



## Ms. Edith Mae Ceaser

January 7, 1937 - June 9, 2024

### Obituary:

Edith Ceaser (nee McGill) was born on January 7, 1937, in Sumter County, South Carolina. She was the beloved youngest daughter of the late Sam and Mary McGill and was later cared for by her stepmother, Ethel Mae McGill.

She attended the public schools of Sumter County and worked part-time as a farmhand. Her childhood was anchored in the embrace of family and community, instilling in her a profound commitment to caring for those she loved most. Much like her nurturing spirit, her love for music began in her early childhood and resonated throughout her life. She found joy in singing spirituals, a passion she shared with her siblings in a cherished trio that brought harmony to their lives. Her voice was a familiar presence at church, where her heartfelt hymns uplifted congregations and expressed her unwavering faith.

In 1953, she married her childhood sweetheart and love of her life, the late Dwight Ceaser. The couple began their life together in Fort Pierce, Florida. In 1957, they moved to Washington, DC and were blessed with a daughter, Veronica Caesar, whom she adored deeply. Edith dedicated 31 years to serving the public sector with pride in various roles within the Federal Government, retiring in 1994. Post-retirement, she focused on caring for her grandchildren as a dedicated homemaker and caregiver. Edith also opened

her home to her nieces and nephews as they moved to the DC area. Though she only gave birth to one child, she embraced several nieces and nephews as her own, giving selflessly and loving everyone with her whole heart. Her culinary talents also brought joy to all who knew her. She had a passion for cooking that was surpassed only by her generosity in sharing meals with family and friends. Her home was a haven where everyone felt welcome, and gatherings around her table were cherished moments of laughter and connection. Her legacy lives on in the memories of those she fed and the love she spread through her delicious meals.

Throughout her life, Christ and the church were central. Initially, she was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Olanta, SC. After relocating to Washington, DC, she joined First Baptist Church of Cheverly. In 1983, she became a faithful member of Mount Jezreel Baptist Church in Washington, DC, until the church relocated to Silver Spring, Maryland, and her husband passed away. In 2011, she joined Reid Temple A.M.E. Church in Glenn Dale, Maryland, where her daughter and grandchildren were also members. Even during her later years spent in a nursing home due to dwindling health, she remained steadfast in her faith, sharing Christ's goodness through his word and song with everyone she encountered. Her passion for singing, especially in her final days, will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of hearing her voice.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and eight siblings: Eugene McGill, Netia Mae Wells, Fannie Mae Scarborough, Julia Bell Garland, Ethel Mae Scarborough, John McGill, Leroy McGill, and Stella Brown. She also mourned the loss of special nieces Lena Ogunfiditimi, Josie Balogun, Laura Wilson, Mary Ann Romey, Ellen Nora McGill Generette, and Jannie Sue Mitchum.

Edith's legacy lives on through her daughter, Veronica Caesar; grandchildren:

Larissa Hudson, Keishera Caesar, DiAndre Caesar, and Alleyah Caesar; and great-grandchildren: Adrian, Jamari, Allen, Legend, Xander, and DeVhani. She is survived by her brother Charles (Shirley) McGill, and cherished nieces Angelia (Calvin) Butler, Esther Ojuri, Jennifer Mitchum, and Joanna Curry, as well as nephew Levy (Juanita) Wells Jr., whom she regarded as her own children and showered with love. Additionally, Edith's memory will be revered by a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, church members, and family friends. She cultivated a deep-rooted passion for nurturing and bringing people together, a trait that defined her life's purpose. Edith took pride in her family members' achievements, sharing them with all who knew her. She was especially proud of her granddaughter Alleyah, who made history as a first-generation college graduate from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, and continued her educational journey by earning her Juris Doctor degree in 2024 from UC Berkeley School of Law.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National Memorial

13300 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, MD 20707  
(301) 210-6464

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 28.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Seaton Memorial AME Church  
5507 Lincoln Ave  
Lanham, MD 20706  
(301) 794-6476

## Funeral service

**JUN 28.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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