EDGE

Funeral services for James Willie Edge, Jr., 33, will be conducted at 1 PM Tuesday in Community Baptist Church by Rev. Percy R. Chase. Burial, Markham



EDGE

Memorial Gardens. Wake, 7-8 PM Monday in Fisher Funeral Parlor.

Survivors: daughter, Adrianne L. Edge; sons, Gregory J.

Edge; parents, James W. and Myrtle M. Edge; sister, Jamie Edge Willie, of Garner.

The family will be at the home of James W. and Myrtle Edge, 511 Tuggle Street.

19/14/96

~ Pallbearers ~

Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Deacon's Ministry

~ Floral Bearers ~

Friends of the Family



~ Acknowledgement ~

The family of Mr. William M. Edgerston wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to their many friends for their kind deeds, expressions of sympathy, hospital and nursing home visits, prayers, cards, beautiful floral designs and for the outpouring of love extended to us during his il!ness and our period of bereavement.

May God continue to rickly bless each of you.



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In Loving Memory of

Mr. William McKinley Edgerston

~ **Sunrise** ~ *March* 3, 1928

~ Sunset ~ September 28, 2001



Thursday, October 4, 2001 2:00 P.M.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church 2508 Crest Street

Durham, North Carolina 27705

The Reverend Glenn R. Davis, Pastor Officiating Minister



~ The Order of Service ~

PRELUDE The Musician
PROCESSIONAL
HYMN
SCRIPTURES:
Old Testament The Reverend Dr. Lorinzer Johnson, Pastor Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church
New Testament The Reverend Dorothy Bellamy, Associate Pastor New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
PRAYER OF COMFORT The Reverend Marvin Mitchell, Pastor Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
HYMN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
AND RESOLUTION
SOLO
EULOGY The Reverend Glenn R. Davis, Pastor
HYMN OF ASSURANCE
MORTICIAN'S BRIEF The Funeral Director
RECESSIONAL
POSTLUDE

~ Interment ~

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery LaSalle Street Durham, North Carolina 27705

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Your Bright Headlights and Flashers For Safety.

~ The Obituary ~

Mr. William McKinley Edgerston, son of the late Ulysses and Helen Day Edgerston, was born March 3, 1928 in Durham, NC. At the death of his mother, at an early age, he was reared by his surrogate parents, Donald and Annie Couch. He entered into eternal rest on Friday, October 28, 2001 at Durham Regional Hospital, Durham, NC.

William received his education in the Durham public schools. William possessed exceptional culinary skills and served with distinction and love as a cook at the Duke University East and West Campus Dining Halls, from where he retired in 1991, after forty-four years of faithful service. He continued using his skills at the Chicken Hut for several years.

In 1952, he was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Derlia J. Squires and to this union three sons were born.

He was a member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

His loving memory will be cherished by his three sons, W. D. (Phyllis) Edgerston, Tyrone C. Edgerston and Derrick W. Edgerston, all of Durham, NC; five grandchildren, Clarkston D. (Regina) Edgerston of Hillsborough, NC, Regina Cooper of Oxford, NC, Courtney Edgerston of Franklin, VA, Dajuana Edgerston and Daquitta Edgerston, both of Durham, NC; two great-grandchildren, Ezekiel Edgerston and Dezarae Edgerston, both of Hillsborough, NC; one brother, James C. (Audrey) Edgerston of Durham, NC; five sisters-in-law, Oneida McGhee and Audrey Johnson, both of Durham, NC, Helen Garrison of Bayboro, NC, Wilhelmenia Howe of Philadelphia, PA and Alice Daniel of Suitland, MD; one brother-in-law, the Reverend Daniel (Josephine) Squires of Durham, NC and many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Two siblings, Julia Johnson and Mary E. Shepard of Staten Island, NY preceded him in death.



~ In Memoriam ~

God saw that he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be;
So He put His arms around him,
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away;
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Working hands were laid to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

The Family

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EDGERSTON

William McKinley Edgerston, fondly known as "Mule", of 511 Nash Street, passed away Friday, September 28, 2001, at Durham Regional Hospital.



He was born
March 3,
1928, in Durham, N.C.,
to the late
Ulysses and
Helen Edgerston. William was educated in the
Durham city
schools and
was an em-

ployee at Duke University, serving with distinction, love and honor with his culinary skills, as a cook, in the East and West Campus Dining Halls. He retired in 1991, with 44 years of service.

