



## Mother Eddye L. Washington

October 2, 1942 - September 1, 2022

Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister peacefully transitioned from this life on September 1, 2022 at the age of 79. Mother Eddye Washington was born on October 2, 1942 in Monroe, Louisiana, to Eddie and Willie Mae Bilberry.

She graduated from Carroll High School in Monroe, Louisiana and attended Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana. She retired from General Motors after 28 years of service.

Mother Washington was a dedicated and faithful member of The Way, The Truth and The Life Ministries of Saginaw, Michigan under the leadership of Pastor Michael D. Washington, where she served in the children and hospitality ministry and also as a greeter. Mother Eddye enjoyed baking, cooking, watching the food network channel, walking outdoors, serving in her church, helping others in need, and spending time with her family whom she loved dearly. No one was a stranger to her, she showed love to everyone.

She leaves to cherish her memory; three children, Pastor Michael (Co-Pastor Gwen) Washington of Saginaw, MI, Orrin Washington of Milwaukee, WI, and Tamika Washington, of Saginaw, MI; two granddaughters, Taquelia Washington Toland of Oakland, CA and Kendra Taylor of New Haven, MI; two great-grandsons, Rylen Toland and Caleb Taylor; two brothers, John (Sherrell)

Bilberry of Norfolk, VA and Eddie Bilberry, of Monroe, LA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and friends; three very special friends, Sis. Lorraine Conley, Sis. Eddie Rance and Deaconess Cardelia Walker.

Mother Eddy was preceded in death by her husband, William Washington; parents, Eddie and Willie Mae Bilberry; brother, Donald Bilberry.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Michael D. Washington will officiate. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, Michigan 48442. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - September 08, 2022 at 10:46 AM

G/

“ *To Pastor Michael, Orrin and Tammie, our prayers and condolences on the loss of your dear sweet Mom and our longtime friend. Our love and blessings,  
George & Gerri Peeples*



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**George /Gerri** - September 14, 2022 at 09:22 PM

ES

“ *ERIC T SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**ERIC T SCOTT** - September 12, 2022 at 10:05 PM

TJ

“ *Trina V. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Trina V. Jackson** - September 09, 2022 at 01:48 PM

TY

“ *Dear Family,*

*We will always remember the sweet and kind spirit of Auntie Eddy Lee. We pray GOD keeps his loving arms around you all. LOVE..... The Banks Family!!!*



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**Tyrone** - September 08, 2022 at 10:40 AM

OR

*Thanks so much cuz! Love you!!!*

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**Orrin** - June 05, 2024 at 09:39 AM

ZG

“ My condolences to the family of Cousin Eddy Lee Bilberry Washington. Her parents lived across the street from us when I was born. I grew up in their home as her mom babysat me from the time I was an infant. You could not know a sweeter more positive person. I was so saddened to hear of her passing. Often when I would visit Cousin Willie Mae after I became an adult and she would always keep me updated on her daughter. The picture hung there for all to see. She was so proud of you. The memories are endless. May your children and grandchildren find comfort in the beautiful life you lived and your legacy of love and service. I wish I could have had more conversations with you as I thought of you often. Blessings and love. Cousin Zebie Ann Grayson #Atlanta

Zebie Ann Grayson - September 08, 2022 at 10:22 AM

KM

“ My dear sweet Mrs. Washington, I will miss her dearly. She was truly one of the sweetest individuals I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Since I was a child she was consistently a caring and loving person. May she rest in peace and in the arms of the Lord.



K. McClure - September 08, 2022 at 10:06 AM

GW

“ Ginger And Danny Winbush lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington



Ginger and Danny Winbush - September 07, 2022 at 11:43 PM

JH

“ *Jamie Sanders Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Jamie Sanders Hicks** - September 07, 2022 at 11:42 PM

JB

“ *I remember growing up in Louisiana and was so happy when Uncle Eddie (Uncle Son) and Aunt Willie Mae (Aunt Sallie) would come from Monroe to Farmerville to visit my parents Jesse Bernard and Joe B. Bilberry. Uncle Son was my dad's baby brother. My sister Barbra Bilberry, March 18. 1942 was the same age as our first cousin Eddy Lee. I would get a chance to play with the two of them throughout the visit and I enjoyed it so much. She was a beautiful and impressive person.*

*Pastors Michael and Gwen, Orrin, Tamika, Taquelia, Toland, Kendra, John, Eddie and all of the dear friends, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*The Rev. J.B. and Joe B Bilberry, Sr. Family:*

