

## ~ Life Reflections of Edith "Edie" Rainey ~

Edith "Edie" Rainey was born July 15, 1941, to the late Louise Springer and Alphonso Johnson. Late Tuesday afternoon on November 29, 2022, Edith took up her wings and flew away with the Lord.

Her son Curtis Rainey, brother Alphonso Johnson, sister Blondell Richardson Robinson and a very close companion Ralph Richardson, all preceded her in death.

Edith, who was also known as Edie, was a very outgoing person. She loved life and people. No one was ever a stranger to her, whether she knew them or not. She kept the lines of communication open between the family. A comedian she was, and always told stories of the past—some you wanted to hear and some you didn't. She loved giving gifts to others, one of her strong attributes! A decorator by heart, whether interior or clothing design and wear, was one of her greatest pastimes.

Edith loved her church, Morris Brown AME, especially her church sister, Barbara Smalls and Mary Gethers. And, she loved their after-church outings at various restaurants.

Edith leaves to cherish her memories: her children, William (Chuckie) Rainey, Jr. (Venetia), Anthony (Eat Up) Rainey, Loretta (Connie) Rainey; three grandchildren, Antonio Marn, Danielle Sales, William (Trey) Rainey, III; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Johnson Dumas and Alberta Melvin Broadnax; two brothers, Marion Melvin (Yvonne) and Calvin Melvin; two Aunts, Ethelmae Kelley and Carrie Stokes and a host of loving nieces, nephews and cousins; one "daughter in love" Patricia Manigault and a special family companion, Joyce Baldwin.

Special thanks to: Yvonne Washington, one whom she could always depend upon, Peggy Conyers Snipe and Louistine Conyers - her late friend / cousin Jimmy Conyers' daughters, who always looked out for her. To all of her family and friends who called her regularly to check on her. To Doctor and Mrs. Stafford, her employer for many years, her hairstylist, Tameka Foster Green, who kept her hair in tact and to Melanie (Barbie) Melvin, her niece/ make-up Artist.

## ~ The Order of Service ~

Reverend Dr. James Keeton, Jr., Officiating



Prelude.....Organist

Processional.....Minister and Family

Opening Song....."My Hope Is Built"

Prayer.....Reverend William Kinlaw

Musical Selection.....Morris Brown Music Ministry

Scripture Reading: Reverend Thomas Nesbitt

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament.....2 Corinthians 5:1-7

Remarks.....Sister Leona Middleton, Class Leader

Sister Marie Rouse, Friend and Neighbor

Sister Annie Scott, Family Friend Brother

Harold Huger, Family Tribute

Musical Selection.....Morris Brown Music Ministry

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. James Keeton, Jr.

Committal Service

Benediction

Recessional

My Dear Mother....My Best Friend

*Words cannot express all the things you've done for me in my life that I will never forget, but I will cherish the memories we had together. Because of your teaching and nurturing, I am a better woman. I love you dearly. You were my best friend—always there for me through the good and the bad, thick and thin. I miss you, but I know we will meet again at God's appointed time. John 14.*

*Love always, Connie*



TO MY SISTER, EDIE

So, Sister Sukie, you just slipped away from me. I am still in disbelief! My darling big sister. I miss you! I ache for you! My nights are sleepless! I no longer have a sister! We were all supposed to be going to Williamsburg, Virginia for Christmas. Remember? But the Lord had other plans for you. As I continue to think about you every single minute, I reminisce about so many things of the past... my wanting to be in your shadow at all times—your teaching me how to swing dance; your teaching me how to braid, press, and curl hair; your introducing me to eating "Argo Starch" — Wow! Mr. Freddie Swinton made a lot of nickels from you! I can't believe I ate that stuff! Yes, and you taught me how to be afraid of the dark — you didn't like the dark so, of course, mimicking you, neither did I. When you got married and moved away to the Phillip community, I was lonely for you. But, you found a way to let me come and spend weekends with you, my beloved brother-in-law, Lulu, and Miss Emma. I shall never forget those days, Sister Sukie. The atmosphere was a delight! With all the pain I am feeling, I still thank and praise God for allowing me to move back home 9 years ago so that we could spend those last years together. We had lots of family-fun times together in our backyard — you, me, family and friends. I know you heard me several times on your bed of affliction telling you "I love you", and I'm saying it again now, "I love you Sister Sukie and I'm going to miss you immensely — our talks on the phone, talking about Bold and the Beautiful, and other things! I know you are alright because you are now in Paradise with the Lord! Rest in peace my darling sister and say hello to the rest of the family!"

Your Sister, "Willie"



*until we  
meet again*



# P R E C I O U S M E M O R I E S



### pallbearers

Malcolm Huger  
Mark Coaxum  
Daud Phillips

Vincent Johnson  
Henry Bernard Mazyck  
Ray Rivers     Culver Washington

### Floral bearers

Ushers of Morris Brown AME Church

### Acknowledgement

*The Family of the late Edith Rainey wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during their period of bereavement. Your sincere thoughtfulness and concern has been a comfort to us.*

### Interment

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# The Life and Legacy



## EDITH "EDIE" RAINEY

SUNRISE  
7 / 15 / 1941

SUNSET  
11 / 29 / 2022



Tuesday December 6, 2022  
11:00AM

**Morris Brown A.M.E. Church**  
13 Morris Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

Reverend Dr. James Keeton, Jr., Pastor