



# A GRANDMOTHERS PRAYERS

*Written in Memory of Edna Bowen  
By: Memphis Madden*

*A grandmother's prayers kept me  
You prayed me to where I stand  
A grandmother's prayer kept me  
Looking back I'm so thankful you always had one on hand  
A grandmother's prayer kept me  
Telling me to push beyond the limits of man  
A grandmother's prayer kept me  
Reminding me that "I always can"  
because my God has the upper hand  
A grandmother's prayer kept me  
Without them there would be an empty space  
A grandmother's prayer kept me  
Filling me with joy and teaching me the importance of grace  
The privilege of having your prayers is something that I'll never forget  
Now it's my turn to carry on your prayers  
But that's easy - Because I learned from the best*

## PALLBEARERS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| REGGIE WRIGHT II       | RONALD BOWEN         |
| RICHARD WRIGHT         | GLENN FERGUSON JR.   |
| JOHN THOMPSON          | MARSHAWN FERGUSON SR |
| OTIS "JUNNIE" FRANKLIN |                      |
| RAYVON JACOBS          |                      |
| LEIGHTON NEWLIN        |                      |

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The family of Edna M. Bowen acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this time of bereavement.  
We will always keep you in our prayers.  
May God continue to bless you.*



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Edna M. Bowen



SEPTEMBER 6, 1931  
—  
JANUARY 11, 2025

## Homegoing Celebration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025  
VIEWING 10 AM SERVICE 12 PM

OFFICIATING  
The Rev. Dr. Natalie Mitchem

Ledford Funeral Home, Inc.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE PRELUDE

### THE PROCESSIONAL

*Family and Clergy*

### MUSICAL SELECTION

### PRAYER OF COMFORT

*Rev. Dr. Natalie Mitchem*

### THE SCRIPTURE

#### *Old Testament*

*Psalm 23*

*Sis. Carolyn McRae*

#### *New Testament*

*John 14: 1-6*

*Sis. Regina Lloyd*

### MUSICAL SELECTION

### RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*Sis. Ashante' Thompson*

### REFLECTIONS

*(no more than 2 mins please)*

### READING OF OBITUARY

*Sis. Moriah Akrong*

### MUSICAL SELECTION

### EULOGY

*The Rev. Dr. Deborah Brooks*

### RECESSIONAL



# OBITUARY

*Edna Mae Bowen, 93, returned to her heavenly home on January 11, 2025, after a courageous battle with long-term illness. Her devotion to her family and firm belief in God gave her strength through her struggles and carried her to her resting place.*

*Edna was born to the late Lina and Kato Jacobs on September 6, 1931. A native of Berlin, MD, Edna was the youngest of twelve children and a twin. From a young age she was known for her kind heart, genuine spirit, and commitment to her mother and siblings. In her early years she was immersed in the Christian faith as a member of St. Paul Church. Edna was a graduate of Worchester High School in Newark, MD with the distinction of class valedictorian. Following graduation, Edna moved to Philadelphia to begin her college education at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music. After moving to Princeton, NJ in 1952 she married Samuel Lee Bowen, became a loving mother of two children, and joined Mount Pisgah AME Church. Throughout her early years, Edna worked at Corvette Department Store, and Cap and Gown Club. After returning to school to further her education, Edna began working for the State of New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits, retiring in 1996. Outside of work and family time, Edna continued her love of music and singing and was member of a band alongside husband Sam, twin brother Edwin "Jake" Jacobs, and close-friends Percy Derry, and James "Bob" Smith.*

*Edna was blessed with a large and loving family. She raised 2 children and her granddaughter with patience, discipline and humility. From the very beginning she dedicated her children to God and encouraged them to explore the beauty of the gospel. She supported her children and granddaughter faithfully in their academics, extracurricular activities, music, and participation at Mt. Pisgah AME Church. Edna was a committed church member who never minded lending her talents or prayers in honor of the God she served. Through her tenure at Mt. Pisgah, Edna served as a member of the Nurses Unit, member of the Rachel Conover Missionary Society, and Stewardess. She was a prayer warrior for many and immersed herself in scripture. Edna will always be remembered for her powerful prayers and strong sense of faith and commitment to God's word.*

*Edna is preceded in death by husband Samuel L. Bowen, Linda Madden, and eleven siblings, and is survived by son Ronald Bowen; grand-daughters Memphis and Gabbie; great-grandsons Nori and Noble; nephew's Larry, Terry, Rayvon, Clarence "Baby", Otis "Junnie" and Robbie; nieces Ann and Mary "Sissy"; cousins Diane, and Roseanne "Rose"; special daughters; Delores, Frances, Regina, Valerie, Marsha, Bette, and Beverly; the Madden an Boyd Families, the Mount Pisgah Church family, and a host of special grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends who affectionately knew her as "Mom Bowen".*