Mother We Love You!

A mother's smiles can brighten any moment, A Mother hugs put joy in all your days, A mother's love will stay with you forever and touch your lives in precious ways...

Mother the values you've taught, the care you've given, and the wonderful love you've shown, have enriched our lives in more ways than you will ever know!

Mother, sleep on and get your rest, we all will meet again one day!

Love,
Your Children

Pallbearers
Eric Baldwin  John Emery
Larry Foster  Collis Spann
Michael Foster  Terence Baldwin

Flower Attendants
Ushers & Friends

Acknowledgement
The Family of Mrs. Edna Baldwin wishes to express appreciation for the acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. Words cannot express the gratitude and love we feel from each and everyone of you.

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Funeral Services by
Craig Tremble & Sons Funeral Services
Statesboro, Georgia

The Celebration of Life
for
Mrs. Edna M. Baldwin

1906  2009

Friday, August 7, 2009
11:00 A.M.
Brannen Chapel United Methodist Church
20 Elm Street
Statesboro, GA 30458

Reverend Donald Mathis, Pastor
Reverend Joe Flowers, Officiating
Obituary

Our Heavenly Father called Mrs. Edna Baldwin home to a peaceful rest on Sunday, July 26, 2009 in Washington, DC, her place of residence since 1969.

Mrs. Baldwin was born on October 24, 1906, in Statesboro, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Stephen and Charity McCray. Mrs. Baldwin was the second eldest of six children.

Mrs. Baldwin was married to the late McKinley Baldwin. She was the mother of seven children and four have preceded her into eternal life: Gaynell Williams, Ruby Foster and Ruth Hagins (twins), and James Baldwin.

Mrs. Baldwin’s first church was Brown Chapel Methodist Church located in the rural area of Statesboro. After moving into the small town of Statesboro, she had her membership transferred to Brannen Chapel United Methodist Church. There she served as Communion Stewardess, Class Leader, President of the Gospel Chorus, and a member of the United Methodist Women’s Organization. In 1969, she moved to Washington, DC and was under the watch care of Russell Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), in Alexandria, Virginia. She told everyone she was a member of two churches, because she wanted to be well covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. Additionally, she was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star Lodge.

At the age of 12, her mother passed. Being the second oldest, she was taken out of school to assist in the care for her younger brothers and sisters. Although she was not in school, she continued to faithfully read numerous books including the Bible, praying that one day she would return to school. In the late 1950’s, her prayers were answered and she returned to adult night school. She always believed that a good education, good common sense, and respect for others would help anyone to achieve their goals in life.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters Lottie M. Parker, Upper Marlboro, MD; Naomi Brown, Newark, NJ, and Jannie Emery, Washington, DC; one adopted son, La Vaughn Raymond, Pooler, GA; one son-in-law, Charles Emery, Washington, DC; two daughters-in-law, Myrtle Baldwin, Silver Spring, MD and Ola Raymond, Pooler, GA; two sisters, Lucy Davis, Statesboro, GA and Almeda Little, Philadelphia, PA; one brother, Horace McCray, Statesboro, GA; 20 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional & Viewing
Hymn of Praise..........................Choir
Prayer of Comfort........................Rev. Betty Watson
Orlando, FL

Invocation..........................Rev. Matthew Bonner
Russell Temple CME Church, Alexandria, VA

Scriptures..........................Bishop Raleigh Lee & Rev Kim Varner
Cincinnati, OH & Alexandria, VA
Old Testament......................Psalm 23

Affirmation of Faith
Glory Patri
Solo..............................Mrs. Diane Hughes
St. Petersburg, FL

Tributes: (2 minutes)
Solo..........................Mrs. Ann Williams & Mr. Larry Foster
Open Door Baptist Church, Washington, DC

Selection..........................Choir
Acknowledgements.....................Ms. Nancy Whitfield
Resolution..........................Mrs. Linda Nunnally

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Selection..........................Choir
Eulogy..........................Rev. Donald Mathis
Recessional

Internment
Eastside Cemetery
Statesboro, Georgia