



Father, Mary Ellen, Paul, Mother, Charlotte



Mary Ellen in the Philippines



MEE's favorite Melon disguise



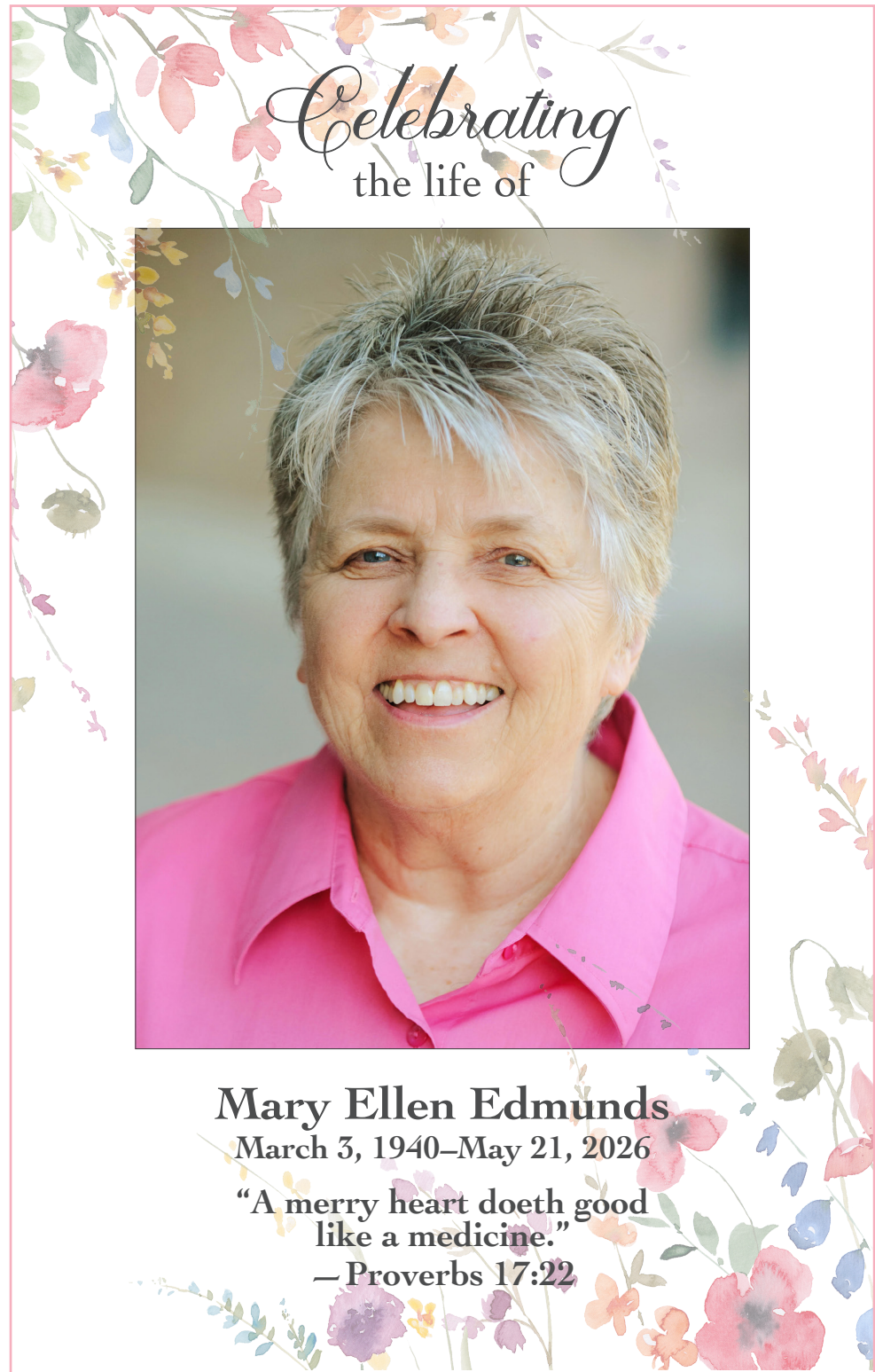
First Sisters to serve in the Philippines,
Mary Ellen top right

Because our Mary Ellen never left anyone without a smile, we leave you with one final postscript from MEE herself.

"I'm so grateful for what I have learned from my parents about being cheerful, lighthearted, and —yes— sometimes silly... I've done a lot of thinking about the difference between lightheartedness and lightmindedness. I think lightmindedness is thoughtless —literally, without thought... It separates us from the Spirit. It's the things we talk and laugh about that don't encourage, cheer, or edify.

However, lightheartedness is goodness —joyful goodness. It includes all that blesses and happifies us and others. It's being of good cheer while focusing on the things that matter. It's a virtue... Our Heavenly Father and the Savior want us to experience joy, happiness, and good cheer!"

—MEE, April 2004



Celebrating
the life of



Mary Ellen Edmunds

March 3, 1940–May 21, 2026

**"A merry heart doeth good
like a medicine."**

— Proverbs 17:22

Funeral Service

Monday, June 8, 2026 • 11:00 a.m.
Orem Utah Orchard Stake Center, Orem, Utah

Family Prayer	Richard M. Edmunds (brother)
Presiding	Elder Kelend Mills, Area Seventy
Conducting	Bishop Mark Cherrington
Organist	James Kasen (friend)
Chorister	Julie Thompson (niece)
Opening Hymn	<i>Lord, I Would Follow Thee, #220</i>
Opening Prayer	Pamela D. Janeway (sister)
Life Sketch	Ann M. Edmunds (sister)
Speaker	John M Edmunds (brother)
Speaker	Susan E. Johnson (sister)
Musical Number	<i>You Have Nothing to Fear</i> Dayne, Elise, Alex and Cole Joyner (great nephews and great niece)
Speaker	Franklin M. Edmunds (brother)
Speaker	Charlotte Dowdle (sister)
Musical Selection	<i>Living Your Life for Jesus</i> Hillary Weeks (friend)
Speaker	Paul K Edmunds, Jr. (brother)
Speaker	Richard M. Edmunds (brother)
Closing Remarks	Mark Webb, Stake President
Closing Hymn	<i>Now Let Us Rejoice, #5</i>
Closing Prayer	Melanie M. Edmunds (sister-in-law)
Grave Dedication	Paul K Edmunds, Jr. (brother)

Palbearers

Eddie Edmunds
Charlie Edmunds
David O. Edmunds
James Edmunds
Kinnison Edmunds
Christopher Edmunds
Errol Johnson
Lealand Johnson
Richard S. Edmunds

To know Mary Ellen was to feel loved. Her presence filled rooms with laughter, faith, and light. She will be remembered for her joyful life, countless smiles, hearty laughter, wonderful wit, lifelong service to others, literary and vocational accomplishments, and much more. But most of all, she will be remembered for her devotion to, love for, and eternal friendship with her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mary Ellen is survived by her beloved and adored siblings: Paul K Edmunds, Jr. (Lisbeth), Charlotte E. Dowdle (Arthur), Susan E. Johnson, Frank M. Edmunds (Kathy), John M Edmunds (Melanie), Ann Edmunds Tingey (Dennis), and Richard M. Edmunds (Glenda), along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, dear friends, missionaries, students, and grateful listeners around the world.

Mary Ellen is preceded in death by her wonderful, loving parents, Paul K and Ella Edmunds; brother-in-law, Wendell B. Johnson; nephew, David A. Edmunds; and, great niece, Mary L. Cross.

Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Springville, Utah.