



Edith Savage-Jennings

March 17, 1924 - November 12, 2017

Edith Savage-Jennings, 93, was born in Jacksonville, Florida, one of six children in her family. At twelve years old she joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. At only 13 years old Savage-Jennings helped to integrate the Capital Theater in Trenton, New Jersey when she refused to sit in the balcony which was the designated seating area for blacks. Savage's first job was in the sheriff's office where she continued to speak out against discrimination.

In 1957 she was introduced to civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., when Savage-Jennings was raising funds for King's Southern Leadership Conference. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, became Savage's close friends. After Martin's death, Savage worked with Coretta to found the King Center. President Jimmy Carter appointed her as a U.S. Delegate at the World Women's Conference in Houston, Texas in 1977. In 2017, she was a keynote speaker at the Women's March in Trenton.

Besides civil rights, for which she received many prestigious awards, Savage-Jennings also combatted problems in the African-American community through education. She believed in the importance of parenting and mentoring to give children role models.

On October 28, 1993, Edith married C. Donald Jennings, who preceded her in death.

Edith Savage-Jennings is survived by her son, Stephen L. Savage and a host of other beloved relatives and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1800 Hamilton Avenue
Hamilton, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Mt. Zion AME Church
42 Pennington Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618

Church Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edith Savage-Jennings*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Tanya Williams lit a candle in memory of Edith Savage-Jennings*



Tanya Williams - November 16, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ *When I was a little girl I lived across the street from her. She had a dinner at her house. Dr. Martin Luther King and his wife were there. My family and I had the opportunity to meet them. Something in my life I will always remember. She was a awesome woman.*



Carol Gaines - November 16, 2017 at 02:11 AM



I Am Going To Miss Her She Is Going To Be Truly Missed. She Was Well Know.

Tanya Williams - November 16, 2017 at 09:06 AM