

RELIGION

Award-winning, Singer/Songwriter/Producer

Kenneth "BABYFACE" Edmonds

Releases First Christmas Album

Begins other major projects October 19, 1998

10-Time Grammy winner's first Christmas album, on Epic Records, titled, "Christmas With Babyface," due in stores on October 27, 1998; and, along with Tracey, on November 14, 1998, begins shooting third major movie, on location in Chicago, Illinois, through Edmonds Entertainment, and 20th Century Fox titled, "Light It Up," starring Forest Whitaker, Vanessa Williams, Usher and Brandon Hammond.

Washington, D.C. Award-winning, Epic Recording artist, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, has recorded his first Christmas album, scheduled to hit stores on October 21, 1998, titled, "Christmas With Babyface."

Described by Babyface as "a traditional Christmas album, with a little twist of pop and R&B," the album contains 10 cuts including the Christmas favorites, "Rodolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Winter Wonderland," "Silent Night," "the Little Drummer Boy," "The Christmas Song" and, "I'll Be Home For Christmas." An extra cut on the album titled, "You Were There," the theme song, (written, produced and performed by Babyface,) from the Disney Movie "Simon Birch," was previously released on the movie's soundtrack in September, 1998.

Why an album of traditional



songs? Babyface explains, "I wanted to record the kind of Christmas music that I listen to and will go into the stores to buy...traditional music that, for me, brings back lots of memories of growing up."

In addition to his own project, Babyface has just completed work on other much anticipated projects, including: (in conjunction with Dreamworks Records for the "Prince of Egypt" Soundtrack), a recording featur-

ing superstars Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey. Babyface produced, "When You Believe," a song which teams the two songstresses together for the very first time; and, a recording for the hot R&B singing group, Dru Hill. "These Are The Times," was produced and co-written, (along with Edmonds Entertainment writer/producer, Damon Thomas) by Babyface.

The movie, "Light It Up," described by Babyface as an "Ur-

ban Breakfast Club," stars Forest Whitaker, Vanessa Williams, Brandon Hammond and, the multi-talented LaFace Recording artist, Usher. Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, winner of 10 Grammy awards, including "producer of the Year," for the past three years, a Grammy first, through his impeccably crafted explorations of love, romance and relationships, has made an indelible imprint on the evolution of rhythm and Blues and Pop music throughout the world: 119 Top-10 R&B and Pop hits, 47 #1 R&B hits, 51 Top-10 hits, including sixteen Number 1's, producing sales of over 30 million singles and 80 million albums.

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory Of James Edward Duckett Sr. December 31, 1933 - November 18, 1998

James Edward Duckett Sr. was born December 31, 1933 to Carrie Parker and Otis Duckett in Texarkana, AR. He went to be with the Lord November 18, 1998.

James attended Washington Elementary School in Texarkana Ar. he moved to Oregon in 1942 and attended Jefferson and Benson High where he graduated in 1952.

He married Mary Lee Lowery Oct. 31, 195, which preceded him in death, March 17, 1997. Born to this blessed union were: Diane Lowry of Los Angeles Ca., Sondra, Sherlie, Sonja, Carriette and Jerry Duckett Sr all of Portland, Oregon, James Duckett II, Charrise English of Vancouver, Wash. Also leaving to cherish his memory is Terry and Felicia Robinson, his mother Carrie Duckett three sisters Doris Potts of Portland, Oregon. Harriet Diggs,

Ludie Lockett of Lower Lake, CA. Six brothers Calvin Nash of Texarkana, AR., Morris Byrd, Rosco Williams (Deceased) of Seattle, WA. Claudius Banks Sr. and Dewitt Lawrence and Johnny Pack IV of Portland, Oregon. One daughter-in-law Katie Duckett and son-in-law Randy English Sr. of Vancouver, WA. Also one grandson-in-law Chris Martin. His long time companion Jerri Green, James has 20 grand-children, 13 great grand-children, and a host of relatives and friends.

James accepted Christ at a early age. He was a devoted member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Johnny Pack IV. He was active member on the Board of Ushers, Board #3, where he held the office of Sargent At Arms. Also a member of the Building Fund Committee.

James worked 20 years at Alaska Steel Company. He was also an entrepreneur, who owned his own business, Duckett Carpet Cleaning, until his illness forced him into early retirement.

Happy Birthday

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