*Reverend Dr. J.B. Bilberry, Jr., Frankie Bilberry Lewis, Ralph Bilberry, Barbra Bilberry, Joe Bilberry, and Charles Bilberry.*

*Pastor Washington, my brother Charles and I live in Dayton, OH. We plan on getting up to Saginaw and visiting your ministry. God Bless family!*

*AMEN.*

*Joe Bilberry*

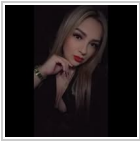
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**Joe F. Bilberry** - September 07, 2022 at 10:26 PM

FH

“ *If there ever was a virtuous woman, this was truly one. Eddy was my sister by another mother and I loved her dearly. She always had good things to say about everyone and treated everyone like family. My condolences to the family and I know they have plenty of beautiful memories because I sure do. Love you Eddy and I'll see you again* ❤️

Freddie Hodges - September 07, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *My Condolences* 🌸



Alyssa Lujan - September 07, 2022 at 05:11 PM

LF

“ *Lawrence Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



Lawrence Family - September 07, 2022 at 03:40 PM

YZ

“ *I'm so happy to have met Eddy, when she came to California. Such a sweet and caring human. I'm happy she has been surrounded by family and love. Sending thoughts to her family. Xoxo*

Yvonne Zandi - September 07, 2022 at 02:19 PM



MS

“ Condolences to the family of Mrs. Washington.



Marilyn . C. Sawyer - September 07, 2022 at 12:40 PM

BA

“ Always working, habitually cheerful and perpetually praying is how I choose to remember this virtuous woman. My sincere condolences to her family. She has gained for eternity. 🙏

Bishop Dempsey Allen - September 07, 2022 at 11:18 AM

DH

“ Our hearts are sad. Mama Eddy was our friend and mother. We worked with her and she always had a good word or smile for everyone. Our prayers go out to the family. Love you Mama Eddy.

Dan and Rosie Haley - September 07, 2022 at 09:14 AM

AH

“ Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington



Aretha Hairston - September 06, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Death may leave a heartache no one can heal but love leaves a memory that no one can steal.  
Forever Remembered and Always Loved!  
My deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of Grandma Washington.*

*Xavier Stinson*

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**Xavier Stinson** - September 06, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *Your family at Valley ENT Associates purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mother Eddy L. Washington.*



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**Your family at Valley ENT Associates** - September 06, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *TISA HALEY lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**TISA HALEY** - September 06, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *ANDRE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**ANDRE JACKSON** - September 06, 2022 at 08:48 AM

YT

“ Yvonne Tate lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington



Yvonne Tate - September 05, 2022 at 07:54 PM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington



Dona Austin-Bigby - September 05, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mother Eddye L. Washington.



September 05, 2022 at 04:15 PM

DH

“ Dennis & Jerry Hall lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington



Dennis & Jerry Hall - September 05, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Mother Eddy L. Washington.



September 05, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ Deborah Aytch sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington



**Deborah Aytch** - September 05, 2022 at 06:54 AM



“ Deborah Aytch sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington



**Deborah Aytch** - September 05, 2022 at 06:52 AM



“ Noland & Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington



**Noland & Karen Heath** - September 04, 2022 at 10:20 PM

BJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all  
Barbara Jones-Nichols*



Barbara Jones-Nichols - September 04, 2022 at 10:19 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & family Lit a candle 🕯️ in  
memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



Lillie Strong - September 04, 2022 at 04:57 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & family sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



Lillie Strong - September 04, 2022 at 03:30 PM

CJ

“ *Chondeleea S Jones lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Eddy L. Washington*



Chondeleea S Jones - September 04, 2022 at 08:08 AM

RW

“ Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington



Rhonda L. Warren - September 03, 2022 at 11:00 PM

RC

“ Rhonda Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington



Rhonda Clark - September 03, 2022 at 07:59 PM

OT

“ Olivia Tatum Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington



Olivia Tatum Taylor - September 03, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mother Eddye L. Washington.



