

# In Loving Memory

of

*Reverend Edgar Nathaniel Dennis*

April 19, 1916 + March 1, 1997



Thursday, March 6, 1997  
1:00 P.M.

**FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Upper Ferry Road - Allen, Maryland

OFFICIATING:

**REVEREND PEARL JOHNSON**, Pastor

INTERMENT

**GREEN ACRES MEMORIAL PARK**

West Road - Salisbury, Maryland

## The Obituary

Edgar Nathaniel, one of eight children born to the late Reverend Robert Wayne Dennis and Winifred Polk Dennis was born in Allen, Maryland on April 19, 1916. He departed this life on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at the Salisbury Center: Genesis Eldercare in Salisbury, Maryland.

He received his formal education in the public schools of Wicomico County, graduating from the former Salisbury Colored High School. He continued his education at the former Maryland State College, now the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, MD and at Wesley Theology Seminary, Washington, D.C. where he received a degree in Theology.

He was ordained as a minister and became a member of the Peninsula - Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1956. He served for thirty-seven years pastoring at Manokin/Westover Charge, Mt. Vernon/Venton Charge and retiring in 1993 from the Crisfield/Kingston Charge.

He was a former member of LeMech Lodge #30, F&AM, Prince Hall Affiliation and several other ministerial alliances and organizations.

He was a member of Friendship United Methodist Church in Allen, Maryland, as a young adult where he was a member of the United Methodist Men and where he received the call to the ministry. Upon his retirement, he returned to Friendship where he attended until failing health.

He was united in holy matrimony to Sarah Dorman on September 14, 1939. They shared a marriage of love, devotion and affection for fifty-seven years.

"Nat", as he was affectionately called was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was easy-going and adaptable to any situation. She was a patient sufferer, waiting so graciously for the day he preached about, to hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, now I will make you ruler over many things. Enter the Master's joy."

He leaves to cherish fond memories with his wife, Sarah Dennis, Allen, Maryland; one daughter and son-in-law, Connie and LTC Aaron Andrews, Woodbridge, VA; a granddaughter, Raven Andrews, Baltimore, MD; a grandson, Aaron Andrews II, Woodbridge, VA; four brothers: Carroll Dennis, Philadelphia, PA, Rev. Roland Dennis, Cambridge, MD, Alfred Dennis and Elmer Voyd Dennis, both of Allen, MD; three sisters, Winifred Logan, Philadelphia, PA, Annie Jones and Lorraine Dorman, both of Allen, MD; six sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law; two aunts, Iva Downie, Salisbury and Theresa Deshields, Philadelphia, PA one uncle, Everett Polk, Jacksonville, FL, several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives, extended family and friends.

## The Order of Worship

PRELUDE ..... Organist

FINAL VIEWING

PROCESSIONAL ..... Clergy and Family

INVOCATION

OPENING SELECTION ..... Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament

New Testament

SOLO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS AND CONDOLENCES

OBITUARY ..... Peggy Garrett

SELECTION ..... Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Visiting Clergy

SOLO

EULOGY ..... Rev. Pearl Johnson

RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION

COMMITTAL ..... at gravesite, weather permitting

### **\*\*ACKNOWLEDGEMENT\*\***

The family of the late Rev. Edgar Nathaniel Dennis wishes to express their sincere thanks and the utmost gratitude to the many friends and loved ones for their concern, calls, prayers, donations and other acts of kindness during their time of bereavement.

*And now we leave him, with his peace,  
His rest so well deserved,  
Safe in the arms of God, his friend,  
With a place for him reserved.*

*We loved him very much, tis true,  
And God did love him too,  
We know how many helpful things  
His kind heart found to do.*

*But till we reach that happy home,  
Where griefs are all consoled,  
We'll never know the joy he's found,  
Beyond the sunset gold.  
Lovingly submitted,  
The Family*

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

United Methodist Ministers

## **Pallbearers**

Family and Friends

## **Floral Bearers**

United Methodist Minister's Wives  
Family and Friends

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made payable to :  
Friendship United Methodist Church Building Fund  
c/o Mrs. Connie Andrews  
3958 Pearlberry Court  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:**

*Jolley Memorial Chapels*

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