

*An Angel to Watch over Us*

She watched by our cradle  
through long, sleepless nights  
She taught us to pray  
as she knelt by our side  
She guarded our childhood,  
and all through the years  
She echoed our laughter,  
she counted our tears  
In the arms of our mother,  
we came to believe  
that God sent an angel  
to watch over us.  
She taught us the meaning  
of courage and faith  
She taught us to live  
with the Lord as our strength  
She taught us to follow  
the pathway he marked  
She guided our steps  
when the journey grew dark  
and we know there were dangers  
that we could not see  
but God sent an angel  
to watch over us.  
She taught us to serve  
with a spirit that sings  
She taught us to seek  
after heavenly things  
and because of her love  
and her kindness and care  
because of the place that  
we hold in her prayers  
and because of her goodness,  
we still believe  
that God sent an angel  
to watch over us.



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*A Celebration of Life and Legacy*

DEACONESS

*Julia Mae Moore Edge*

Alpha: November 25, 1930

Omega: February 15, 2024



Saturday, February 24, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.  
Lebanon Baptist Church  
403 Bottsford Road, Plains, Georgia 31780  
Pastor Christopher D. O'Bryant

Eulogist: Rev. Dr. Henry J. Moore, Jr.  
Pastor | Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church | Dawson, Georgia

# The Obituary | *Deaconess Julia Mae Moore Edge*

*During the wee hours of the morning, God sent an Angel to watch over you. Mama taught the meaning of courage and faith!*

Deaconess Julia Mae Moore Edge of 184 Wild Azaila, Americus, Georgia, formally of Plains, GA, passed at the Phoebe Sumter Medical Center during the early morning hours of February 15, 2024.

Julia Mae Moore Edge was born eighth of ten children in Andersonville, Georgia on November 25, 1930, to the late Mr. George Moore, Sr., and the late Mrs. Willie Ora Collins Moore. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, the late Deacon Judson Edge, Sr.; two daughters, Mrs. Beverly White Bogan and Mrs. June Deloise May; three grandchildren: Mr. Rommell D. May, Mr. Dexter C. White, and Mr. Jamison D. May; a very devoted and loving son-in-law, SGT George Clark Jr., USMC and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sandra Darlene Edge.

Mrs. Edge grew up in the small rural communities of Andersonville, GA. In Andersonville, she attended the Mt. Creek A.M.E. Church where she not only learned spiritual work and commitment but was also formally educated. At church, she was active in the choir, Sunday School, on the Usher's Board, and the finance committee as Ward Captain. At church school, she learned basic skills where she attended and graduated eighth grade. After graduation, she learned homemaking skills until taking her first public job at the Andersonville Canning Factory.

In 1951, she married Judson Edge, Sr. and moved to Plains, GA. Julia joined the Lebanon Baptist Church with Judson, where he faithfully served as a deacon. From Mt. Creek, she carried her Christian experiences and desire to work to Lebanon where she continued to serve God in many capacities particularly in worship. Dear to her heart, was her role as helpmate to her husband as deaconess and mother to their nine children. Her Christian devotion was further exemplified through other various works and auxiliary roles such as Senior Mission President, Youth Department Supervisor, Teacher of the Young Women's Sunday School Class, the Vacation Bible School Food Ministry, and other missionary works and charities.

In her personal and home life, Deaconess Edge was a homemaker and mother. She mothered her children and many of the family, neighborhood, and community's children. She possessed many skills. She was an excellent cook, seamstress, and hairdresser. In addition to her domestic talents, she was a bookkeeper, store clerk, cashier, and secretary for the family's businesses. In 1968, when the youngest child was nearing school age, Julia went to work outside the home again at Manhattan Shirt Factory in Americus, GA. During the late 1970's, Julia answered the call of her yearning for self-fulfillment. She began attending night classes at Plains High School to work towards attaining a Georgia Equivalency Diploma. After 25 years of employment at Manhattan Shirt Factory, she retired. She continued her work in Lebanon until her health failed. After recovery, she continued the work as a missionary for several more years.

In later years, Julia lived with her daughters and their families in Americus, GA and was cared for by her children and grandchildren. Julia, who was a very proud mother, leaves a lengthy legacy of faith, strength, support, and love to her 7 remaining children, 32 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, and 16 great-great grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memories are her children and their spouses: Mrs. Margaret Ora Clark, Americus, GA; Mrs. Eleanor Gloria (Jacob) Mills, Decatur, GA; Pastor Judson Edge, Jr., Retired SGT Major, Enterprise, AL; Mrs. Thereases Lanette (Durante) Williams, Elder Douglas Wayne (Stacy) Edge, Bishop George Fitzgerald (Lindsey) Edge and Pastor Michael Bernard (Linda) Edge, all of Americus, GA; three brothers: Mr. Henry Moore, Americus, GA; Rev. George (Naomi) Moore, Jr., Retired, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. David Moore, Detroit, MI; one brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law: Mr. Eugene (Naomi) Edge, Sr., Mrs. Marjorie Thomas and Mrs. Bertha Battle, all of Plains, GA; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends including, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus May; personal caregivers including: Mrs. Harvetta Cason, Ms. Sarah Waters, Always Caring Home Health Care, Inc., specifically, Mrs. Marilyn Price also survive. In addition, the family wishes to thank Dr. Smika Stojanovic for the expert and personal medical care she gave their mother.

