

Memories



Acknowledgement

Our family would like to take the time to recognize those who have shown selflessness and warmth, who have reached out with compassion and care, and those who provided us with invaluable assistance in this challenging hour.

We wish to extend a special "thank you" to Sandra "Sug," Linda, Charlotte, Kathryn, and the other exceptional staff of Columbia Northeast Kidney Center, Charles Robinson, Jr. and the staff of Angels At Your Door, and his medical caseworker Patrice Roberts. Teka, Travis, and Fast Trac Ambulance Service's exemplary staff also deserves our gratitude.

We will keep your kindness in our hearts for years to come.

-The Ervin Family

Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of MR. EDWARD RICHARD ERVIN



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026
1:00 P.M.

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Obituary of Mr. Edward Richard Ervin

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love HIM.” James 1:12 (NIV)

Mr. Edward Richard Ervin was born January 1, 1946, in Newark, New Jersey. He transitioned on February 28, 2026, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Ervin graduated from Central High School (Newark, New Jersey) with honors in 1964 and received a one-year scholarship from Metropolitan Baptist Church (Newark, New Jersey) to attend Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina. He started Benedict in 1965 and because of an earlier love of all things literature and historical, majored in English. He met Ada Lee that same year, eventually becoming man and wife for 57 years and 8 months. He was Student Body President during his senior year, when he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors.

Mr. Ervin joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Epsilon Epsilon Chapter in 1966, serving as chapter Basileus. After moving to Augusta, Georgia in 1968, he was Basileus again for the Psi Omega Chapter. He attained life membership status in Omicron Chapter, Columbia, South Carolina. He loved the fraternity and what it stood for throughout his life.

His professional life began with him being an educator. He taught English at Mims Elementary School (McCormick, SC), Blanchard Consolidated High School (Appling, GA), The Academy of Richland County (Augusta, GA), Twiggs County High School, (Jeffersonville, GA) Appling Middle School (Macon, GA), and Southwest High School (Macon, GA). His professional life included being personnel/employment supervisor for Owens/Corning Fiberglass (Aiken and Columbia, SC, and Toledo, OH) and human resources manager/specialist for CIGNA Property and Casualty Companies, in Columbia, South Carolina, Atlanta and Macon, Georgia, and Tampa, Florida.

Mr. Ervin leaves to cherish his memories and remember his impressive, exceptional life: his caring and devoted wife, Ada; daughters, Teisha M. Ervin and Tanya S. Ervin Robinson (Charles); granddaughter, Zaria R. Ervin, all of Columbia, SC; nephews, Michael D. Lee, Dexter Lee, and Jamie Lee; and niece, LaChelby Lee Cummings (Stanley), all of Augusta, GA; cousins, Tharyle, Bettina, Valerie, and Kelvin; bonus family includes, Shakia, Matthew, Makal, Tina, Keyshaun, all of Columbia, SC, and Cyllas, of Rock Hill, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins in New Jersey and throughout the United States.

Mr. Ervin’s memory as a life-long student of literature and history, educator, and lover of blues music, classic western television and movies, and sci-fi television and movies will live on in those who knew and loved him.

WE WILL MISS HIM DEARLY.

A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional.....“In Shady Green Pastures”
Recording by: Albertina Walker

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 23.....Elder David Johnson, Jr.

Prayer.....Mrs. Tanya S. Ervin Robinson

Musical Selection.....“Amazing Grace”
Recording by: Wintley Phipps

Remarks.....(Three Minutes, Please)..... Friend
Colleague
Family Member

Musical Selection.....“Pass Me Not”
Recording by: Ann Nesby

Orginal Sonnet Poem.....Ms. Zaria R. Ervin

Musical Selection.....“At The Meeting”
Recording by: The Sensational Nightingales

Words of Comfort.....Elder David Johnson, Jr.

Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional.....“When I Get Inside”
Recording by: Bishop G.E. Patterson

Postlude

