at times like this draws us close to him (James 4:8). God is aware of the pain you are feeling and will provide the comfort and support that you need to get through this difficult time (Psalms 46:1). May God's promise for the future (John 5:28, 29) give you a wonderful hope in seeing Edna once again.

Marlena - May 29, 2019 at 08:39 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to us all, but Almighty God is going to remove death, tears, mourning and pain in the near future. (Revelation 21:3&4) The bible also tells us that the dead will be resurrected. (Acts 24:15) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may the God of all comfort grant your entire family peace.

Doretha Sampson - May 29, 2019 at 07:43 PM

RM

“ Just want to send my condolence on the lost of your mother and my prayers are with you during this time. Reta McCray

Reta McCray - May 29, 2019 at 09:22 AM

LE

“ To the Family You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. May God provide you with comfort during this grievous time. Be assured that one day soon God will do away with death forever. 1 Corinthians 15:26

Lanette E - May 28, 2019 at 07:08 PM