

Congregational Hymn

"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Refrain

It is well

With my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Refrain

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!

Refrain

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends



Acknowledgement

*We sincerely thank all of you for your prayers,
comfort, love and support.
Your many acts of kindness and expressions of
sympathy have been a blessing to us.*

*Services Entrusted to:
Leevy Funeral Home
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201*

The Homegoing Celebration for

Joan (Milligan) Eliance

Sunrise
October 15, 1939



Sunset
June 26, 2023

Saturday, July 8, 2023
11:00 a.m.

First Northeast Baptist Church
311 Sparkleberry Lane
Columbia, SC 29224

Obituary

Joan Eliance, née Joan Milligan was born on October 15, 1939 in St. Matthews, South Carolina to the late George and Mary Milligan. As a girl, it was obvious Joan's ambition would take her places. At the young age of 15, she started spending her summer breaks working in New York City. Joan was educated in the Calhoun County Public School System. She went on to pursue higher education, graduating in 1962 from her beloved South Carolina State University, with a degree in Accounting.

Joan then began her career in the Federal Government, as an Accountant in Indiana. She was known for traveling throughout the US, applying her expertise and unique skillset to various positions in the field of accounting and finance. Joan had a heart for her beloved siblings and that coupled with her passion for education was why she assisted however needed to encourage their educational advancement by ensuring that each would attend college or pursue the trade of their choice. Joan was very proud of them, knowing they too followed their dreams.

Joan's exceptional skills and dedication led to numerous accomplishments within the Government sector but academia was her true passion. Joan was elated and knew she had found her purpose when she became a Professor at Central State University in Ohio. She professed there as well as American University in Washington, DC before ending her teaching career at the University of the District of Columbia where she retired. Throughout Joan's career, her commitment to education & mentorship was continually evident. Joan advised & shared her wisdom with countless students. Her legacy extended far beyond the classroom, inspiring many of the leaders of tomorrow.

In August of 1971, Joan fell in love & married Walter Eliance of Port-au-Prince, Haiti settling in Silver Spring, MD before purchasing their first home in Fort Washington, MD. Shortly thereafter, her status as beloved Aunt was elevated when she became the official guardian of her nephew, Derrick Milligan. Joan loved and raised Derrick as her own, teaching him valuable qualities and lessons that Derrick attributes to helping him become the man he is today. Her love & wisdom, while stressing the importance of education and lifelong learning is a blessing Derrick and many others will carry for the rest of their lives.

Joan loved to travel and had the good fortune of calling many places home for a time, but she dubbed the Washington, DC area as her second home. However, South Carolina was always where her heart laid. Upon retirement, Joan followed her heart and returned, settling in Columbia, SC. She established herself as if she had never left. She reacquainted with her South Carolina family and friends, joined Northeast Baptist Church, and explored all her home state had to offer. Joan was a dedicated member of her local fitness gym, known for being a fitness "guru" before it was popular. Joan was a voracious reader, and her home library was a testament to that. Education was the basis for all of Joan's conversations; she saw education as the answer to many of life's issues and vowed to share her proverb whenever the opportunity was present.

In 2020 after a brief illness, Joan decided to move back to the Washington, DC area to be closer to family, settling in Ashburn, VA.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Milligan; brothers, George, Sammy & Jimmy Milligan. She leaves to cherish her memory; brothers, Willie, James, Tony, and Voarley; her beloved sisters, Grace Scott, Annie Mae Bonaparte (Samuel), Patricia Wagner (Ronald), Loberta Gilliam (Andrew), Jennifer Durandisse and Shirley Milligan. She is also survived by a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Joan Milligan Eliance was a respected CPA and academic with accomplishments and accolades that span over 6 decades. She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to many. Her stalwart dedication to higher education and immense legacy will continue as she's fondly remembered by those she has inspired. We will miss Joan's physical presence, but her spirit will remain in our hearts forever. For we know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Family Tribute

God has Called, Time to Part

God has called, time to part.

Missing you will always be in my heart.

I cried, was so sad.

Memories of the long hours of calls

Made my soul glad.

Life without you will always have an empty space.

I will never forget the wisdom you shared.

God called you to a better place!

Gone, but never forgotten!

-The Sisters

Family Sentiments



From the depths of our heart, her beautiful spirit will be tremendously missed by all who knew and loved her!



Order of Service

Prelude

Invocation

Congregational Hymn....."It Is Well With My Soul"

Scripture Reading Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection

Poem *Andrea Bonaparte*

Expressions/Words of Comfort

Obituary (Read Silently)

Musical Selection

Message of Hope..... *Pastor Stephen Splawn*

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment
Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery 2125
Fort Motte Road
Saint Matthews, SC 29135

