

Order of Service for Mrs. Jeanne E. Evans

Officiating
Rev. Dr. Robert M. Spooney, Pastor
Mt. Zion MBI Church – Orlando, Florida

Musical Prelude

Family Processional – “Oh, I Want to See Him” Officiates & Family

Hymn – “Yield Not to Temptation”Mt. Zion MBIC Choir

PrayerElder Marion Rollerson
Retired, Carter Tabernacle CMEC

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – *Psalm 34:1-8*... Keeyon M. Upkins [grandson-in-law]

New Testament – *Revelation 21:1-7* Cami A. King [granddaughter]

Solo – “He’ll Hold You” Meka King

Reflections (limit your remarks to 3 minutes each, please)

Friend – Mrs. Ernestine Mosley

Student – Mr. Reginald B. McGill

Family – Dr. Nathaniel R. Evans, II [son]

Family – Mrs. Nia Hope Bess [granddaughter]

Resolutions & Acknowledgments

Family Acknowledgments Imani D. Hope [granddaughter]

Reading of the Legacy (silently, to soft music)

Solo – “Worship Medley” Meka King

Sermon Pastor Jimmy King, II

Recessional Officiates & Family

“Precious Lord / Just a Closer Walk with Thee”



Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

– Isaiah 26:19 NLT



And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope....So encourage each other with these words. – 1 Thessalonians 4:13,18 NLT

Honorary Pall Bearers [grandsons]

Nathaniel R. Evans, III Jason B. Evans Jimmy King, III Matthew King
Fred L. Goodman, III Scott McNallan Alexandre Bess, Sr.

Active Pall Bearers

Washington Shores Elementary School Former Students

Honorary Flower Attendants [granddaughters]

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| Shani Evans | Nia Hope Bess | Imani D. Hope |
| Brittani N. King | Ashli K. Upkins | Cami A. King |
| Briana C. Evans | Autumn L. Goodman | Addison L. Goodman |
| Alexis L. Goodman | Jasmin Evans | Stevi Evans |

Active Flower Attendants

Carter Tabernacle CME Church Family

Interment

Greenwood Cemetery
Orlando, Florida



In Appreciation

We, the family of the late Jeanne Edge Evans truly thank God for each and every one of you. Your outpouring of prayers, love, kindness, and support have sustained us and truly blessed us throughout the passing of our loved one. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love him.”

– The Family



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jeanne Edge Evans
“Mama”

“Throughout her life, Mrs. Evans instilled the love of God, strong family values, and the importance of education in three generations of her descendents and other members of her loving family.”



March 28, 1927

February 20, 2015

12 Noon – Saturday, February 28, 2015

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535 West Washington St., Orlando, Florida 32801

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. — Revelation 21:4

MRS.

Jeanne Edge Evans

Jeanne Edge Evans was born in Winter Park, Florida in 1927, the third of four children of Roy and Rosa Pearl Edge, Sr. From the 1930s, her parents were homeowners and entrepreneurs. She attended elementary school in Winter Park and graduated in 1945 from Jones High School in Orlando. Her siblings, the late Rosalie Edge (Rosemond), the late Roy Edge, Jr. and Eunice Edge (Givens of Charlotte, NC) also graduated from Jones High.



Mrs. Evans attended Florida A & M College (now university) and graduated in 1951. During her freshman year, she became reacquainted with Nathaniel Rutherford Evans, whom she had briefly met at her sister Rosalie's wedding three years before. After a short courtship, Jeanne and Nathaniel were married at her home in Winter Park on August 18, 1946. Her father, Roy, Sr., consented to his 19-year-old daughter's marriage only after Nathaniel promised to make sure she finished her college education. He, and she, kept her husband's promise.

They were happily married for more than 43 years, until his death in 1989. They had an enduring love. Mrs. Evans often said that "Nat" was her first, and only love.

Six children were born to this union. Mrs. Evans LOVED being a mother, grandmother

and great-grandmother. She helped to raise her 15 grandchildren and marveled at the arrival of her eight great-grandchildren. She was an informal mentor to dozens of young mothers, who often sought her guidance. Mrs. Evans dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who gave her boundless joy. Her life's work was as an educator in Florida's public school systems, where she taught for 42 years.

In 1961, Mrs. Evans and her family moved to Orlando, where she taught at Callahan Elementary School and Holden Street Elementary School, before accepting a position as a third grade teacher at Washington Shores Elementary in 1962. While at Washington Shores, Mrs. Evans taught hundreds of students, supporting their parents, serving as lead third grade teacher and singing in the Washington Shores Teachers' Chorus. In her last two years of teaching, Mrs. Evans taught in the Title One, Chapter One program, helping struggling students advance their math and reading scores several grade levels in one school year. As a teacher, Mrs. Evans made home visits to hundreds of parents after the school day ended to help their children succeed academically. Being a teacher was her second love, after being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Many of her former students say she inspired them "to love learning and become a better student." They say, "she was strict, but loving."

The Evans family worshipped and served diligently at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church from the mid-60s through the late 80s. Mrs. Evans served in the Adult Choir and was a dedicated and faithful member of Mt. Zion MBI Church until the mid-90s when she began attending St. Mark AME Church, Greater Mt. Olive AME Church, and Carter Tabernacle CME Church with her children and their families. Since 2012 she was a dedicated member of Carter Tabernacle CME Church, where she was loved and admired.

After her retirement in 1992, Mrs. Evans enjoyed quality time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She travelled to their graduations, weddings and other special occasions for more than 20 years, in many states. Throughout her life, Mrs. Evans instilled the love of God, strong family values, and the importance of education in three generations of her descendants and other members of her loving family. Her unconditional love and her legacy will always live in their hearts.

Mrs. Evans is survived by her six **children**, two **daughters-in-law**, three **sons-in-law**, 20 **grandchildren** (includes five spouses), 8 **great-grandchildren**, her **sister**, **nephews**, **nieces**, **cousins**, and many adoring students and loyal friends.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints.*

— Psalm 116:15

