



## Mrs. Jewel Miller

October 20, 1931 - October 15, 2018

### My Story:

My name is Eddie Jewel Triplett Miller. My family calls me "Sue, Aunt Sue, Aunt Jewel or just Jewel." I was born on October 20, 1931 in Louisville, Mississippi to Cleveland and Lillie Triplett. My mother passed when I was 10 years old. My father re-married to Ruby Floor who I learned to love as my mother. She taught me how to be a young lady, a strong woman and a mother. Without her love and guidance in my life I would not be the strong and self-assured woman that I am today.

On March 16, 1951 I married Hardmon "Blue" Miller who was also from Louisville, Mississippi. He passed on December 17, 1983. Through our union three wonderful children were born. Sandra Diane Miller-Corbett, Gwendolyn Miller Willis and Gregory Marc Miller. When my sister Betty passed our family was blessed with my "bonus daughter, Carolyn and her siblings, Sherry, Larry and Kevin Halbert. I am pleased that they call me "Mom" and they always give me that respect. I have three grandchildren; Katie Alexis Corbett-Powell (I call her Princess), Anthony Marc Miller and Robert Lee Willis, III (Tra'). I also have two precious great-grandchildren; my namesake, Isabella Jewel Powell and her brother, Emory Stephen Powell. I call him Peanut. I have many, many nieces and nephews that I love beyond measure. My foundation and my life have always been my family.

I have 10 brothers and 4 sisters. Although many of them have preceded me in death, I carry their spirit in my heart every day. Those who remain are; Advance Triplett (Louvenia), Martin Triplet, Helen Triplett Ingram, and Randolph Triplett (Magnolia). Those who have preceded me in death are: Willie V. Triplett, Ova Lee Triplett (Daisy), Maggie Triplett Moore, Andrew Triplett, Leo Triplett (Jackie), Harvey Lee Triplett (Billy), Cleveland Triplett, Jr. (Margaret), John D. Young, Betty Jean Triplett Halbert (Sanders) and Annie Ruth Triplett.

My brothers and sisters are my best friends. We are inseparable. I always told my kids that "I can talk about my brothers and sisters all day, but nobody else better not say one

word about them.”

God has also blessed me with amazing godchildren that call me all the time; Sharon and Chee-Chee Brooks; Kenneth Bruce Randolph and Vicki Manley-Williams; Denise and Brian Moore; Keith and Tonya McBride; Gloria Reed; Melba Wade; Jerome Washington and Jimmy Williams.

I attended Jackson State College located in Jackson, Mississippi for one year. After that, I worked in Macon, Mississippi as an assistant school teacher with my future husband.

I retired from Leroy's/Kay's Jewelers. I was a professional Jeweler for over 30 years. But my true passion is gardening. I love to plant flowers. My favorites are red flowers and red roses. I will buy a wilting half dead flower and nurture it back to its natural beauty. I can work in my yard all day and half the night and never get tired. My second love is sitting in my nice clean house. After my yard is pretty and my house is clean, I like to sit and enjoy it or ask my girlfriends over for dinner or just cake and ice cream. Sometimes I just sit on the porch with my family and have a good time looking at my flowers and talking about our families or growing up in Mississippi.

My Church Home and Family are also very important in my life. I have attended Gospel Temple Baptist Church for many years. I am a member of the nurse's guild and I have made some wonderful friends there. When I cannot attend church they pray for my health and call and visit when they can. We love and respect each other but our common bond is that we all believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and only through him we shall have everlasting life.

I've learned that although you love your children to death, there is something beyond special about your grandchildren and I have 3 of the best. Tra', I know that you are handsome sweetie, but I want you to run fast and hard from all of those girls who are chasing you. You have things to do. You have graduated from college. Thousands applied to Peace Corps to serve in Senegal, Africa. Thirty-three were chosen. You were one of them. You have been given great opportunities and you will do great things. Stay strong. Be focused. Trust in God and your family. Remember that I have and always will love you.

