



# REMEMBERING **ALEXANDER**




**FOREVER  
IN  
OUR  
HEARTS!**

**Floral Bearers & Pall Bearers**  
Friends of the Family

**- Acknowledgements -**  
The family of  
**ALEXANDER 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 -

Professional Services Entrusted to:

  
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**CELEBRATION  
OF  
*Life***

**April 16, 1931  
June 28, 2023**

**Alexander  
EDWARDS**

**Saturday, July 1, 2023  
- 1:00PM -**  
**Union Grove P.B. Church**  
519 Singletary St. SE, Wilson, NC  
**Pastor Charles Howard, Eulogist**

**- Order of Service -**

*Elder Ernest Ray Melton, Presider*

*Processional*.....Ministers & Family

*Selection*.....Choir

**- Scripture Readings -**

*Old Testament*.....Rev. Billy Kenner

*New Testament*.....Pastor Mary Jo Atkinson

*Prayer of Comfort*.....Pastor James Forte

*Musical Selection*.....Elder Ernest Ray Melton

**Remarks & Reflections (2 minutes please)**

Gail Adams, Niece  
Nancy Jones, Family Friend

**Tribute to Dad**

**Acknowledgements/Obituary**

*Musical Selection*.....Valerie Berry

*Eulogy*.....Pastor Charles Howard

*Musical Selection*.....Elder Ernest Ray Melton

**Funeral Director's Brief**

**Recessional**

**- INTERMENT -**

Rest Haven Cemetery  
Veterans Section  
1717 Bishop L.N. Forbes St.  
Wilson, NC

**- Obituary -**

**Alexander Edwards**

was born the middle child of three, on April 18, 1930 in Wilson, North Carolina to the late Aaron Cecil Edwards and Rhoda Edwards. On June 28, 2023 while Alexander laid resting at Brian Rehabilitation Center in Wilson, NC God decided that Alex had completed his earthly mission and did a job well done and called him home to rest.

**Alexander** also known as Alex was educated in the Wilson County school system. He served his country proudly in the United States Army. Alexander married his loving wife Beatrice Melton in 1954 and they made their home in Wilson, NC. To this union a son was born, Anthony Jerome Edwards (AJ). Alexander understanding the importance of being a provider for his family ventured out into the construction business and became one of the few minority entrepreneurs in Wilson, NC by starting up "Alexander Edwards and Son Masonry Contractors." Alexander was known to his employees which consisted of his son and many residents of the area as being hard-working, ambitious, and firm but fair. Alexander took pride in his work and enjoyed his career. After more than 40 successful years in business he decided to retire to care for his ailing wife. Alexander was a loving husband for 68 years and a devoted father. His wife Beatrice preceded him in death on April 27, 2012. Siblings also preceded him in death, Willa Dean McCray (Robert) of Wilson, NC and Cecil Edwards of Wilson, NC.

**Alexander** was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wilson, NC where he served faithfully as a deacon until his health began to fail. Alexander cherished his time and relationships with his family and friends and enjoyed family gatherings and sitting outside in his yard with his neighborhood friends.

**Alexander** leaves to cherish fond and loving memories: his devoted and loving son, Anthony Edwards (Sylvia) of Wilson, NC; daughter Deborah Mitchell of Wilson, NC; three grandchildren Dr. Candace Edwards of Fayetteville, NC, David Applewhite of Raleigh, NC, and Walter Mitchell Jr. of Wilson, NC; six great- grandchildren Montrell, Tiasha, Mason, David Jr, Jordan and Lynette; Goddaughter Barbara Gilchrist; several special nieces, nephews, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.



**Goodnight**

*Rejoice for me when I am gone,  
As hard as it might be  
For I am here in paradise  
No need to grieve for me.  
I'm grateful for my time on earth  
I did the best I could  
I tried to learn from my mistakes  
And do a little good.  
I don't know what my purpose was  
It wasn't meant to know  
But God said I fulfilled it  
That's why I had to go  
I promise you that I'm okay  
I'll see you in God's time  
I want you to enjoy your life  
The same as I did mine.  
Have no regrets for things unsaid I  
know what's in your heart  
So say goodbye and let me go  
It's time that we must part.  
But only for a little while  
We'll one day meet again  
And I'll be here to welcome you  
**Good night my family,  
'til then...  
Author Unknown***