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Rodney Keith Eddins, 57, died Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Methodist (South) Hospital – Memphis, TN. Eddins, was born February 27, 1959 in Memphis, TN to the late Ripley and Amelia Harris Eddins. He was a member of Hickory Hill Baptist Church and a 1977 graduate of Mitchell High School. He furthered his education by attending Fisk University where he was very active in sports. He later enlisted in the United State Air Force where he served eight years and began his calling as a fireman. Rodney continued his passion and love of service by becoming a member of the Memphis Fire Department where he served as a longtime Memphis Firefighter for 30 years. He was a member of the Black Pioneers and Local 1784. Rodney loved working out, hunting and playing sports. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He touched all that came in contact with him. He loved to serve! Rodney is survived by his wife, Leveria Denise Eddins; one daughter, Kanisha Dawson(Tony)-Indianapolis, IN; one step-daughter, Ashley Jolly-Memphis, TN; one step-son, Brian Jolly-Memphis, TN; one sister, Linda Blanchard – Memphis, TN; one grandchild – Sara Doyne. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 5 – 8:00 p.m. at Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Road, Cordova, TN. Services will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 11:00 a. m., at Bellevue Baptist Church where Pastor Larry Eddins will be officiating. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38119. (901) 767-8930. “Celebrating Life....Behind the Stone Wall.”



Tribute Wall

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RF

Rita Francis posted:

On behalf of the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, (IABPFF) we offer our most sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of Lt. Eddins and to convey that God understands all..Rita Francis International Corresponding Secretary International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

April 22 at 8:52 AM

SD

Shelby County Fire Department posted:

Shelby County Fire Department purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lt. Rodney K. Eddins.

April 21 at 4:29 AM

JM

Jenna M. posted:

My heart goes out to your family for your loss. May the God of all comfort provide you with strength during this difficult time. (2 Corinthians 1: 3,4)

April 21 at 4:25 AM

PP

Pamela Pryor posted:

Mrs. Eddins, Words simply cannot convey my deepest sympathy. With the loss of my husband in the same sudden fashion, 11 months ago-I literally feel your pain! Because I can attest to what you are feeling, I want to encourage you and your family to know that GOD will HOLD you through this unimaginable time. Please remember, God loves YOU and your family and for HIM to call your husband home, and not matter how it feels, it's for the GOOD! I know you don't see nor understand it, but TRUST HIM! Find the blessing in your pain, I promise you God will give you JOY for your mourning. One last thing, Your husband (Rocko as my husband called him) is at peace and BACK IN THE ARMS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER! Hold on to God, HE will rock you at night, wipe your tears, strengthen you and your family. To God be the Glory in the midst of Your pain! YOU will make it through this! Pamela Pryor

April 20 at 4:02 PM



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BC

Brunell Cook posted:

Praying that God will wrap you and your family in his love and continue to comfort you in your time of sorrow. Allen, Brunell, and Landy Cook

April 20 at 8:41 AM

NA

Nadolyn posted:

Lt. Rodney Rocko Eddins, "How do I say goodbye...the good times outweigh the bad", This song comes to mind since I heard of your passing. It is so hard to say goodbye to those we grew up with. My prayers and condolences go to your family at this time of sorrow. The Mitchell High Class of '77 has lost one of its own. You will be missed.

April 20 at 6:47 AM

SR

S. I. Drake, Lt/lpd (Ret) posted:

On behalf of the Société de Police – IPD Adam & Edward of Indianapolis, Indiana USA, our condolences to the family, fellows and friends of Rodney K. Eddins, Lt/Memphis Fire Department (Dec). To the family we offer the following thought: Being in another City, we did not know Rodney personally. However, we with honor acknowledge we are not only our brother's keeper; in countless large and small ways, we are our brother's maker. Those of us fellows who answered the call throughout history and inspired those who followed, as Rodney followed and lead. Our service in public safety is something that we will not let go as it will not let us go until called home. We salute our fellow brother and pray he now travels forward into eternal rest.

April 19 at 6:13 PM

RB

Ron Benson posted:

May GOD continue to Bless, comfort and strenghten you'all. Lt. Benson

April 19 at 2:28 PM

SG

S F Gabriel posted:

John 15:13 GREATER LOVE hath NO man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends

April 19 at 2:16 PM



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S F Gabriel posted:

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April 19 at 2:14 PM

DD

Deidre Donnerson posted:

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal.Deidre R Jones -Mitchell HIGH CLASS OF "77"

April 19 at 10:29 AM

TR

Tracybrown posted:

So sorry for your loss and praying that God continues to provide your family with strength. Those that knew him speak highly of him and his work ethic. He lead by example and was willing to do what was best for all. Tracy Brown Shelby County Fire Department Supply Logistics

April 19 at 9:40 AM

RF

Randy Fox posted:

We are so sorry for the loss of Lt. Eddins, may God bless and comfort you and your family. Randy Fox TN Fire Commission

April 19 at 3:19 AM

LW

Lt. Peter "Doc" Wight (Retired) Wtnfd posted:

Rest easy, sleep well my brother Know the line has held, your job is done Rest easy, sleep well Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held Peace, peace, and farewell...

April 18 at 6:37 PM

TA

Tracey Askew posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Lt. Rodney (Rocko) Eddins will never be forgotten.Mitchell High Class of 1977

April 18 at 12:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rodney by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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