

Alberta Edwards
Family Portrait
May 9, 2010 - Mother's Day

Today we glorify Christ by honoring one of his faithful servants!

As an infant she would ride in their Model A from their family home on Rowell Rd. where she was born and her father farmed.

At the age of 9 she was saved in an evangelism meeting where the Price Brothers provided the special music. She was later baptized at a church in Oberlin on the same day as Russell Searles.

She graduated from Camden School in 1937, and got married in 1939. She had known her husband in school, but it wasn't until her senior year that she noticed his muscles and they began dating. Her wedding took place at her aunt's home on Gifford Road, because they had electricity there! The newlyweds then honeymooned in Wakeman at her sister's house.

Eventually the young couple made their way to the home in which she still lives these 56 years later. Together they were blessed with 4 children, which has now become 18 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren! She has not only faithfully attended Camden Baptist Church, but has been actively involved in a number of ministries. Her favorite was Awana in which she served for 13 years. She has also served in missionary meetings, Vacation Bible Schools, Joy club, a girl's club that she started, and as a Sunday School teacher for the juniors. She also remembers being a part of Ladies In Touch - a group of 7 or 8 ladies who had gone through Evangelism Explosion and would then go door-to-door witnessing. It was in this ministry that she first met Karl Horton who wasn't saved at the time, but did have good cupcakes.

Not only is she faithful as a church member, but she was also faithful as a wife and mother. Her husband had worked at the Kipton elevator for 32 years before becoming ill. She cared for him in their home for the last 3 years of his life as he battled emphysema and cancer. They had 58 years together before he died in November of 1997. The Lord has blessed her faithfulness. He has called her two sons, and one of her grandsons to serve in full-time ministry.

Her favorite Bible character is David, because of his commitment to the Lord and the way he found all his strength in God.

Her favorite verse is Jesus' promise as recorded in Hebrews 13:5 that "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Her favorite hymn contains the words “What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, and I look upon His face - the One who saved me by His grace.” She looks forward to that day, as she also anticipates being reunited with her husband Homer and so many other loved ones.

This young lady became a member of our church family on March 29, 1931; she just celebrated 79 years with Camden!

Today we glorify Christ by giving Him all the honor and praise for His faithful servant, Alberta Edwards!