



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller

August 9, 1921 - December 26, 2019

In Loving Memory Of;

Mary Elizabeth Miller, 98, a longtime resident of Detroit, Michigan, entered into eternal rest at 2:47 am, Thursday, December 26, 2019, at her home.

Born Mary Elizabeth Boswell on August 9, 1921, in South Bend, Indiana, to Garfield Matthews and Louetta Jane Marshall Boswell. Mary graduated from Central High School in June of 1939. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined First A.M.E. Zion Church under Pastor Hezekiah White at the age of twelve. She was very active in church, serving as president of Christian Education (Youth Group), singing in the Junior Choir, and occasionally playing the piano for the choir. After graduating from high school, she worked as a secretary at Herring House Community Center (later known as the Urban League). She also volunteered to register voters for the Indiana state elections.

In June of 1939, Mary was elected to serve as a delegate for the Annual Conference held that year at Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit, where she met her future husband, Lester Crawford. The couple was joined in holy matrimony on March 27, 1941, settling in Hamtramck, MI, where they raised three children. They remained married until Lester's untimely death in 1950. Mary managed their duplex property and worked part-time at Royster Moving and Storage Company as a secretary after the death of her first husband. It was at St. Peters A. M. E. Zion Church that Mary met her future husband, Kenneth Miller, whom she wed in 1952, settling in Detroit. In addition to Mary's

three children and Kenneth's daughter from his first marriage, their union was blessed with twins born in 1959.

The couple joined John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church in 1953. She was a faithful member of the Nurses Guild, Overseas Missionary Department, and years later served on the Deaconess Board.

A homemaker for most of her married life, in 1970, Mary went to work for Winkleman's in Highland Park, where she remained for 15 years, working first in general sales and later in the millinery department selling wigs and hats.

A huge advocate for the City of Detroit, Mary wrote letters and made phone calls to officials when she felt there was an injustice. Her gifts were welcoming and encouraging others, and when her voice became weak due to dysphonia, she sent cards and letters to family, friends and church members.

Mary Elizabeth Boswell Bowen Crawford Miller (as she delighted in calling herself) was the matriarch of the family like her mother. She was a prayer warrior and enjoyed dancing in praise for the Lord. Her family meant the world to her, and she loved them deeply, always ready to share the good news about her children and grandchildren. Mary's gift of support touched so many people as she encouraged them to put God first in whatever they undertook.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park East

4280 East 13 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Jan. 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Friday, Jan. 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

John Wesley AME Zion
28001 Evergreen Road
Southfield, MI 48076

Funeral Service

Friday, Jan. 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



January 02, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Doris Giles purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



Doris Giles - December 31, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ *Michelle, Ed and Edward (The Garcia-Hunter Family) purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



Michelle, Ed and Edward (The Garcia-Hunter Family) -
December 31, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



December 31, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Maurice & Denise Ndukwu and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



Maurice & Denise Ndukwu and family - December 31, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



December 30, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. In just a little while all of the pain and sorrow that we feel from the death of our love one will cease and be replaced with joy, because the former things have passed away. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - December 29, 2019 at 06:53 AM

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“ *With you in prayer - Charmaine, Shane and Brenton purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller.*



With you in prayer - Charmaine, Shane and Brenton -
December 28, 2019 at 02:02 PM