



## Dr. Charles H. Edmonds Sr.

September 23, 1945 - September 8, 2020

Charles Hugh Edmonds, Sr., Ed.D., 74, of Grant, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020. He was born September 23, 1945, at Mt. Shade in Grant, Alabama. Charlie loved his family, simple country life, Alabama football, and the KDS DAR School and Grant community. He was a lifelong learner, pursuing degrees from Jacksonville State University (B.S.), the University of Alabama (M.S., Ed.S, Ed.D.), and the Birmingham School of Law (J.D.).

At an early age, Charlie grew up farming cotton by hand and plowing with a mule. He thought he would be a mechanic until a teacher-friend talked him into taking a college trip. That trip would be life-changing and lead to a lifelong service in public education, spanning 44 years at every level, including: teacher (elementary school, junior high school, and high school), guidance counselor, coach, bus driver, principal, central office supervisor, Assistant Superintendent, Executive Director of the KDS DAR School, two terms as Superintendent of the Marshall County School System, Director of Schools of the Franklin County School System (Tennessee) for eight years, and Director of School for the Jefferson County School System (Tennessee) for seven years. He also practiced law in the Marshall County area for five years, also serving as an AEA lawyer representing teachers across the state. Additionally, he spent time in the Army serving his country at home and abroad, including a thirteen month deployment in Korea.

During his career in education, he spent more time on administrators,

teachers, and students and less time on the bureaucracy and politics often associated with the field. “Our teachers know a whole lot more than legislators and politicians as to what needs to be done in the classroom. For real change to occur, it is essential that we need buy-in and input from the people who serve in the field. I’ve spent my career focused on finding people who know education best, letting them do their jobs, knowing full well that success will likely follow.”

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Bobbie Smith Edmonds and their seven children: daughters Sharon Edmonds, Kelly Edmonds Daniel (Graeme), Annie Edmonds Conwell (Tabor) and sons Charles Edmonds Jr., Ed.D., (Erica), Alan Edmonds (Wendy), Brian Edmonds (Cayley), and Dan Edmonds. He was a loving grandfather to his fourteen grandchildren and great grandson. He was loved by his siblings Harold Edmonds, Margaret Kirkland, Jerry Edmonds. Marcia Black, and Brenda Givens. He is preceded in death by his parents L.D. and Velma Edmonds and brother Harold. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the K.D.S. DAR School for a scholarship to be named in his memory. Donations may be sent to KDS DAR School Administrative Office, 6077 Main Street Grant, Alabama 35747. Charlie was a member of the Church of Christ.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 12th at Grant Memorial Chapel. A private graveside service will be held for his family.

Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Free Home Cemetery

Free Home Rd.  
Grant, AL 35747

# Previous Events

## Visitation

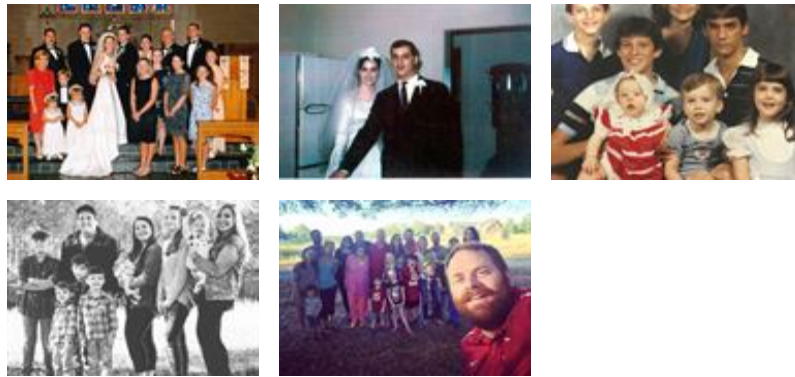
SEP **12**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grant Memorial Chapel  
4930 Main Street  
P.O. Box 484  
Grant, AL 35747  
(256) 728-2000  
grantmemorial@nehp.net  
<https://www.grantmemorialchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Grant Memorial Chapel** - September 11, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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“ *I will always remember Charlie. He was a great influence in my early Christianity. My prayers go out to all of Charlie's family and friends.*

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**Steven Dunn** - September 11, 2020 at 02:06 PM

PV

“ It was always inspiring to stand at a distance and watch when people would come up to Uncle Charlie. He had a way of making people feel like they were the only person in the room and the most important one. He was genuine and you could tell when you talked to him that he was really listening to you. Everything else became unimportant to him at that moment. It was almost as if you could hear him thinking, "How can I help this person? What can I do?" He was so service-oriented that it was in his nature to try to help in whatever way that he could. He was more than an uncle to me - he was a trusted advisor. And his advice was always sound. He influenced so many lives. A hole is left in our hearts. My prayers and thoughts are with Bobbi and the family.  
Forever in our hearts - Pam and Joey

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**Pamela Vaughn** - September 11, 2020 at 02:05 PM

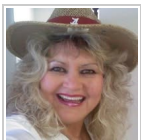


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles H. Edmonds Sr..



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September 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts to all the family. I loved Mr. Edmonds. He was a guidance counselor when I attended D.A.R. He was always there if you needed him and was so good to talk to. He would help you any way he could. He was the nicest person you ever would want to meet. God be with you Mr. Edmond's.*

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**Patricia Stapler** - September 10, 2020 at 11:39 PM

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“ Robert F. Smith Jr. & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Charles H. Edmonds Sr..



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**Robert F. Smith Jr. & Family** - September 10, 2020 at 11:27 PM

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“ I really thought a lot of Dr Edmonds. He was a counselor when I was at DAR High School. I remember him as being very caring and understanding. He encouraged me to be a lifelong learner. He will be missed. Prayers for you and your family. Dr. Victoria Smith Dunnam

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**Dr Victoria Dunnam** - September 10, 2020 at 12:37 PM

RH

“ Dr. Edmonds was one of the most loved Directors we have worked for. Our Central Office was one big family in Jefferson County under him. My heart aches for your family. He will be truly missed.

*Rhonda Henderson  
Jefferson County, TN.*

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**Rhonda Henderson** - September 10, 2020 at 07:34 AM



“ I was privileged to know Dr. Edmonds and his dear family my entire life. He was always such a great influence to my generation growing up in and around Grant. It was a very ironic experience when we ended up in Montgomery on the same day to take the BAR exam. I was always so impressed that anyone could attend and graduate law school while raising 7 children and acting as the Marshall County Superintendent of Education!

**Brent Parker** - September 09, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles H. Edmonds Sr..



September 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ I could write a dissertation on Charlie. He was one of my cheerleaders and was so interested in what I was doing in life. I will miss the ribbing we gave each other during the Iron Bowl. He was a pioneer in education and a scholar that had no limitations with his intellect. He loved his family, his friends, his town, and he certainly loved Kate Duncan Smith and the DAR. I will miss him and wish nothing but love and compassion towards his wife, children and grandchildren.

**Jason Black** - September 09, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ Prayers to the family during this difficult time. Charlie was an incredible person full of talent and he will be missed.

**Gay Cushing Campbell** - September 09, 2020 at 07:04 PM