



## Edna Brooks Robertson

February 3, 2020

Edna Brooks Robertson beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend and educator went to be with the Lord on February 3, 2020. The students in the Toledo community truly lost a lifelong advocate and champion of children and education. Mrs. Robertson was born on January 7, 1942 to Victoria Thornton Brooks. She married her high school sweetheart Tyronne Adams Robertson and had one son, Tyronne Jr.

Mrs. Robertson was a product of Toledo Public Schools graduating from Woodward High School in 1959. After graduating from the University of Toledo earning a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education she returned to TPS and devoted her life to the children and community of Toledo. She went on to earn her Masters and Specialists degrees in education and served the school district as an educator, assistant principal, principal, instructional planning consultant, retiring in 2002 as a school improvement leader on the Superintendent' cabinet.

Toward the end of her career and into retirement, Mrs. Robertson was active with the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls and instrumental in providing the students with the tools necessary to lead a successful educational career and life.

Mrs. Robertson has served education and the community in multiple leadership roles in many organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Toledo Chapter of Links, TAAP, Toledo Association of Elementary Principals, TPS Women Administrators, first African American president of the

Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternity ,Chairman of the Toledo Urban Resource Network Educational Excellence, and first president of the Educational Leadership Association of Northwest Ohio. She served in the capacity of Board member on the TPS Foundation, YWCA of Greater Toledo, Frederick Douglass Community Association, and the Catholic Club.

As a tribute to her dedication and service she was awarded the YWCA Milestone Award for Education, Save My Children Award, Toledo Council PTA Outstanding Educator Award, Delta Kappa Service Key Award for Outstanding Service, Who's Who in American Education and induction into the Woodward High School Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Robertson was a member of the New Life Church of God in Christ and has served as the secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School as well as a Trustee Board Member for the church for many years.

Survived by her loving husband Tyronne, son and daughter-in-law Tyronne Jr. and Jovita, grandchildren Kaden and Kamya and many cousins, nieces, nephews and beloved family members.

Visitation will be at the Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, 572 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Rock of Praise Church of God in Christ, 1632 North Cove Blvd., Toledo, Ohio on Monday, February 10, 2020 with the family hour at 11:00 a.m. and the funeral commencing at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Edna Robertson Scholarship Fund, c/o Fifth Third Bank, 1308 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615.

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ I remember coming home and telling my parents that the principal quizzed us during lunch on our math facts. I spent Fridays in 6th grade at Stewart and I remember all the kids being ready to be called on; I had never witnessed that before. My dad knew her professionally and wasn't surprised by what I had told him.

Mrs. Roberts wanted excellence for all of her students; she was one of a kind and left an impression on me at a very young age. She walked with grace and commanding presence.

May she continue to rest in perfect peace.

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**Afwandi Shuman Karunwi** - November 10, 2025 at 10:56 PM

TA

“ Edna Robertson....My husband and I were both in her first grade class at Pickett. We still to this day argue over who was her best student between the two of us...and its because she made all her students feel special. Beautiful inside and out. You will be missed and always remembered.

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**Teresa Ann Allison** - October 08, 2020 at 01:15 PM

TT

“ Mrs. Robertson was my first grade teacher, when she was Miss Brooks at Roosevelt before it became Martin Luther King. No matter when, or, where she saw me she acknowledge me, and wanted to know how I was doing, and what I had accomplished. They don't make teachers like that anymore. You're flying with the angels now Mrs. Robertson.

*My love and blessings to the family,I understand the gravity of your loss.*

*Tanya M. Johnson Turner*

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**Tanya Turner** - February 21, 2020 at 05:51 PM

 Peggy  
Autry

“ Edna was a wonderful Christian who lived her life with truth and honesty. I taught at Arlington with her.  
*My condolences and blessings for the family.*  
Love,  
*Peggy Autry*



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**Peggy Autry** - February 13, 2020 at 06:46 PM

RA

“ Ms Robinson was one of the best teachers, I remember her from Gunckel school, she was always nice to me, but she had a swift hand with that paddle. RIP you surely will be missed

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**Renee allen** - February 11, 2020 at 12:26 AM

MA

“ I was a student of Mrs. Robertson's at Arlington. I remember everyday she would eat a grapefruit and put on this hand lotion. She was a wonderful woman and fair!!  
Everyone was treated the same. She had some funny moments but at the same time she had great respect and compassion for her students. Every year I was in her class we went to Ceder Point. And I would volunteer my mom to drive. Wow what a wonderful memory. The world truley has lost a truly great and talented honorable person.  
I'm glad I got to be a part of her life.  
Sinsearley, Matthew Davis

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**Mat** - February 09, 2020 at 09:03 AM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord  
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones & Family

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**Gwendolyn E.March Jones** - February 08, 2020 at 08:33 AM

MK

“ I remember Mrs. Robertson from Pickett Elementary. I used to go to the store and get lunch for some of the teachers when I was in the 8th grade. She was always so kind and the students loved her. Condolences to her family. Rest easy Soror. Job well done.

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**Marta Carnes Kidd** - February 07, 2020 at 11:48 PM

RG

“ I remember when she came in the lunch room it be silent and start giving math problems. She will be miss love you miss Robinson you have a legend.

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**Richa gaston** - February 07, 2020 at 11:07 PM

DG

“ So sad to see in today's paper the passing of Mrs. Robertson. I worked with her for many years as a teacher while she was a peincipal at Pickett School in Toledo. She was always full of energy, dedicated to her position and supportive of the staff. She will be missed by all.

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**Dave Grabarczyk** - February 07, 2020 at 05:38 PM

LG

*Mrs. Robertson was my teacher at Pickett, she was always looked up to by the students. You never saw her alone. There was always a crowd around her. Such an accomplished woman, she must have impacted tend of thousands of people, deserving all of the accolades. RIP Mrs. Robertson and thank you for sharing your life, knowledge and experience with so, so many people*

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**Lavelle Gainey** - February 11, 2020 at 06:25 PM