

# Order of Service

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| <i>Processional</i>                      | Clergy & Family        |
| <i>Scripture Readings</i>                |                        |
| <i>Old Testament</i>                     | Minister               |
| <i>New Testament</i>                     | Minister               |
| <i>Prayer of Comfort</i>                 | Minister               |
| <i>Musical Selection</i>                 | Bro. Lofton            |
| <i>Resolution &amp; Acknowledgements</i> |                        |
| <i>Expressions of Love</i>               | Rev. Mark Berkley      |
| <i>Reading of Obituary</i>               | Silently               |
| <i>Musical Selection</i>                 | Bro. Lofton            |
| <i>Sermon</i>                            | Rev. Terry K. Anderson |
| <i>Benediction</i>                       | Rev. Terry K. Anderson |
| <i>Recessional</i>                       | Clergy & Friends       |



## Active Pallbearers

Brodrick Baker  
Miseal Baker  
David Baker, Jr.

Cory Battle  
Ramell Ellison  
Bryan Knight

## Honorary Pallbearers

Kart Turpin  
Stanley Knight

Darrell Washongton  
Mark Burkley

## Expressions from the Family

The family of *Mr. Joe Louis Edens*. wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, and comforting words during this time of loss. Your support has meant more than words can express, and we are especially thankful for those who have joined us today to honor his life and legacy. May God bless each of you.

- *The Family*

## Earthly Resting Place

Paradise South Cemetery  
2237 Cullen Blvd.  
Pearland, TX 77581

## Repast

2408 Lucas St.  
Houston, TX 77026

## Final Arrangements Entrusted to



**Troy B. Smith Professional Services**  
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*In Loving Memory Of*

*Joe Louis*  
EDENS

*Sunrise*  
April 1, 1937

*Sunset*  
May 17, 2026

## Service

**Thursday May 28, 2026**

Viewing 10:00 am | Service 11:00 am

**Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

7034 Tierwester St. | Houston, TX 77021

Rev. Terry K. Anderson | Officiating

# Obituary

Joe Louis Edens was born in Crockett, Texas, on April 1, 1937, to John Henry Edens and Pauline Devreaux. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Geraldine and Barbara.

At the age of 12, he moved to Houston, where he attended Jack Yates High School. In 1955, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he received the Sharpshooter Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. He transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve in January 1960 and was honorably discharged in January 1962.

He met Anita Louise Knight in 1970, and they were united in holy matrimony on July 17, 1972.

Over the years, he worked as a steelworker, truck driver, and psychiatric technician at a treatment facility. He began his recovery journey in October 1997 and joined Lilly Grove Baptist Church in 1998. He was profoundly grateful to remain clean and sober for more than 28 years. During that time, he generously shared his time, encouragement, prayers, and wisdom with others in recovery. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know him.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory his uncles, Clarence Devreaux and J.D. Devreaux; his devoted wife, Anita; his stepson, Bryan; his brother-in-law, Stanley; and many grandchildren, cousins, and other beloved relatives across the United States. Joe lived a full and meaningful life and will be remembered as a source of strength, faith, and inspiration to many.



## In Our Hearts

*We thought of you today.*

*But that is nothing new.*

*We thought about you yesterday.*

*And days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence.*

*We often speak your name.*

*Now all we have are memories.*

*And your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake.*

*With which we'll never part.*

*God has you in his keeping.*

*We have you in our heart.*

*Love Always,  
Your Family*

