



Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden

April 21, 1935 - January 25, 2022

Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Graveside services will be at the Harrisonburg Cemetery on Friday, January 28, 2022, at 2:00 with visitation afterward at Harrisonburg First Baptist Church. Dr. Philip Caples and Robert Bradley will be officiating under the direction of Comer's Funeral Home.

Eddie Mae was born on Easter Sunday on April 21, 1935, in Monticello, Arkansas, to Lucy and Chester Fairchild. After graduating from Drew High School, she moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, to work as a telephone operator. There she met and married her husband of 38 years Frank Ogden. They eventually moved to Houston, Texas. She often said she told Frank that if he would make the money, she would take care of the house and the little ones, and that is exactly what she did.

In 1971, Frank, Eddie Mae, and their 5 girls moved to Harrisonburg, Louisiana. There Eddie Mae not only took care of her own little ones, but she also took care of many of her grandchildren. She always said she had a boy's name, but it fit her so well. It comes from Edward which means fierce protector and that is what she was. She was indeed a fierce protector for her children and grandchildren. She watched them diligently and prayed for them constantly. She praised them unendingly and was their greatest cheerleader.

Eddie always said she could not carry a tune, but her children and grandchildren remember being rocked to “The Lily of the Valley” or “Rock a Bye Baby” to the tune of “Blessed Assurance.” Another treasured memory is “Mamaw’s” birthday phone call and rendition of “Happy Birthday.”

Eddie was also known for her pecan pie. She made them and generously gave them away to anyone she thought needed encouragement.

Eddie was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Ogden, her daughter, Debbie Ogden Johnson, as well as two brothers, LaMarcus Fairchild, and Tom Fairchild, and two sisters, Tina Tidwell and Sarah Malone.

She is survived by three sisters, Ruth Silves (husband Stan), Agnus Wickham, and Bea Whittington (husband Joe). She is also survived by son-in-law, David Johnson, four daughters, Ann Pentecost and husband Jeff, Martha Krider and husband James, Brenda Ogden, and Barbara McGuffee and husband Mike as well as a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren: Kandi Pentecost, husband Luke, and Colton, Carter, and Sophie; Lee McGuffee, wife Amanda, and Braden, Jake, and Bailey; Jill May, husband Corey, and Emma and Cash; Heath McGuffee, wife Cynthia, and Rhett and Landry; Jenna Wiliford, husband Jacob, and Maggie, Mack, and Brooks; Heather Rawls, husband Ryan, and Bella and Jace; Dustin Krider, Sam Krider, Seth Krider, and Curt McGuffee. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Those honoring Eddie Mae Ogden as pallbearers are her grandsons and grandsons-in-law.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 28, 2022, after the services in the fellowship hall of Harrisonburg First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Harrisonburg First Baptist Church building fund, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or an organization of your choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.comerfh.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Harrisonburg Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Just a wonderful lady. Always loved seeing her at church. We will be praying for all the family. We love y'all.*
Jason Mitchell and all the Mitchells

Jason Mitchell - February 17, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *Although I haven't kept in touch with Memmaw as much recently as I would have like to, I distinctly remember and appreciate how she always would still send me a birthday card every year and call me every year for my birthday to sing the entire birthday song to me in the most angelic voice. Also, I remember her always sending me a loaf of corn bread from my mom because she knew how much I liked them. Christmas and holidays won't be the same without her, but she will continue to live on in our memories. Love you Memmaw*

-Dustin

Dustin Krider - January 28, 2022 at 11:19 AM

SK

“ It’s hard to put into a few words the true impact that Mammaw had on our family and this world. But through reading this thread of comments it’s easy to get a glimpse just how influential she has been on all of our lives.

Looking back retrospectively, I realize just how blessed my aunts, cousins, and brothers are to have been gifted with such a passionate, strong-willed, and protective woman. In my adulthood, I now realize everyone’s life doesn’t include annual personalized happy birthday song calls, VIP access to the Eddie Mae prayer list, and the loving support of everyone she brought into this world and raised. Many haven’t had a grandma who would build fires and floor pallets for sleepovers, bake award winning pecan pies, cornbread, vegetable soup, and spend hours hunting and organizing spare change to divide among her grandchildren to buy whatever popular new toy was out. She truly fostered the perfect childhood and loving family environment for all of her daughters, grandkids, and relatives. Even past our childhood and adolescent years, Mammaw always made herself present in all of our lives and made sure we all knew we were loved in her eyes and heart. I could not be more thankful for the grandmother God blessed our family with and the passion and protective nature she demonstrated.

Although these times are difficult, it is comforting realizing Mammaw will never truly be out of our lives. The teachings she instilled, the love she shared, and the family she built will always be a friendly reminder that she is always with us. Although our strongest prayer warrior isn’t here on Earth anymore, I know Heaven just opened a new position for prayer commander in chief above. Love you so much Mammaw and thank you for everything.

-Sam

Sam Krider - January 28, 2022 at 10:34 AM

KH

“ Back in the 70’s when I was in the 7th grade, the Ogden girls became a part of my life. Ann and I were in the same class. Debbie one year ahead. Martha one year behind. And then younger- Brenda and Barbara. My friendship with Ann opened the door to the whole family. Ann, Martha, and I roomed together at Louisiana Tech after graduation.

Mrs Eddie and Mr Frank made me feel right at home. With five girls of their own, they didn’t need a sixth! But I spent many a night with them and I always felt welcome.

