



Juanita Pearl Bass

April 19, 1922 - February 20, 2021

"A Life Well Lived"

Mrs. Juanita Pearl Edney Bass

Sunrise: April 19, 1922 Sunset: February 20, 2021

On Wednesday, April 19, 1922, Juanita Pearl Edney Bass was born to the late Oscar Sally Edney and Maude

Grey Edney in Aiken, South Carolina. She was the youngest of seven children.

As a child, Juanita worked on her family's farm and attended school in Aiken County, South Carolina.

When she was a young teen, she went to live with her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Mae Dell and

Elbert Corbett until she was 21 years old. She often referred to them as her "parents" as they had a hand in

raising her. She attended and graduated from Bettis Academy Junior College in Trenton, South Carolina

and also completed a summer semester at South Carolina State University.

Upon graduation, Juanita was

a teacher and taught in the Aiken County Public School District.

When Juanita was about 11 years old, a young man named Herbert said to an Aiken County candy store clerk, "Mr. Hamp,

you see that little girl there? When she grows up, I'm going to marry her)." And marry her he did. On May

29, 1943, Herbert Bass and Juanita Edney were united in holy matrimony at the courthouse in Aiken County, South Carolina. Mr. Bass later told Juanita, "Herbert told me he was going to marry you and I didn't believe him." Herbert and Juanita later moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania just before Herbert would be drafted into the service of the Army Air Corps in World War II. In 1945, the couple moved to Stamford, Connecticut where Juanita would reside for the next 76 years. To this union, two sons were born: Marvin C. Bass (1947) and Rodney Bass (1953). Juanita was contently married for 43 years before her husband's passing in 1986. She always thought of Herbert as a peaceable man, one with whom she could live with, and one whom loved, respected and protected her. For many years, Juanita worked as a factory worker at Bunker Ramo Corporation in Stamford, Connecticut. At the age of 62, Juanita retired to become a devoted Grandmother who took marvelous care of each of her grandchildren. She even moved from Stamford's Waterside to the Eastside so she could live next door and be available to her family. Everyone who knew Juanita, knew that her son Rodney, was her pride and joy. She was so proud to be the mother of a son of Stamford, whom she raised to accomplish much as a civil servant to his community, most recently being appointed to the Stamford Police Commission. She was very active and very present in the lives of her children and grandchildren. For every milestone, Juanita was there. She attended birthday parties, school plays, piano and dance recitals, baseball games, grade school graduations and most recently, her only grandson's wedding. As an avid

advocate for obtaining a good education, one of Juanita's proudest achievements was being able to witness all of her grandchildren graduate from college! In addition, she was also proud to live to be able to vote for and see the first African American President, Barack H. Obama and the first female, African American and South Asian Vice President, Kamala D. Harris, take office. Having been born nearly a century ago at a time when formal segregation still existed, this was something special for Juanita to behold.

Juanita was a fabulous cook and loved to entertain her family and friends. She hosted and attend parties and enjoyed being a socialite at various events and social clubs, including Stamford's Chancellors and Chancellorettes. She cherished her relationships with lifelong friends, some of whom included: Ms. Clara Catoe, the late Mrs. Velma Carter, the late Mrs. Odessa Davis, the late Ms. Flossie Walker, and Mr. Benjamin "Jimmy" Doleman. Her best friend of all was the late Mrs. Vernell Hewitt, with whom she traveled the country and enjoyed life together. She was an active church member at Bethel A.M.E Church in Stamford, CT for more than 50 years. She served on the Trustee Board which was responsible for erecting the church location at 150 Fairfield Avenue. She also served as a Sunday School teacher for many years before her health declined, preventing her from physical attendance.

Most of all, Juanita adored her family very much. She felt that her greatest accomplishment was her family she made it clear that she did her very best in raising and nurturing us, which she did.

Her favorite saying as of late was:

"You've had me for a long time. I'm almost 100 years old, you know." nearly a centurion, her wisdom, razor sharp wit, sense of humor made Juanita the unique shining star among all who encountered her.

She was often consulted for sage advice and wisdom, which she poured effortlessly into the lives of her family and community. Her mind was still sharp, even at 98 years of age. She was even affectionately known as "no filter Nita" because she believed in "telling it like it T-I- IS!" She was truly the most loving, caring and generous wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend anyone could ever have.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Herbert L. Bass; her son, Mr. Marvin C. Bass; her parents, Oscar Sally "Rett" and Maude Grey Edney; and all of her siblings: Mrs. Marion "Sweet" Edney Vaughn, Mrs. Mae Dell Edney Corbett, Mr. George Wilmot "Bubba" Edney, Mrs. Mamie Edney Childs, Mr. Oscar Haynes Edney and Mr. Oscar Simmons.