September 03, 2022 at 05:20 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Jones Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Barbara Jones Nichols** - September 03, 2022 at 12:16 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Bobbie Crosby-Locke** - September 03, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Jeanette Champion** - September 03, 2022 at 08:11 AM

SS

“ *Shelva Scott-Veal lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Shelva Scott-Veal** - September 02, 2022 at 11:04 PM

JF

“ *Jewel L. Hall & Bonita Hall Family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Mother Eddy L. Washington.*



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**Jewel L. Hall & Bonita Hall Family** - September 02, 2022 at 09:53 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Gloria Cormier** - September 02, 2022 at 09:40 PM

WR

“ *Willa Tatum Randle lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Willa Tatum Randle** - September 02, 2022 at 09:06 PM

SP

“ *Shelaine Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Shelaine Parrish** - September 02, 2022 at 09:05 PM



OK

“ *Olivia Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



Olivia Kincaid - September 02, 2022 at 09:02 PM

QJ

“ *Condolences to the Washington Family.*



Quinn Jones - September 02, 2022 at 08:54 PM

CF

“ *Christine Livingston & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



Christine Livingston & Family - September 02, 2022 at 06:17 PM

LE

“ *Mama Eddy my co-worker and friend. A beautiful person who showed love to everyone. She called me daughter and always greeted me with a smile. My sincere condolences to the Washington family. My Heart is broken and PRAYING for strength and comfort!*



LUCY ANN ERBY - September 02, 2022 at 06:03 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Jones Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Barbara Jones Nichols** - September 02, 2022 at 05:52 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Bobbie Crosby-Locke** - September 02, 2022 at 02:34 PM

AW

“ *To the family of Mother Washington, our prayer it that God’s unlimited Grace and Mercy carry you through her transition from earth to Glory. May the love she gave continue to fill you to overflow with thanksgiving to God for such a precious mother, jewel in her family and beloved of so many Pastors Melvin & Alice Williams (Mother Martha Gatson’s children)*

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**Alice Williams** - September 02, 2022 at 02:00 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Helen Scott** - September 02, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Joselyn Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Joselyn Jordan** - September 02, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Anita Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddy L. Washington*



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**Anita Brown** - September 02, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *A beautiful soul. My mother in law, Ruthie Scott was her dear friend. Now Ruthie, Ms. Margie, and Ms. Eddy are together again. My sincere condolences to her family.*



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**Linda Veasley** - September 02, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Pastor Mike and Momma Gwen my condolences. She was such a sweet person. Always had a big smile anytime I saw her. Love yall!❤️❤️*



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**Tanya Wingard** - September 02, 2022 at 07:56 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington*



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**Lisa Jones** - September 02, 2022 at 12:49 AM

BS

“ *My Condolences to the Washington Family* 🙏  
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*Brian Still*

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**Brian Still** - September 02, 2022 at 12:41 AM

JK

“ *Prayers of comfort and strength to the entire family. God bless each of you.*



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**Janice Kemp-Anderson** - September 01, 2022 at 08:58 PM

LB

“ *Larry & Marilyn Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mother Eddye L. Washington*



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**Larry & Marilyn Bowman** - September 01, 2022 at 02:30 PM

MB

“ I am so sad to hear of such a beautiful and Great Mother and the Mother of her son's church. I will never forget the first time I met you, and whenever we see each we would always leave with "I love you". Ms. Eddy you had the most beautiful Spirit, so kind hearted and always kind words to speak. I love to see you coming but not going. I will always remember you. RIH a true WOG Ms. Washington Love you

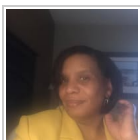


Marilyn K Burns-Bowman - September 01, 2022 at 02:29 PM

CW

“ To the Washington family we are praying with and for you during this very difficult time. Heaven has gained an angel!

Carolle Walker - September 01, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ Praying for The Washington family! You will be missed!!



Cheryl Walker - September 01, 2022 at 01:19 PM

ER

“ A very good friend of mine gained her wings this morning. My family and I will keep her family in our prayers.



Eddie M Rance - September 01, 2022 at 12:58 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Eddy L. Washington



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**Judge Terry L. Clark** - September 01, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CB

*I got to know Eddy Lee while writing my first book, "There's More Leaves on the Tree" and after the death of her mother (my great aunt) Willie Mae Benson-Bilberry. Since then, I have published part two of that of that book. She and her mother were excited about the books because they were books about our family history. I miss talking to her mother but now I will miss talking with Cousin Eddy Lee. I am going to continue to tell the story of our family history but my story just gets you ready to hear about another story and that is the story of Jesus Christ. Rest in heaven Cousin Eddy until we meet again.*

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**Charles Lee Bilberry** - September 08, 2022 at 01:58 PM