



## Mr. Edward H. Laughridge

May 18, 1930 - August 11, 2019

Edward Laughridge, age 89 of Atlanta, GA passed away on August 11, 2019. Ed was born the eldest of seven children to James Truman and Clara Jane Laughridge in Rock Hill, South Carolina on May 18, 1930. Ed and wife Frances served as Baptist missionaries from 1968-1972 in Trinidad, West Indies and subsequently spent 21 years in Liberia, West Africa. While in Liberia, they built churches, schools, clean-water wells and were the liaisons for a five-year project of medical clinics in villages staffed by US church volunteers. Ed was President of the Liberia Baptist Seminary from 1982 to 1984. During the Liberian civil war from 1990-1996 he coordinated refugee food relief efforts, working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The city of Atlanta became home for them after retirement from the International Mission Board and Ed continued to enjoy long drives to the mountains and making new friends after Fran's death in 2007. In 2009, he decided to move to China for a year to teach English at the Chang Ping campus of Peking University in Beijing. He truly enjoyed the experience and celebrated his 80th birthday with his new Chinese friends.

In April of 2018, Ed moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to live with daughter Sharon and son-in-law, Doug. His medical conditions worsened over the last year and he passed to his eternal home on August 11, 2019.

He is survived by daughter Sharon Fenn (Doug) of Nebraska; son Len Laughridge residing in New Jersey; sister Alene Wilson (David) of South Carolina and Jim Laughridge (Nancy) of North Carolina. He is preceded in death by his wife, Frances; parents, James Truman and Clara Jane; infant brother, William; and his sisters, Bonnie, Betty, and Jerris.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11:00am in the funeral home chapel. The family will receive friends from 10:00am until the time of service at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA. 770-645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW  
Atlanta, ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward H. Laughridge*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I remember as a child when became home while in trinidad with slide shows of the country. Later in life we connected again and so enjoyed the visits we had and the talks we had over the phone. Love you Uncle Ed.*



**Katherine Roberson** - August 18, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward H. Laughridge.*



August 15, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *The Board of Deacons and members of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta wish to pass on our sympathy and support for Ed Laughridge's family. Ed was a beloved member of Second-Ponce in past years when in Atlanta.*

*John Kerr - Deacon Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church*

**John Kerr** - August 14, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward H. Laughridge.*



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August 14, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward H. Laughridge.*



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August 14, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *I served with Mr. Ed in China. He was a beloved companion, voice of wisdom, an inspiration for us all. May Light Perpetual shine upon him. - - Rev. Laura Callender*

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**Rev. Laura Callender** - August 14, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ *Nancy Broom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward H. Laughridge*



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**Nancy Broom** - August 14, 2019 at 12:12 PM