



Remembering Edith Cox



From the desk of
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This column has been without a doubt one of the most difficult manager's columns I have sat down to write during my tenure as general manager. It is with a heavy heart that we at Central Electric are remembering the unexpected loss of one of our very own.

Central Board Member, Edith Cox, unexpectedly passed away on February 20. For those that knew and worked with her, she was a joy to be around. She had a wonderful personality and a laugh that could light up any room. The co-op has lost a true champion and someone who I treasured near and dear to my heart.

Mrs. Cox graduated from North Carolina A&T University and dedicated her career to the classroom. She had a passion for education and for making a difference in the lives of children. She spent a majority of her career in Harnett County where she was a teacher, guidance counselor and Assistant Principal at the time of her retirement. She was a strong and well-respected educator.

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She was also a strong pillar in the community, growing up and serving in the Johnsonville and Fair Promise A.M.E. Zion churches. She served through many different roles, including Director of Christian Education, District Director of Youth, and District Coordinator of Church Women United.

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Edith Cox served on Central Electric's Board of Directors for 38 years, representing District 3 in Harnett County.

During her time on the Board, Mrs. Cox earned the Director Gold Credential, which recognizes a director's ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty. Her home district in Harnett County saw substantial growth in Johnsonville and Spout Springs. The co-op more than doubled the size of its membership during her time on the Board, due in large part to the growth in District 3.

Mrs. Cox was a great leader and while she will most certainly be missed, her cooperative and community legacy will continue to live on for many years to come.

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