# The Order of Service

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing (2 Timothy 4:7-8).*

Processional.....led by Pastor Christopher D. O'Bryant  
and Pulpit Guests

## *Last Glance*

Final Sealing.....The Children

Hymn.....Deacon Kenneth Monts

Prayer.....Pastor Christopher D. O'Bryant  
Lebanon Baptist Church | Plains, GA

Selection.....Pastor Christopher D. O'Bryant  
"Precious Lord"

## Scriptures

Old Testament.....Pastor Rory D. Edge  
Freedom Church of Albany

New Testament.....Pastor Caleb R. Edge  
Restoration Church of Americus

Selection.....Lebanon Church Choir  
"Jesus is Love"

Reflections.....*limit 2 minutes*  
*Nieces* | Mrs. Georgia Baker, Mrs. Edith Jackson and Ms. Teresa Smith  
*Nephew* | Mr. Eugene Edge, Jr.  
*Family Friend* | Mr. Rufus May

Resolution.....Deacon Eric Bryant | Chairman  
Lebanon Baptist Church

Selection.....Lebanon Church Choir  
"Yes"

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Henry J. Moore, Jr.  
Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church | Dawson, GA

A Personal Thank You.....The Family

Acknowledgements  
and Presentation of the  
Heirloom Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

Benediction.....Pastor Christopher D. O'Bryant or Appointee

Selection.....Lebanon Church Choir  
"I'll Fly Away"

## RECESSIONAL

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

# Grandma

*You fed me well; you made me strong.  
You taught me to know right from wrong.  
You made me feel that I belong.  
You showed me the value of a song.  
You gave me life; you gave me love.  
You always knew the way I feel.  
You used words you thought might heal.  
You convinced me if it was no big deal.  
Your advice would keep it real.  
You gave me life; you gave me love.  
Broken hearts you liked to mend.  
It was not in your nature to offend.  
Birthday cards you'd always send.  
You knew the value of family and friends.  
You gave me life; you gave me love.  
You left me now; you've gone away.  
I'm left behind; I have to stay.  
So, I'll just have to pray.  
I'll meet you again another day.  
You always had that "special touch."  
I loved you so very, very much.  
You gave me life; you gave me love.  
Please watch over me from above.*

*with love from your Grandchildren*

Marvis (Demon) Ellis  
Justin Edge, Esq.  
Tamica Clark  
Tanesha Edge  
Pastor Aaron Snipes, III  
Virgilia Edge  
Marcus (Marian) Mills  
Elder Rory (Eden) Edge  
Katasha (Shannon) English  
Mario Bogans  
Ante Williams  
Jermaine Clark  
Serena (Joseph) Harrison  
Lakeisha (Jonathan) McMillian  
George (Deqrushia) Clark, III

Desmond (Malissa) Edge  
Stacey (Jeneh) White  
Latorria Ayers  
Tameal (Franako) Smith

Norris Mills  
Jasmine Edge  
Dr. Brittany Williams  
Semyra Edge  
Natassias (Brad) Williams  
Thomas Edge  
Brian (Jamie) Clark  
Pastor Caleb Edge  
Corey Mills  
Jeremiah Edge  
Jacob Mills, Jr.  
(fiancé, Tazuka Character)  
1st SGT Renaldo Edge  
Retired U.S. Army  
Lakeisha (Vincent) Kease

## Earthly Place of Rest

Lebanon Cemetery  
Old Plains Highway, Plains, GA 31780

## Honorary Pallbearers

Pastor Judson Edge, Sr., Retired SGM | Bishop George Edge  
Elder Douglas Edge | Rev. Michael Edge  
Mr. Durante Williams | Mr. Jacob Mills, Sr.

## Pallbearers

Mr. Stacey White | Mr. Corey Mills  
1st SGT Renaldo Edge, Ret. U.S. Army  
Mr. George Clark, Jr. | Mr. Marcus Mills  
Mr. Jacob Mills, Jr. | Mr. Ante Williams

## Flower Attendants

Granddaughters and Nieces

## Repast

Fellowship Hall of Lebanon Baptist Church  
403 Bottsford Road, Plains, Georgia 31780

## Acknowledgements

There are no words that precisely express our appreciation to you for the overflow of kindnesses we have received during these hours of sadness. We gratefully acknowledge you, our kind and loving family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you for coming to help us bear our grief. Your heartfelt calls, visits, prayers, and expressions of kindness will always be remembered.

*The Family*



# *A Mother's Love*

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain. It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain. It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may. For nothing can destroy it or take that love away. It is patient and forgiving, when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters. Even though the heart is breaking, it believes beyond believing. When the world around condemns, and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems. It is far beyond defining. It defies all explanation, and it remains a secret like the mysteries of creation. A many splendored miracle man cannot understand! And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