He was married to Mrs. Derlia J. Squires Edgerston, for 46 years, who preceded him in death, October 17, 1998. He was a member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sons. William D. Edgerston (Phyllis), Tyrone C. Edgerston, and Derrick W. Edgerston (Tajuana), all of Durham; one brother, James C. Edgerston (Audrey), of Durham; five grandchildren, Clarkston Edgerston (Regina), of Hillsborough, Regina Cooper, of Oxford, Courtney Edgerston, of Franklin, Va., and Dejuana and Daquitta Edgerston, both of Durham; two great-grand-children, Ezekiel and Dezarae Edgerston, both of Hillsborough; and many other loving sisters-in-law; brother-in-law; nieces; nephews; relative; and dear friends.

Funeral services will be held

at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 4, 2001, at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Glenn R. Davis, Pastor, officiating. The family visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church, prior to the services, and other times at the home of his son, W.D. Edgerston, at 4912 Friends School Rd.

Interment will be at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Durham Herald-Sun

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EDGERTON

Truma Warren Edgerton, age 97; died Saturday, December 1, 2001, in Triangle Hospice-Meadowlands; following an extended illness. A native of Wake County she was born June 10, 1904, to Istael P. and Henrietta Cope Warren Mrs. Edgerton lived in Durham since early childhood. She was a member of Bethesda Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school and had been in the church choir. Truma was a lifelong gardener and homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Clyde Edgerton of Durham; a grand-daughter, Catherine Edgerton of Durham; a niece, Jean Mincey of Raleigh; sisters-in-law, Ivaleen Colclough of Durham and Frances Edgerton of Greensboro; and her companion and caregiver, Ola King of Durham.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in Bethesda Baptist Church, with the Rev Hugh O'Shields officiating Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Monday at Hall-Wynne Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the organization Mrs. Edgerton strongly supported, the Baptist Children's Home of NC, PO Box 338, Thomasville NC 27361-0338.

NCCU

Third Annual Service of Remembrance Friday, September 12, 1997

HARRY JAMES EDMONDS, SR. 1919 - 1997



Head Basketball and Tennis Coach; Instructor in Department of Physical Education; Director of Summer Youth Sports Program (1969 - 1987); Avid golfer and slow pitch softball player; Inducted in Athletic Hall of Fame at both Florida A. & M. University and North Carolina Central University for excelling in basketball and baseball; Honored for outstanding high school basketball and baseball team, with teams at Merrick-Moore School, Durham, NC, winning the Championships in the North Carolina High School Conference (1965); Dedicated civic leader serving on the Durham Parks and Recreation Council and with Friends of the Eno; Graduate of St. Paul's High School, Lawrenceville, VA, Florida A. & M. University, Tallahassee, FL and North Carolina Central University; Corporal in the U.S. Marines (World War II); Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Connecting Link-Durham Chapter of Links, INC.

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EDMONDS

Graveside rights for Harry J. Edmonds Jr., who passed, January 13, 2000 at LaSalle Health Care Center, will be held at 12 noon on January 21, at Beechwood Cemetery, Section E, Fayetteville St., Durham. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Raleigh.

Service of Remembrance

For

Dr. Helen Gray Edmonds



Wednesday, May 17, 1995 11:00 O'Clock A.M.

B. N. Duke Auditorium North Carolina Central University Durham, North Carolina

The Reverend Monroe Freeman, Jr. Officiating

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

"Come Ye Disconsolate".... HYMN

Rector, St. Titus' Episcopal Church Durham, North Crolina

SCRIPTURE

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Attorney Julius L. Chambers, Chancellor North Carolina Central University Durham, North Carolina

Professor John Hope Franklin Durham, North Carolina

Dr. William C. Friday President Kenan Foundation Former President, The University of North Carolina System of Higher Education Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dr. S. Dallas Simmons, President Virginia Union Univerity Richmond, Virginia

Attorney Elaine Jones Lead Counselor NAACP Legal Defense Fund New York, New York

MUSICAL SELECTION

"How Great Thou Art"..... .. Dr. Charles H. Gilchrist

Chair, Music Department N. C. Central University

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Mrs. Regina Jolivette Frazier Miami, Florida

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The Audience

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, According to Thy Word; For mine eyes have seen the salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the gentiles, And to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen."

BENEDICTION

Helen Gray Edmonds

I have been privileged.."to sit on the edge of tomorrow and contemplate the mysteries of time and space, man and mind...." hge

DR. HELEN GRAY EDMONDS departed this life Tuesday, May 9, 1995 at Duke University Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born in Lawrenceville, Virginia on December 3, 1911, she was the daughter of the late John and Ann Edmonds. She acquired her earliest training at Saint Paul's High School and Junior College as an honor student. She received the baccalaureate degree in History from Morgan State College (1933) and the Master of Art (1938) and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in History (1946) from The Ohio State University. She did post-doctoral research and study at the University of Heidelberg in West Germany in 1954-55.

