



Dr. Travis Edmondson

August 30, 1929 - May 5, 2020

Dr. Travis B. Edmondson, 90, born on August 30, 1929 in Randolph County, Alabama to Hugh Otis and Burzie Thurman Edmondson passed away on May 5, 2020 at AdventHealth Hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Travis was a true Southern gentleman who displayed a loving, virtuous heart and an unmatched desire to help and serve others. He was a devoted husband to his bride of 68 years, Joyce Brown Edmondson. Though a man of few words, his acts of kindness and generosity spoke volumes about his commitment to follow the way of the Lord: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself (Luke 10:27). Whether you were a longtime friend or a recent acquaintance, there was an unforgettable warmth about Travis that would simply put you at ease.

After graduating from Woodland High School in Woodland, Alabama, Travis served in the United States Air Force for five and a half years before seizing the opportunity to pursue his passion for education. His collegiate accomplishments included a Bachelor of Science in Education from Jacksonville State University, a Masters of Education from Auburn University, and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Travis had a vibrant and successful career in education, during which time he served as an elementary school teacher, Principal of Bowdon Elementary School, Assistant Superintendent of Carroll County Schools, and Superintendent of Carroll County Schools. He respected his teachers and students, and nothing pleased him more than to see children excel in learning.

Travis was a faithful member of Mt. Carmel Church of Christ in Woodland, Alabama, where he loved to worship with his church family. His strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of His life.

Travis enjoyed the peacefulness that life in rural Alabama offered and took pleasure in cattle farming, vegetable gardening, and fishing with his grandchildren. He also was an avid reader and not only a numismatist but a wise financial steward. Travis delighted in spending time with his family, and especially enjoyed visiting the sunny beaches of Florida, where he eventually made Ormond by the Sea his second home.

Travis is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Ray and Vernon Edmondson, and

one sister, JoAnne Gentry. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Brown Edmondson, daughter Denise Daniel of Carrollton, GA, and son, David Edmondson of Lawrenceville, GA, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. His love, leadership, and smiling-blue-eyes will forever be imprinted on the hearts of his family and friends.

To honor Travis's legacy, the family will hold a celebratory memorial service in the near future. Once determined, an announcement will follow.

Comments



“ I was fortunate to be a student of Joyce Edmondson's. She was an excellent teacher and I learned much from her.

I send you my condolence
Kay Mote Oxford

Kay Mote Oxford - May 21, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Dr Edmondson. He was a A fine, Southern gentleman. My late husband and I enjoyed getting better acquainted with he and Joyce on a ride up to LaPrade's to eat breakfast long time ago.



Marjorie Reeves Kittle - May 17, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Dr. Edmondson was a very effective school superintendent for whom I worked as a school principal! He led the Carroll County School System through some very rewarding years. I enjoyed his support and guidance!

Anthony Wilkins - May 17, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Dr. Edmondson was such a fine gentleman and a dedicated educator and administrator. Laura Garland

Laura Garland - May 15, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Dr. Edmondson was such a fine gentleman and a gifted educator and administrator.
Laura Garland

Laura Garland - May 15, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Mike And Lee Haynes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Travis Edmondson



Mike and Lee Haynes - May 13, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Mr. Edmondson was such a dear, kind, and thoughtful person. We send prayers to the family. May God bless all of you.

Janice Eason - May 12, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ The world will have a large hole from the loss of this kind and gentle man. He was my mentor and my friend. Travis was there to guide me into my new job at Ocean Watch Condo, always available for advice and ready to help. Joyce and Family, I am so sorry for you loss. I will never forget Travis.

Love,
Susan and Joe Borich



Susan Borich - May 12, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Mr. Edmondson was my elementary principal at Bowdon and later in life I was a businessman that dealt with him while he was superintendent of Carroll County Schools. He was one of the kindest gentlemen I ever met. He was also a very good business man as he was a wise manager of the taxpayers funds while with the school system. He is sorely missed.

Dennis Barr

Dennis Barr - May 12, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ My sympathy to your family. I was in Dr. Edmonson's class at Unity Elementary and remember his quiet and kind demeanor.

Melissa Smith - May 12, 2020 at 07:22 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for all of you.



Elmira Eidson - May 12, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ Janie Meadows & PeggyHewitt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Travis Edmondson



Janie Meadows & PeggyHewitt - May 11, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Travis. He was a fine man, and an inspiration to all of those who worked with him. He did so much for the Carroll County School System during his career. We all will truly miss his advice, his demeanor, and his leadership. Our family sends our prayers to you all. Bill and Diane McKibben

Bill McKibben - May 11, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ Dottie Grizzard Cavender lit a candle in memory of Dr. Travis Edmondson



Dottie Grizzard Cavender - May 10, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Dr. Travis Edmondson



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - May 10, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ He was my teacher in the seventh grade and I loved and respected him. He had a gentle but firm spirit and I believe that was why he excelled in the education part of his life. A wonderful man. So sorry for your loss!

cathy wise shelton - May 10, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Mr. Edmondson was a gentle giant to those of us that attended Bowdon in our earliest years. His soft voice and caring heart reached out to all of us!



Sherry Warren - May 10, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Wilda Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Dr. Travis Edmondson



Wilda Yarbrough - May 10, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ Kay Driver lit a candle in memory of Dr. Travis Edmondson



Kay Driver - May 09, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ Joyce, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I'll always remember him as a kind and thoughtful man. I met him as Mr. Edmondson, my elementary school principal, and got to know him as Buford, the husband of my beautiful cousin. He devoted his life to God, his family, and his life's work of helping children become better adults. I am blessed that I knew him. You, Denise, and David will remain in my prayers. Love to you all.



Cathy Davis - May 09, 2020 at 12:16 PM