



Ms. Millie Almond Rookard

July 24, 1926 - August 15, 2021

Mrs. Millie Almond Fudge Rookard departed this life on Sunday, August 15, 2021 . God blessed her to be with us for 95 years. Millie was born July 24, 1926, in Dooly County, Byromville, Georgia to the union of Samuel Fudge and Mary Tinsley. Millie was one of five children born to this union, one brother and three sisters, all of whom are deceased.

Millie received her formal education in the Dooly County School System in Vienna, Georgia, where she attended Drayton School.

Millie accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Dooly County, after moving to Milwaukee in 1948, she joined Greater Galilee Baptist Church under the Pasturage of Rev. Brumfield. Later after moving to the far north side of Milwaukee, she joined St. Mark Evangelical & Reform Church. At St. Mark, she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for several years. Then in 1967, she moved closer and once again reunited with Greater Galilee Family under Rev. E.B. Phillips. Millie participated in several ministries at the church. She served in the Prayer band, the Century Club (Senior's ministry) attended Sunday School and worked in the kitchen to feed the hungry. She also assisted with meals for funerals until her health began to fail. She often talked about the joy and blessings she received in giving back to her church and the community.

Pastor White appointed Millie to the Mother's Board at Greater Galilee; she felt this was truly a gift from God and one of her greatest rewards; she was a faithful and dedicated member until her passing.

In 1943, Millie was united in holy matrimony to Henry Cole Barnes and to this union two daughters were born: Dorothy & Bettie. In 1968, Millie was united in marriage to Grover C. Rookard Sr., and to this union one son was born, Grover Jr. Millie was a loving and devoted wife to Henry and to Grover. After Grover became ill in 2004, she was by his side and cared for him during his illness until God called him home in 2005.

Millie was always a diligent worker and after moving to Milwaukee in 1948, she worked several jobs until 1963 when Millie began her career at St. Joseph Hospital. She worked at St. Joseph as a Unit Secretary for 25 years and she was blessed to retire in 1988.

One of Millie's greatest joys was spending time with her family especially during family outings and reunions, she was an avid reader of novels and she loved reading her daily scriptures. Millie was continually active in Gilda's support group and loved spending time with her friends. Millie loved to travel and would always anticipate going to visit her relatives regardless of where they lived. At 85 years young, she took the opportunity to travel by train to Seattle, WA., she took the trip alone and loved it.

Millie was the "Matriarch" of our family and a "role model" for her children, grandchildren; great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel, and Mary; four siblings,

Major, Sally, Georgian, and Hazel; both husbands, Henry Barnes, and Grover C. Rookord. Sr.; beloved son, Grover C. Rookard, Jr. and beloved granddaughter Baina Rookard.

Millie leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters: Dorothy L. Barnes- Miller and Bettie J. Barnes Martin Cottage Grove, MN; seven granddaughters: Joscelyn Barnes, St. Paul Park, MN, Jacquelyn Barnes Landry, Cottage Grove, MN, Jessica Jeremy) Powers, Becca Fahler, Stormie Loren Milwaukee, Melissa Rookard, Kentucky, and Dawn Miller. Dallas, TX; two grandsons: Devin Miller, Cedar Hill, TX, and Timothy Loren, Milwaukee, WI; thirteen great-grandchildren: Amajenae, Elijah, Ajsheri, Dorian, Donovan, lie. Lyndsey, Sean, Madison, Cameron, Emanuel, Eli and Nathan; and a very dear friend: Mrs. Velma Payne. She is further survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

VA Union Grove Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel - Milwaukee
6630 W. Hampton Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53218
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Funeral Service

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Millie, sweet, kind, gentle, caring woman. May her memory be eternal. Gilda's Club memories, driving to and from, always an inspiration to us all. I've made a donation in her sweet memory to Gilda's Club Madison, for Team Shorewood-MKE, Gilda's Run 2021. We'll carry Millie's memory with us. Smiling as I think of her.*
Helen Lambron

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“ *I knew Millie through Gildas Club. I would often pick her up and we would then go to Gildas Our time in the car was wonderful. She was one of the sweetest people I have known. When I spoke with her on the phone she always brought a smile to my face. May she Rest In Peace.*
Jean Yellin

Jean Yellin - August 22, 2021 at 11:33 PM