A dedicated educator, Helen began her teaching career at The Virginia Theological Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Virginia. After a year, she returned to her Alma Mater, Saint Paul's College, and served as an instructor of history and English for 5 years. Because of her outstanding scholarly accomplishments and teaching record, President James E. Shepard recruited her as a faculty member at North Carolina College in Spring of 1941. From that time until her retirement in 1977, Dr. Edmonds served NCCU in many capacities - Professor of History, Advisory to the Drama Club, Chair of the Department of History, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, a member of the Interim Committee for the Administration of the University, Distinguished Professor of History, and author of NCCU's Truth and Service Ceremony. Her services to the University did not cease with her retirement, she served on the NCCU Board of Trustees, was appointed Trustee Emerita when her term expired, was a mentor to the Chancellors who were appointed after her retirement and was actively involved in numerous educational and cultural activities until the time of her death.

Through her primary employment in academe was at North Carolina Central University, Helen served as "visiting professor" and or lecturer at more than 100 institutions of higher learning (in the U.S. and abroad) including Portland State University, Rochester University, Virginia State University, The Ohio State University, MIT, Harvard, Radcliffe College, University of Stockholm, Free University of Berlin, University of Liberia, and the University of Monrovia. In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in higher education, she received numerous honors and awards including The O. Max Gardner Award and The William Hugh McEniry Award. In addition, she served on the Boards of Trustees at Saint Paul's College, Voorhees College, Washington Technical Institute and North Carolina Central University. To her credit she received 8 honorary degrees from Morgan State, Shaw College at Detroit, Saint Paul's College, North Carolina Central University, The Ohio State University, Duke University, Virginia Union, and MacMurray College. With all these honors, Helen saw her greatest honor as that of being mentor and advisor to her history students. She boast that her greatest accomplishment was the number of students whom she had guided through the process of receiving their Ph.D. She claimed more than 30 in History and several others in related fields. Her scholarly publications are many appearing as books, articles, and professional papers.

Dr. Edmonds contributions were not limited to academe. She was actively involved at the local, national, and international levels in civic, governmental, and social organizations. She also was noted for being the "first black female" in several accomplishments. In 1956, she had the distinct honor to second the nomination of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as a candidate for the presidency of the United States at Republican National Convention. She was the U. S. presidential appointment on numerous occasions at home and abroad, and chaired the U. S. delegation to the Third Committee of the United Nations in 1970. She was appointed by President Nixon to serve on the National Advisory Council of the Peace Corps, The National Advisory Council to Education Professional Development of HEW-USOE, and Alternate Delegate to the General Assembly o the United Nations in celebration of their 25th year. She served in appointed capacities for the U. S. Department of State, the U. S. Department of Defense and on the Board of Directors for the International women's Year Conference in Mexico City. She received three citations from President Nixon in recognition for her governmental service.

In fulfilling her civic and social responsibilities, Dr. Edmonds was a member of the Links, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 100 Black Women, The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and The National Council of Negro Women of the U. S. A. She served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Fellowship Fund, Inc., The United Negro College Fund, The NAACP Legal Defense Fund, The Robert Moton Memorial Institute and The United Research and Development Corporation. Awards for her civic involvement are numerous, the most recent -The Mary Church Terrell Award given by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at its 1994 National Convention.

One of Helen's fondest achievements was serving as the Fifth National President of the Links Incorporated, a public service organization with 260 chapters in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Germany and the Bahamas. During her presidential era, 1970 - 1974, she launched the grant-in-aid program which allowed the Links, Inc. to support worthy causes including a one million dollar contribution to The United Negro College Fund and created the idea of having permanent headquarters for the Links, Inc. in Washington, D. C.

Helen is survived by her sister of the home Mrs. Lucille E. Robinson; her brother, Mr. Harry J. Edmonds, Sr.; her sister-in-law Mrs. Rebecca P. Edmonds; a nephew Mr. Harry J. Edmonds, Jr.; three nieces Mrs. LuAnn Edmonds-Harris, and Mrs. Ann J. Edmonds of Durham, and Mrs. Joyce Edmonds, Charlotte; two grand nephews - Andrew E. Harris III, Durham, and Kyle W. Edmonds; one grandniece Karra Edmonds, Charlotte; cousins, "extended family" and a host of friends.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank you for your prayers, and countless manifestations of sympathy, kindness, compassion and concern which provide inestimable solace during this period of grief. Each of you helped enrich the life of Helen G. Edmonds.

