



Mrs. Ernestine Marcella Miller

February 11, 1928 - May 4, 2020

Ernestine Marcella Rollins Miller passed away peacefully surrounded by her children

on Monday, May 4, 2020, at the age of 92. Ernestine was born February 11, 1928, in

Pikeville, Kentucky to the late Rev. Henson Rollins and Lula Honaker.

Ernestine was the

youngest of eight children. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early

age. She attended and graduated from Perry Cline School in Pikeville, Kentucky. She

attended Kentucky State University in Frankfort, where she met her future husband, Jesse

James Miller Jr. Ernestine and Jesse married in Pikeville, Kentucky and relocated to Mil-

waukee, WI. Out of this union seven children were born: Perry Don, Jesse James III,

Kenneth Bruce, Virginia Katherine, Creighton Mark, Barbara Anita and Terry Glen Miller.

Ernestine continued her education and received a Bachelor of Science in Education and

Early Childhood and continued graduate courses while raising her "Seven Wonders".

In Milwaukee she joined Westside Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member for over 60 years. Ernestine worked for Day Care Services for Children for most of her career in various roles from Teacher to Administrator. After retirement, Ernestine along with two former administrators started a consulting agency for early childhood development. She taught young graduates and teachers the fundamentals of early childhood development, giving them the tools necessary to help develop a young child's mind.

Seeing the transformation of a young child's mind was a source of joy for Ernestine. A joy which she also found in nature. For example, her love of butterflies and what they symbolize. Butterflies are a sign of beauty, of change and transformation in one's life, they also symbolize luck, freedom, rebirth and resurrection for what she truly believed in.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, three sisters and son Terry Glen.

Ernestine leaves a legacy to celebrate with her four sons, Perry Don (Caroline) Miller,

Jesse James III (Guntrini Bunk) Miller, Kenneth Bruce (Stella) Miller, Creighton Mark

Miller, and two daughters, Virginia Katherine (Kenneth (deceased) Downey, and Barbara

Anita (Samuel) Baldwin. She leaves to carry on her legacy 12 grandchildren, 24 great-

grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, many relatives, church family, and

many mends
and acquaintances.

Cemetery Details

Forest Home Cemetery

2405 W. Forest Home
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation Only

MAY 9. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Beautiful Woman of God who I know her sweet spirit lives on in the fabric of all of her children, family and friends. Welcome Home to the Arms of Our Savior.*

Phyllis Mathews-Turner - May 26, 2020 at 09:41 PM

BE

“ *Dear Mother Miller,*

Your love and presence will continue to live in the hearts and minds of the lives of all of those you have touched. You are very special and have left the greatest impression in the lives of your church family, your intimate family, and your community.

To the family, we will forever treasure Ms. Miller and all that she has done. She has raised each of you well and we send our condolences, prayers, love, and support.

Our hearts grieve and yet rejoice that the angel the Lord has sent to comfort us is now receiving comfort from HIM.

Love,

Betty and Shunflicia Smith

Betty - May 09, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DJ

“ My condolences go out to my cousins & their families for the passing of your mother. I know your heart has to be heavy at this time, but you all know the faith that we have have will carry us through these difficult days ahead.

Know that the Love of family will keep you moving forward and get us through the dark days. I wrap my arms around you all, giving you a hug. Please know your mom's beautiful smile is smiling down on you & she is saying "I made it home, Be Kind, see you later."

I will miss you Auntie Ernestine,
Love you to Heaven

Denise Jones



Denise Jo - May 08, 2020 at 08:37 PM

AB

“ To the Miller, Downey and Baldwin Families:

Our hearts hurt with yours; our love, lives in your hearts. Our sorrow runs near the depths of your own. We grieve the loss of our very special aunt from a distance of miles; though not of spirit. We stand with you and cry with you, as though we are by your side.

Aunt Ernestine was such an important part of our lives, that we knew it would be hard to say goodbye under any circumstances. Yet, we are no way prepared for this heartbreakingly difficult separation, while sheltering-in-place.

It is unimaginable that we must contemplate how to celebrate her glorious life, whilst considering how to protect our own. The answer has always been simple for us ... We stand together, hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart. So, please know that we are with you now.

In this brief absence of the trademark Rollins hugs, kisses and “love yous” that we so generously share, let us rely on the tried-and-true faith and fortitude with which we were most graciously ingrained by our amazing Rollins mothers ... Ernestine (Rollins) Miller and Virginia (Rollins) White.

In loving memory of their sisterly love and lifelong friendship, we will get through this together.

We are so sorry for your loss.

*Love,
The Browns (Akron, OH)*

Anita Brown - May 08, 2020 at 01:06 PM

AB

“When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.” –Paulo Coelho

Perry, Jesse, Cathy, Kenny, Mark, and Barbara Anita:

The aforementioned quote from Paulo Coelho’s works is presented in honor of how I saw my dear aunt. Aunt Ernestine was my mother’s sister and best friend. She was the family matriarch and our sweetheart. Aunt Ernestine LOVED all of us; her entire family and her many friends. Because of this abundance of love, she always strived to be better, and by example, made all around her better. Her love made me a better person.

She worked hard to be a GREAT MOTHER. She raised seven beautiful children, and taught them to become valued citizens of the community. Aunt Ernestine was an achiever. In addition to family obligations, she sought advanced degrees and became a great educator.

When I think of Aunt Ernestine, I see a beautiful lady with a mischievous twinkle in her eye, who was always ready to shower us with her love and guidance. I will miss her a lot.

I am so sorry that I cannot be with you at this time. I am sure her Homegoing Service will be beautiful, and filled with love.

Your Cousin,

Anita Brown (Akron, OH)

Anita Brown - May 07, 2020 at 08:58 PM