



## Mr. Robert Louis Edwards

June 17, 1937 - June 4, 2016

Robert Louis Edwards was born June 17, 1937 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Alma and Harold Edwards. He was the third child of that union, following Marion and Peter, who both rejoined our Lord early in life. Robert matriculated at Dillard University, graduating in 1957. Robert married Lillian Leonard and to that union Kimberly Cleveland was born. After spending his first year teaching in New Orleans public schools, he relocated to Detroit, Michigan to join Detroit Public Schools. He met and married Myrna Crittendon while teaching History and English. Robert completed his Master's degree in Elementary Education and worked as an administrator at Region 7 Middle School and Ludington Middle School. In 1980, he was selected as principal of Burt Elementary School where he worked until finishing his 44 year career with DPS.

Robert was fiercely dedicated to an innovative, customized education for young people. He was on the front lines of the magnet school movement. He believed in making education fun for children and building a curriculum based on the needs of the individual child.

While educating the city's youngsters he was also dedicated to singing. He sang baritone for many years in the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, and the Renaissance Choir at Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Robert departed this life on June 4, 2016. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife: Myrna Edwards, Children: Lynne Crittendon, Debra Brown, Kimberly Cleveland, Bobbi Edwards, Honorary daughter: Nicole Jackson, nine grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and a host of beloved cousins, friends,

colleagues, and choir mates.

\*\*\*Please do not send floral arrangements to Funeral Home or Church\*\*\*

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made online or by mail to Dillard University:

[give.dillard.edu](http://give.dillard.edu)

2601 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70122

FAIR Dillard fund

Campaign - "Robert L. Edwards Scholarship Fund"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

He has made everything beautiful in its time.



# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Monday, Jun. **13**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
600 East Warren  
Detroit, MI 48201

## Memorial Service

Monday, Jun. **13**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Louis Edwards*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To Myrna and the Edward's family. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Edwards .had such a quiet gentle spirit. I will be keeping the family in prayer. May the peace and love of Jesus Christ comfort and keep you.*

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**Claralyn Ussery** - June 13, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Louis Edwards.*



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June 13, 2016 at 11:23 AM

CE

“ Bob, when you worked with my mother the students at Atkinson always thought you were her husband because her last name was also Edwards (Alma). She was just a lot older and had already had a husband, Eddie. You and Myrna were always two of my mother's and father's favorite people! Thank you for adding professional gifts and love and joy in her life, and thank you for making a difference for the students of Detroit. Mom went to heaven two years before you so you all can two can hook up again and be angels to those of us left here on earth. Myrna, I send my love and if you need anything, do not hesitate to call. Carolyn Edwards



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**Carolyn Edwards** - June 12, 2016 at 10:35 PM

DE

“ Dear Myrna and Family,  
May you find joy in the memories and comfort  
in the caring of friends and family.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Duanel Ethridge



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**Duanel Ethridge** - June 12, 2016 at 07:03 PM

BH

“ Myrna, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. Although it may difficult now your heart will keep Bob close to you always. May love and peace be with you. Beverly and Rederick

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**Beverly Henderson** - June 12, 2016 at 12:06 AM

SF

“ We got to know Bob later in his life, but what a gentle soul he was. He was such a great encourager and just a reminder of the best of humanity. Always pleasant and genuinely cared about others. To the Edwards family, we are praying for you in this very difficult time.



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**Sinclair & Family** - June 11, 2016 at 11:46 PM

AW

“ I remember when Mr. Edwards became the principal at Burt School. (1981) He was a very nice man and really cared about the youth. I was in the 5th grade then. I remember his voice and can hear him speaking now!!!



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**Arneeze Washington** - June 09, 2016 at 10:33 PM

MM

“ Martha Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Louis Edwards



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**Martha Mills** - June 09, 2016 at 04:33 PM

MM

*Mr. Edwards was my Principal at Burt Elementary when I attended. He was a wonderful educator who cared. Thanks. My condolences to his family and God Bless.*  
*Martha Mills*

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**Martha Mills** - June 09, 2016 at 04:41 PM

CJ

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Charline Jacob** - June 09, 2016 at 10:41 AM

CJ

*Wonderful memories will keep Bob with us forever. Dillard since 1955--working together at Atkinson '61-64--visits, emails and phone calls over the years have kept us all close. That will not change though one link in our chain of friendship was called ON HIGH to be with other loved ones. Love, peace and strength to cope with your loss is our wish for all of you.*

*Charline Lewis Jacob DU'59 and Mom- Helen Lewis*

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**Charline Jacob** - June 09, 2016 at 03:29 PM

CS

“ *Dear Myrna , Bobbi, and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Bob was such a calm and pleasant neighbor for all these many years. I will remember his smile and beautiful voice he shared with his Plymouth family and others. Memories of the good times as a family and sharing them will get you through this. He will be missed as much as he was loved. Love, Carolyn Stevens*

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**Carolyn Stevens** - June 09, 2016 at 10:09 AM

RP

“ *Edwards family, my deepest condolences for your great loss. I love you all and am praying for you!*  
*-Robin P.*

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**Robin Patterson** - June 09, 2016 at 06:57 AM

RD

“ *Many good times at the Circle City Classic, will always remember that big smile. See you on the flip flop .*

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**R A & Jonnie Dixon** - June 08, 2016 at 07:06 PM

RE

“ *To Myrna and The Edwards Family,*

*The world has lost another champion but heaven has welcomed another angel. I thank God for allowing our paths to cross during my lifetime. I will always remember his infectious smile, beautiful voice, caring heart and compassionate spirit.*

*Mr. Edwards put on your robe and claim your crown. Rest In Heaven.*

*With Sincere Sympathy,  
Renee' Hervey-Ellington & Family*

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**Renee Ellington** - June 08, 2016 at 06:05 PM

LB

“ *Edwards Family,*

*We wish you all peace and love during this difficult time. Uncle Bob will truly be missed. We have wonderful memories of him that will always be ours to treasure. I know that he singing with GOD and the angels!*

*Lisa, Mark, Landon, McKenna and Ned  
The Bausley-Williams Families*

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**Lisa Bausley-Williams** - June 08, 2016 at 03:41 PM

AW

“ Alan Walker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Robert Louis Edwards.



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Alan Walker - June 08, 2016 at 12:39 PM

DB

“ Dear Myrna & The Edwards Family  
May the Lord bless and keep you; May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26. Mr. Edwards has always have been a people person. He will surely be missed. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. We love you.  
God bless you,  
Debra Beckon & Famly



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Debra Beckon - June 08, 2016 at 09:10 AM

BW

“ Myrna, Lynne, Bobbi, Debra and all the Edwards family: I share the loss of a great co-worker and friend ! Mr Edwards and I worked as Principal and Counselor for 25 years ! He was also a cherished friend ! I will truly miss him ! Praying for each of you at this difficult time ! Bernadine

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Bernadine. Wilson - June 07, 2016 at 08:47 PM

CM

“ *Mr. Edwards, Christine & I are saddened by your passing. YOU were an Angel & will be missed. Christine & I both remember the 'talks' we would have about continued education & life in general. You were truly a good hearted & soft spoken being. Rest.....*

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**Cristy McCoy** - June 07, 2016 at 07:08 PM

BW

“ *To Myrna, Bobbi, Debra and all Edwards family: Words cannot express how I feel about the loss of a great co-worker and friend ! I share your loss! Blessings, strength and love to you all ! Bernadine Wilson*

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**Bernadine. Wilson** - June 07, 2016 at 02:00 PM