The Family

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Carolina Central University Foundation for the Helen G. Edmonds Scholarship Fund. Mail checks to:

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NCCU professor Edmonds dies at 83

y ERNIE SUGGS

Helen G. Edmonds, a vital part of the life of N.C. Central University for more than half of the 20th century, died Tuesday night at Duke University Hospital at

Dr. Edmonds was brought the university as a professor 1941 by NCCU founder James

Shepard.

Shepard.

By the time she retired in 1977.

Dr. Edmonds had served as a graduate professor of history, chairman of the department and dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

News a member of She was a member of NCCU board of trustees fit 1983 until 1991. In 1986,

board voted to rename the building that houses the history department the Helen G. Edmonds Classroom Building. She also was named a distinguished professor emerica

She was the first black wo to win the O. Max Gardner Av for outstanding teaching in UNC system.

ONC system.

One of Dr. Edmonds' greatest achievements was the number of black students she helped inspire to greater heights. More than 30 went on to earn Ph.D.'s in his

"She believed in scholarship," said Beverly Washington Jones, one of Edmonds' youngest Ph.D's. "She expected all of those she please see **EDMONDS**/A13

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took under her wing to get a terminal degree."

But one of Dr. Edmonds' prized students never got a Ph.D. Instead, Julius Chambers went on to law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and became one of the country's pre-eminent civil rights attorneys.

During many public appearances, Dr. Chambers, now NCCU's chancellor, points out Dr. Edmonds as a key influence in his life.

"I met her as a student and she had a terrific and lasting impression on me," he said.

This March, several of Dr. Edmonds' former students participated in the second annual Helen G. Edmonds New South Lecture Series and Conference. Dr. Edmonds was too ill to attend, but provided a taped message.

"Never was there a lover of this institution who tried more devotedly than I to set standards of quality consonant with the true purposes of NCCU," she said.

Dr. Edmonds was born Dec. 3, 1911, to John and Ann Edmonds in Lawrenceville, Va. She remained in Lawrenceville to attend college at Saint Paul's Junior College before transferring to Morgan State University, where she graduated in 1933.

She went on to gain her master's degree from Ohio State University in 1938. She became the first black woman in that school's history to earn a doctorate in history in 1946.

During that time, Dr. Edmonds began her career as a professor. In 1934-35, she taught Latin, Greek and history at Virginia Theological Seminary, before going back to St. Paul's to teach history from 1935-1940.

In 1941, Dr. Shepard convinced her to come to what was then N.C. College for Negroes and teach in the history department, where she specialized in U.S. History after 1865, European diplomacy after 1870, and international relations

"There are women out there that can do the job if they are given the chance. If I had been given the chance, I could have done it," Dr. Edmonds said in a 1991 interview.



EDMONDS

In 1966, after the resignation of Samuel Massie as NCCU's president, Dr. Edmonds was placed on a threeperson committee to oversee the university until a permanent chancellor was chosen. She had also interviewed for the presidencies of Mankato State, Cheyney State and Saint Paul's.

"It was not fashionable for women to be the president of a university," said Dr. Edmonds. "I was interviewed three times, but they just weren't making women presidents."

After retiring from NCCU, Dr. Edmonds became a visiting scholar at various institutions, including Rochester University, Virginia State, Ohio State, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Radcliffe College and Western Michigan.

But she always remained centered around Durham, living in her home on Nelson Street for 45 years.

"She was a good neighbor and a good friend," said 40-year-neighbor Loretha B. Parker. "She loved all the children on the street and they all called her Aunt Helen."

Aside from Dr. Edmonds' scholarly work, she was also politically active.

In 1956, she became the first black woman in history to second the nomination of a presidential candidate by endorsing Dwight D. Eisenhower at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.



POLITICALLY ACTIVE: Dr. Helen G. Edmonds (left) chats with then-Vice President Richard Nixon in the 1950s. Dr. Edmonds seconded the nomination of President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the 1956 Republican convention. She was brought to N.C. Central University in 1941 by founder James E. Shepard.

10/0, and international relations.

Dr. Edmonds was part of a great influx of professors — including Dr. John Hope Franklin and Dr. Ernst Manasse — whom Dr. Shepard brought to NCCU in the '30s and '40s.

Although Dr. Edmonds came to teach history, she also took over the fledgling drama department, which was in chaos after the brief tenure and early dismissal of Zora Neale Hurston in 1940.

At the 1994 Founder's Day Ceremony, the NCCU Choir performed a pageant by Dr. Edmonds titled, "The Life and Times of Dr. James E. Shepard and the History of North Carolina College."

