



Edith Mae Cox Franklin

May 30, 1945 - July 13, 2016

Edith Mae Cox Franklin, 71 of Apex died suddenly at her home on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. She was born to William Henry Cox and Leathia Brown Cox on May 30, 1945 in Halifax Co., NC.

She is survived by her son: Mark Franklin and wife, Kelly of New Hill; brothers: Howard Cox of Roanoke Rapids, and Gene Cox (Lisa) of Gaston, NC; sister: Leathia Cox of Roanoke Rapids, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Wilbur Franklin, sisters: Helen Overton, Myrtie Smith, and Mary Lee Davis and brother: Jack Cox.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Apex Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held at Apex Baptist Church on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Burial will follow in the Apex Cemetery.

Mae decided when Mark was young that she wanted to stay home with him, so she began keeping children for other working parents. This was not just an occupation to her; it was her life's calling. She has been a caregiver for children for over forty years. It would be hard to give an exact count, but it would be easy to say she has spanned multiple generations of children. Children who stayed with "MaeMae" have been known to come back with their children, knowing that they would not only receive the proper care, but they would receive love. There was a time when there was actually a T-shirt that the children wore that read, "I Spend My Days at Miss Mae's". If you were one of the children or had a child for whom she cared, consider

yourself to be of the fortunate ones.

She also loved spending time with her friends and family. One of the highlights of her year, every year, was her trip with her family to the beach for a week. She was always ready to go when the day arrived and enjoyed every minute of her vacation. It also gave her a new location to go shopping, which was another of the things she loved doing. Mae was an excellent country cook and she enjoyed eating good food. It was evident if you ever asked, "What are you cooking for Mark and Kelly on Sunday?" By the time she finished telling you what she was going to prepare, you wished somehow you could wrangle an invitation, too.

Mae was an active member of Apex Baptist Church. She worked in the children's department for many years in Sunday School. She loved children and this was her way of serving her church family. She was also an active member of the Firebelles and participated in many civic service projects in the community through this organization.

We know that heaven's children just gained a new Angel to help love and guide them. MaeMae is there with her lap ready to hold them and nurture them.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Apex Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made to www.wakefuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Apex Cemetery

100 Upchurch St
Apex, NC 27502

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church
110 S. Salem St
Apex, NC 27502

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church
110 S. Salem St
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Mae we love you so much and you will be missed, God Give Mark and Kelly comfort, the pictures I have with us way way back at Easter will be a treasure, You were always a happy and wonderful person, Heaven definitely gained an angel. Love always

Anne n Tim Smith

anne smith - July 17, 2016 at 06:13 AM

Jl

“ "Miss Mae" was truly one of the great people in my life!!! I remember the love and care she lavished on my oldest child (Jay) when he was little and stayed there....She was an amazing joyful, encouraging person and will definitely be missed!

Jim-Bob - July 16, 2016 at 04:05 PM

BP

“ Mark, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing! We are traveling back from vacation, but know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time!

Bridget Parker - July 16, 2016 at 03:53 PM

BJ

“ Mark, Mae and I had a great conversation in shoe department at Belk recently. She was such a interesting person with all her stories with her sisters as she grew up. Glenn and I will be praying for you and Kelly in the days ahead. Loved your sweet Dad also.

Brenda Jones - July 16, 2016 at 12:24 PM

TR

“ Mae Mae cared for Jana from birth to kindergarten. She was such a wonderful person and we loved her.

We are so very sorry for your loss.
Ronnie, Teri and Jana Riddle

Teri Riddle - July 16, 2016 at 07:57 AM

TR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teri Riddle - July 16, 2016 at 07:46 AM

SO

“ Mark and Kelly,

Terry and I were saddened to hear of your mother's passing. We are praying for peace and comfort for you during this difficult time.

Terry and Sara Oakley

Sara Oakley - July 16, 2016 at 06:42 AM

KM

“ *Mark and Family-*

I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Tyler adored "Mae Mae" and we are thankful she will always be a part of who he is. Your mom had the biggest heart and was so kind and compassionate. Thank you for sharing your mom with so many other families. She was a beautiful person inside and out and loved by so many. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

*Love,
Howard, Kathy, Jake, and Tyler Miles*

Kathy Miles - July 15, 2016 at 04:42 PM

CH

“ *Mark, I'm so sorry for your loss.*

chad - July 15, 2016 at 01:30 PM


Heather
Horton

“ *Mark and Kelly-so sorry for your loss-Mae was a sweet lady and i remember spending much time over at your house as a youth!! I remember selling Christmas trees and drinking hot chocolate!!! I was blessed to have known both Wilbur and Mae!! Praying for you all and sending love and prayers!!
Heather Horton*

Heather Horton - July 15, 2016 at 10:20 AM

NF

“ Mark and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Ms Mae, she was a dear lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Nancy Fish - July 15, 2016 at 09:46 AM

KB

“ Dear Mark and Kelley, Mae watched our granddaughter, Claire, for several years. She truly did love children. We are so sorry for your sudden loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and your family.

Karen Bickley - July 15, 2016 at 08:52 AM

MW

“ Mark & Kelly, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family. Mae will be truly missed. I will always remember the fun we had decorating at each other's place for Christmas, the wonderful meals she would prepare, and all the fun shopping trips we would take. Mae is now resting in the arms of Jesus, no longer suffering. Heaven gained a very special friend, and we will cherish all the wonderful memories. We Love you and are always here for you. Love Butch & Marion



Marion Woody - July 15, 2016 at 07:42 AM