EDMOND WOODS

September 1, 1937 - February 17, 2025

Edmond Woods was born on September 9, 1937, in Dolemite, Alabama. He was the eldest of eleven siblings and learned the values of responsibility and dedication from an early age. Born to Ed and Edith Woods, Edmond embraced his role as a caretaker, ensuring his family's well-being and stability. As a young child, Edmond was affectionately nicknamed "Blue Syrup" because of his fondness for a blue suit he frequently wore. This moniker followed him throughout his life, a testament to his strong presence and the warmth he exuded.

At the age of 17, Edmond experienced a life-changing moment when his father passed away. He quickly rose to the occasion, stepping up alongside his mother to care for his younger siblings. His unwavering sense of duty and reliability became defining traits, guiding him throughout his life. Edmond pursued higher education at Miles College, where he played football and developed a lasting love for the game. While waiting to meet the age requirements to join the U.S. Army, he honed his skills and deepened his appreciation for education and discipline.

Upon completing basic training, Edmond moved to Washington, D.C., where he established his home and met his future wife, Ardelia Woods. Their union brought him the joys of fatherhood, and he embraced his roles as a devoted husband and father with deep commitment. Following his time in the Army,

Edmond built a distinguished career at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where he worked diligently until his well-earned retirement. Throughout his life, Edmond was known as a rescuer, a steadfast protector, and a provider who was always ready to extend a helping hand. Whether offering wisdom on the importance of education or encouraging loved ones to pursue careers in the military, his guidance was invaluable.

Edmond was also an avid sports fan. He loved the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team and rarely missed a game. It wasn't out of the ordinary to receive a call from him asking what channel the game was on so he could listen. His loyalty extended to the NFL as well, where he was a devoted fan of the Washington Commanders, formerly known as the Washington Redskins.

Even in his later years, Edmond remained the heart of his family. Just months ago, he gathered his loved ones to celebrate his 87th birthday, taking pride in sharing the moment with those he cherished most.

Edmond was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Edith Woods; his siblings, Faye, Douglas, Edna, and Aaron; his beloved wife, Ardelia; and his sons, Reuben and Andre. He is survived by his siblings: Gloria Jean (G-Moe), Linda Sue (Butch), Beverly Ann (Baby C), Edith Covette (Corky), William Hardy (Diddy), Mark Anthony, and Joel Amos; his children: Robert Alan, Norma, and Hannah Yvette; his grandchildren: Anreus and Yusef (Norma), Keisha (Hannah Yvette), and Maurice, Kristin, and Nya (Robert Alan) ; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, in-laws, friends, and extended family members whom he loved dearly.

Edmond Woods will be remembered as a man who gave tirelessly to his family and community, always ready to uplift those in need. His legacy of love, strength, and selflessness will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew

him.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

Quantico, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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