Mrs Eddie will be missed but she and Mr Frank have left a beautiful legacy in the five women that represent them along with their children and grandchildren.

I always thought it would be so fun to be a part of a big family and Mrs Eddie’s hospitality allowed me the privilege of being part of theirs.

Kelly Hudspeth - January 28, 2022 at 05:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden.



January 27, 2022 at 10:26 PM

HM

“ I cannot think of a thing to add about Moomoo that wasn't already said by Jill and Jenna and Heather. She loved her family with a set of blinders to any of our faults. When someone happened to compliment one of her grands her response was usually a modest “I know.” She loved and defended us fiercely against all manner of villains including teachers who dared to give us a bad grade or umpires who couldn't tell that was a strike.

Moomoo had an incredible prayer life. She could pray you into PA school or pray a hurricane away...those poor people in Houston.

Moomoo was the first to wish you a happy birthday, usually before the sunrise and if you missed her call, she never asked you to call her back. She'd call you back!

Moomoo was our greatest cheerleader and Curt's biggest fan. She has the button to prove it. We'll miss her.

Heath McGuffee - January 27, 2022 at 09:51 PM

BE

“ My heartfelt condolences in the loss of your mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother. Reading the memories of Heather, Jenna, and Jill made me smile and think of all the great memories our loved ones leave behind. May those sweet memories bring comfort to your heart in this sad time. May God hold each of you close to His heart as you say goodbye to her tomorrow. May Eddie Mae rest in peace.

Barbara Edmiston - January 27, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden.*



January 27, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden.*



January 27, 2022 at 11:46 AM

JM

“ When I think about Mammaw, two words come to mind: loyal and tough. Mammaw was loyal to her family. She loved Tank, her girls and her son in laws. She saw her grandkids and “the greats” through rose-colored glasses. In her eyes, all of us were good-looking, smart, funny, athletic, healthy or “just right”. (Many of those traits passed on to us from “Frank”). She instantly saw spouses that married into the family through those rose colored glasses as well. We could do no wrong...Mammaw had your back! Some of my favorite childhood memories are playing with cousins in Jug Bend. Mammaw and Tank had an open door policy..we were always welcome to stay at their house! As a kid, she took me on picnics under the shade tree, let me dust her pictures in exchange for all the change in her purse and set her lawn chair behind home plate at every softball game and yelled “strike” after every single ball I pitched! You could count on her to be on your side. She was tough. I’ve never seen her cry, and she killed snakes with a garden hoe! Also when she had her mind made up, that was it! She was strong willed! On a serious note, she endured many hardships in her adult life and made the decision each time to put her faith and trust in God to see her through it! A few weeks ago when I visited, a nurse at the nursing home told me “she’s always praying”...when the nurse left I told Mammaw she was obviously still doing the Lords work. People there were noticing how she depended on God during hardship, and I do completely believe that! I was telling my own family some stories about her last night, and we were laughing out loud..and I started thinking that we really hit the jackpot with Mammaw Eddie! She sure has left us with a lifetime of love and happy memories!

~Jill

Jill May - January 27, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Martha and her family. I pray that God gives you peace, comfort, and strength in the days to follow. I work with Martha and I love to hear stories about her mom and sisters. The love is thick there and you can tell from her stories.*

Jana Castaneda - January 27, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden.*



January 27, 2022 at 07:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eddie Mae Fairchild Ogden.*



January 26, 2022 at 11:57 PM

JW

“ One thing I remember when I think about Mammaw is that you never had to wonder what she was really thinking. She was going to say it. If you wanted an honest opinion then she was the person to ask. And if she ever paid you a compliment, then she meant it. I also have always admired Mammaw’s strong prayer life. I remember thinking that if I really needed something to happen, then I needed to call Mammaw and ask her to pray. And I knew she would be praying relentlessly until it came to be. Jill even reminded me that I owed her a shoutout for praying me into PA school. I was only an alternate at first, but within a week or so of Mammaw finding that out, I got a phone call saying that they had added another seat to the class and that I was accepted. So thanks Mammaw! I also have many happy memories of playing at her house and having sleepovers with my cousins. I even had several sleepovers with my friends at her house. I knew I could call and ask and she would always welcome us with open arms. In her obituary it reads that the name Eddie comes from Edward, meaning “fierce protector” and when I read that I had never heard a truer statement. As kids, there was nobody that watched us closer than Mammaw did. Even if it looked like she was sleeping, she wasn’t. She was just “resting her eyes” and was likely to jump into the conversation at any minute. She will definitely be missed and I am so thankful for her life and the impact she made on all those that knew her.

Jenna Pentecost Williford - January 26, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“*Mamaw Eddie was truly one of a kind! She loved us all fiercely and would call to check in on us everyday and sometimes multiple times a day lol. We used to enjoy staying at her house with friends or cousins and would lay on her living room floor and watch old movies. She always had her hair done and her red lipstick on! She enjoyed cooking vegetable soup, Mexican cornbread and pecan pie. She loved to call and sing “Happy Birthday” to us all every year. She would come over super early (like 5am) to mom’s house and help do laundry and walk laps (very loudly) around downstairs while she waited on clothes and wake up the whole house! I’ll never forget when Ryan and I first started dating, he stayed over one night and was asleep on the couch when she came over early but needless to say he didn’t sleep much after that! Once we all woke up he asked us “Who in the world does laundry at 5 in the morning?” Only our Mamaw Eddie!! She was a special lady and I will sure miss her daily phone calls and voicemails.*

Heather Rawls - January 26, 2022 at 08:41 PM