"She was not only a teacher, but a friend, a great motivator and inspirational role model," said Clemson University history professor Henry Suggs. "It was my regret that I didn't have a chance to take more courses under her."

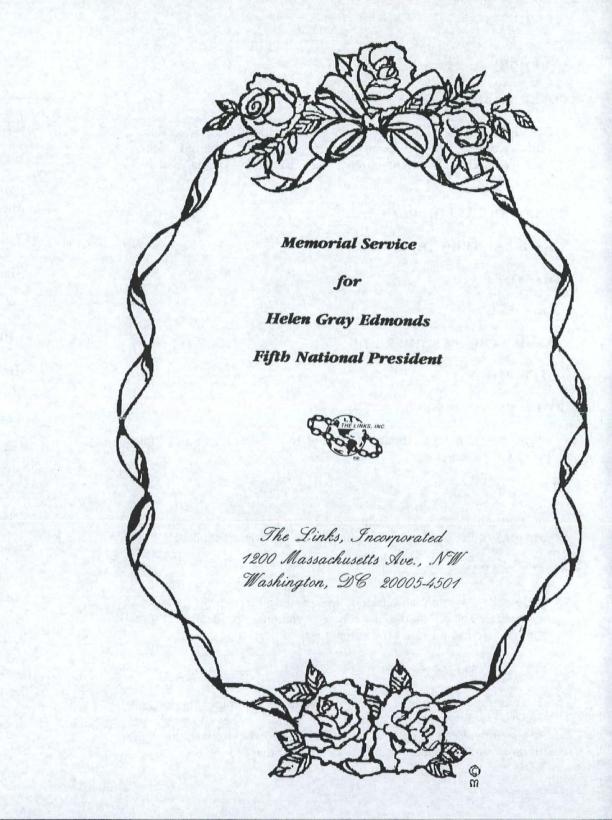
For all that she achieved in the academic world, Dr. Edmonds' dream of b coming a college president was never fulfilled.

She also was an alternate delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations; served on the National Advisory Council of the Peace Corps; and was a member of the Defense Advisory Council on Women in the Armed Services.

Dr. Edmonds is survived by a sister, Lucille Robinson of Durham; a brother, Harry Edmonds Sr., of Durham; one nephew; one niece; one grand-niece; and a grand-nephew. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

In her taped message to the New South Conference, which turned out to be her last public address, Dr. Edmonds returned to a theme she had struck ever since walking onto the campus in 1941.

"My heart is filled with gratitude for every teacher I employed, for every student that sought to major in our department and to the thousands and thousands of Eagles who trod this sacred soil, who never had a class with me, but who could rise to the call that, 'The Eagle is no common, ordinary barnyard fowl.'"



CEREMONY:

DOLLY D. ADAMS:

Dear Friends, this tribute by The Links, Incorporated is given on this 16th day of May 1995 to the memory of our dear departed sister, Link Helen Gray Edmonds, who was called to eternal rest on Tuesday, May 9, 1995.

REGINA JOLLIVETTE FRAZIER:

(SPECIAL TRIBUTE)

SOLOIST:

"Ave Maria"

MARION SCHULTZ SUTHERLAND:

(SCRIPTURES)

JOYCE MARTIN DIXON:

I light these candles in tribute and honor to our deceased Sister Link Helen Gray Edmonds.

ALL:

There is no death. Her light shines forevermore. Her voice and memories of her will live within our hearts. (Extinguish candles.)

DOLLY D. ADAMS:

These white roses symbolize friendship, service and leadership. (Blanket of white roses placed on the casket by Past National Presidents. If there is no casket, a white rose arrangement will be provided.)

PAULINE A. ELLISON:

Friendship - the chain of links which binds us together. Service-Link Helen Gray Edmonds gave lovingly to her family, to her endeavors, and to humanity. Leadership-Link Helen Gray Edmonds possessed the ability to direct and guide others. She was the light that led the way.

JULIA BROGDON PURNELL:

(FRIENDSHIP POEM)

DOLLY D. ADAMS:

I break this chain, symbolic of the missing Link in our chain of friendship.

ALL:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we pray thy blessings on the soul of our departed Sister Link Helen Gray Edmonds. May she rest in peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WANDA GARRETT:

(Reads a resolution from the Chapter, presents it to the family, and retains a copy for the National Archives.)

SOLOIST:

"The Lord's Prayer"

ALL:

"National Song"

We strive to do some good each year. For those who need our aid; It binds us close and brings us joy, And so we feel repaid.

We all are links in friendship's chain And loyal to our creed Of doing good through work and play Together we'll succeed.

> Lyrics by - Frances Atkinson Music by - Marietta Hall Cephas