



I'VE
BEEN
CALLED
FROM
LABOR
TO MY
REWARD!



Floral Bearers & Pall Bearers
Nieces & Nephews

- Acknowledgements -

The family of
Eldress Ossie Spells Edwards
acknowledges with grateful hearts and deep
appreciation all acts of sympathy extended to our
family during our time of bereavement.
May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you
forever in His grace and mercy.
- THE EDWARDS FAMILY -

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CELEBRATING THE *Life*



July 21, 1948
June 29, 2023

ELDRESS
Ossie
SPELLS EDWARDS

Sunday, July 9, 2023
- 2:00PM -

L.N. Forbes OFWB Tabernacle
1800 Bishop L.N. Forbes St.
Wilson, NC

Elder Wiley Reid, Jr., Eulogist

- Order of Service -

- Obituary -

Overseer John L. Hart, Presider

Processional.....Ministers & Family

Musical Selection.....Carrons Gospel Choir

- Scripture Readings -

Old Testament.....Elder Vanzeline Jackson

New Testament.....Elder Mattie Deberry

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Daquan Deans

Musical Selection.....Carrons Gospel Choir

Duet.....Mrs. Pat Sutton & Mr. Kent Taylor

Acknowledgements/Obituary & Church Resolution
Bro. Eddie Atkins

Musical Selection.....Carrons Gospel Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Wiley Reid, Jr.

Funeral Director's Brief

Solo.....Min. Quincy Spells, Jr.

Recessional

- INTERMENT -
Rest Haven Cemetery
1717 Bishop L.N. Forbes St.
Wilson, NC

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing". 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Eldress Ossie Bell Spells Edwards, daughter of the late Purcell Spells, Sr. and Carrie Mae Artis, was born July 21, 1948 in Wilson County, North Carolina. She departed her earthly life on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at ECU Health Medical Center, Greenville, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac Lee Edwards; her daughter, Teresa Ann Edwards; one sister, Bobbie Ann Dickerson; and her brothers, Bobby Ray Spells and Victor Ray Sauls. Ossie spent her formative years in Wilson County where she attended Springfield High School. She later attended Higher Learning Institute where she earned her GED. She held many public custodial positions during her time of employment with many manufacturers until her retirement.

Loving, caring, and devoted, Ossie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend who loved life and the many pleasures she shared with her family and friends. She was zealous and loved her children and family dearly as she held a special place in her heart for each one. She always gave special attention to developing a nurturing home environment assuring that her family was well taken care of. To know Ossie was to love her. She was a diligent worker who assumed any responsibility that was hers with humbleness. Eldress Ossie Edwards realized the need for Christ at an early age. She joined St. Paul Church of Christ Disciples of Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop C. L. Barnes.

Eldress Ossie had a heart of gold. She never met a stranger. Ossie would always have a smile and enjoyed holding a good conversation with those she knew. She was a woman of strong faith, a mother, a grandmother, a sister, and a caring and true friend. Ossie believed and stood on the word of God and gave the Lord her all through praise and worship. She served in many capacities of the church, including: Mother of the church, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School and School Teacher. Ossie later recieved a call from the Lord to the ministry and became an ordain elder.

Ossie loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren. She was an exceptional and masterful cook and made the best pear and peach preserves. Most of the time if you visited her, she would be reading and studying the Word of God. Ossie enjoyed attending her church functions, visiting other churches and preaching the gospel.

She took pride in all that she did for the Lord. Eldress Ossie enjoyed framing so much that she started her own business, Framing by My Father. A true and faithful soldier has now gone from labor to reward.

Loving and lasting memories are left to be cherished by two daughters, Connie Edwards Frazier (Chris) of Lucama, NC and Lisa Edwards Tyson (James) of Wilson, NC; nine sisters, Josephine Spells, Carolyn Linda Spells, Stephanie Artis, Bessie Barnes, Tonya Sauls, Carolyn Sauls, Cynthia Richardson (Rudolph), Ernestine Sauls, and Debbie Hilliard; six brothers, Minister Purcell Spells, Jr. (Barbara), Ricky Spells (Pamela), Van Spells, Dr. Jimmie Sauls (Carol), Calvin Sauls, and Billie Sauls; four grandchildren whom she adored, La'Kyla Edwards and Emoni Tyson of Wilson, NC, Jamal Frazier of Winston-Salem, NC, and Jaeda Frazier of Lucama, NC; several great grandchildren, Jaden, Tristian, Khloe, Keegan, and Bailee; three aunts, Eldress Mattie Clay of Wilson, NC, Emma Rose and Lola Walker of Durham, NC; one sister-in-law, Wanda Jones of Greenville, NC; one godson, Elder Albert Daughtridge; three goddaughters, Renee Dickerson, Joyce Dickerson, and Janice Davis; one god-grandson, Kyler Williams; one god granddaughter, Infinity Jones; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends, including very special friends, Sarah Strickland, Prophetess Ellen Murray, Deborah Pender, Rosa Wilson, Judy Holland, and Nancy Durham.

"Never Forgotten"

*I think of all the things you used to say
And all that you would do,
At some point, every single day
My thoughts will turn to you.
To lose you was a bitter wrench
The pain cut to my core
I cried until my tears ran out
And then I cried some more
This wouldn't be your wish for me
That I'd be forever sad
So I try to remind myself
Of the happy times we had
I know I cant be with you now
And you can't be with me
But safe inside my heart you'll stay,
That's where you'll always be.*