Anthony, you are my grandbaby that could read words like “transformation” at age 2. You are brilliant. Own it and don't let anyone take that away from you. The world will try but you keep pushing forward. The blood of Kings runs in your veins. You can do anything. If anyone gets in your way, just let them know who your grandmother is and they will leave you alone. I know that they don't want me to come after them.

And to Katie, my princess. I am so proud of the woman, wife and mother that you are. Becoming a Vice President in your company at your age is something to be proud of, and I am. Naming Isabella Jewel after me was an honor and a very special and unexpected gift. Stay on her, she has your Aunt Gwen's personality which means that she is strong-willed and will talk forever to everyone she passes. Please make sure that Bella and Peanut know all about me and how much I love them. Remember that sweet potato pies take a lot of sugar and butter. If you forget the recipe, call your Aunt Louvenia, Aunt Shanna, Aunt Maggie or Aunt Margaret for help; not your mother. Remember that she is the one who made the pie crust that rolled on the floor and didn't break. When you get a moment, ask your Uncle Greg about her banana pudding. I don't know why, but that girl just can't cook. I know that I was a pest the entire time that you were at U of M; calling you every time there was a crime within a hundred miles of your dorm room. I just wanted you to be safe because I love you so much. I know though that Steve loves you too and will continue to take good care of you for me.

To each of my children. No matter what, you must love each other. Be patient, kind and generous with each other. Keep our traditions alive. Make sure that someone wears my ugly red sweater on Christmas day. Remember that I have loved no one more than I love each of you. To my son Gregory; I am with you always, I have loved you always, I am so very proud of you.

I have lived a wonderful life. I have picked cotton, thrown that sack on my back and taken it to market to sell to help my family survive. I have sold high end-jewelry and worn 3" high heels to work. God has given me all that I have asked of him and for this I am so grateful. My life has been one of much love. Who could ask for more?

Before I close, I have a favor to ask of you. When you have a moment, check on my Gwennie and Robert. Gwen has been not only the one who cared for me all these years, she is my best friend. For almost 40 years we have spent most days together. We planned her wedding together. We prepared for the birth of her son together. She was my companion on hundreds of trips to doctors, clinics for testing and rehabilitation programs. She spent dozens of nights by my hospital bed, sleeping in chairs or on some hospital cot. She made sure that I had everything that I even thought that I wanted. She kept me alive, against all odds, for a very long time. We laugh a lot. We shop for things we don't need. We go to McDonald's or Burger King and eat that bad food and talk about the way people dress. We talk about things that were funny to us but would make Diane run out of the room calling on Jesus. I love Gwen Willis deeply.

Robert Willis never leaves his home without returning with candy bars or pies or something to help with my out-of-control sweet tooth. He makes breakfast for me every

day. He has made me the center of his life and never complains when his wife does the same. He calls me Mom. He loves me and has shown me that every day of my 8 years in their home. I love you Robert.

Miss me but don't cry for me. I am up here running around with my people and having a great time. I'm happy now. I'm healthy now. I'll see you when you get here.

Love always, Jewel

# Cemetery

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## United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road  
Plymouth, MI, 48170

# Events

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**OCT 25** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM  
O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road, Detroit, MI, US, 48227

**OCT 26** **Family Hour** 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church  
18000 Wyoming, Detroit, MI, US, 48221

**OCT 26** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM  
Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church  
18000 Wyoming, Detroit, MI, US, 48221

# Comments

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“ Our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to you Doni and family. Love, Mr & Mrs Rafael Sepeda.



**Mr & Mrs Rafael Sepeda** - October 25, 2018 at 12:17 PM

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“ with love and prayers Barbara J. Crosby purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jewel Miller.



**with love and prayers Barbara J. Crosby** - October 25, 2018 at 09:14 AM

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“ Randolph's: Bruce, Vickie, Denise, Brian, Eric, Angela purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Jewel Miller.



**Randolph's: Bruce, Vickie, Denise, Brian, Eric, Angela** - October 24, 2018 at 09:00 PM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope during this difficult time. Rev 21:4

**Ms Laverne** - October 18, 2018 at 08:20 AM