Although our mother, grandmother, aunt and friend will be greatly missed, we will hold always her in our

hearts. She was the Matriarch of our family, our 'Pearl of Great Price' and we will always honor and uphold

her legacy. She will forever be remembered and cherished by her son, Mr. Rodney (Sharon) Bass of

Stamford, CT; her daughter Mrs. Karen Graves Medley of Stamford, CT. and her five grandchildren: Rev. Jessica N. Bass of San Antonio, TX; Mr. Wesley (Brooke) Bass

of Stamford, CT; Ms. Moriah T. Bass of Stamford, CT; Mrs. Keishaana (Michael) Kelly of Derby, CT and

Mrs. Dawn Bass-Farrell of Bridgeport, CT. Juanita will also be dearly missed

by her sister-in-law, Ms. Nenita Simmons of Stamford, CT; her godson, Mr. James L. Core, III of Houston, TX as well as by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Mother

Juanita Pearl Edney Bass was truly a life well lived. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM followed by a service of celebration at 12:00PM at Graves Medley Funeral Services, 31 Stillwater Ave., Stamford, CT. with Rev. Dr. Robert A. Jackson, Jr. officiating . Interment will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, Stamford.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Ave.
Stamford, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Graves Medley Funeral Services
31 Stillwater Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 323-2666

Service

FEB 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *TO MRS. J.P. BASS FAMILY: King James Version (KJV) 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

We are with you in prayer and we Thank God for keeping your Matriarch around to spread Love & Wisdom to so many. Your beloved Matriarch got her wings to start her next chapter of her calling. Stay encouraged and keep LOVING one another. The "Moore Family"

Jerrol Moore - March 12, 2021 at 09:03 AM



DA

“ *To Rodney, Karen and the Bass family,*

May God Bless and keep you during this difficult time. May your memories bring you smiles, laughter and peace. Keeping you lifted in prayer.

Warm regards,

Donna Goings Aekins

Donna Goings Aekins - February 24, 2021 at 07:34 PM



DW

Rodney and family: Sending condolences to you on the loss of your wonderful, precious mother. May God bless you all as you mourn and may those precious memories give you comfort. Dr. Sharon White

Dr. Sharon White - February 25, 2021 at 02:41 PM

BM

“ *To the family of Juanita Bass,
We share in the loss of your love one. We spent many Edney Family Reunions together in Aiken, South Carolina.
We pray that God give you the strength that you need at this difficult time.
With sincere love,
Charles B. & Betty Williams Morgan
Aiken, South Carolina*

BETTY J.W. MORGAN - February 24, 2021 at 01:11 PM

DF

“ *My Sincere condolences to Karen and the entire Bass Family. I pray you find comfort in the Loving arms of God at this time of your Mother's transition.*

Darlene Fersner

Darlene fersner - February 24, 2021 at 12:17 PM

AE

“ *Brother Rodney Bass and the entire Bass Family, I extend my sincere condolences.
It is my prayer that God keeps you covered with his comforting and loving arms during this difficult time.
May Mrs. Bass Sleep In Peace in the arms of her Heavenly Father.
Blessings and Love
Angela L. Edwards*

ANGELA EDWARDS - February 24, 2021 at 11:55 AM

HJ

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Rodney, Sharon, and the entire Bass family. We pray God will give you all you need especially today. We have fond memories of Mrs. Bass. Her warmth, hospitality, and conversations will be remembered. God Bless each of you.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Jennings

Howard Jennings - February 24, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juanita Pearl Bass.*



February 23, 2021 at 10:04 AM

LJ

“ *Sincere condolences to Rod Bass and family. Ms. Bass will always be well thought of.*

Lovell Rowser, Jr.

Lovell Rowser, Jr. - February 23, 2021 at 09:51 AM

BL

“ *Sending our condolences and prayers to Karen and Rodney and the complete family, yours in Christ, Rev Curtis and Betty Langley, of North Carolina*



Betty Langley - February 23, 2021 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ *To Mr Rodney Bass and family I give my condolences. God Bless you Love Joy Poteau.*

Joy Poteau - February 22, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Juanita Pearl Bass.*



February 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM