

## Love, We Appreciate You

Love, we appreciate you for not being contingent upon race, creed, color, or gender.

Yes, you are the balance of our imbalance.  
For only real divine truth can be found in us and effuse its emanating rays of light through our very being.

Love, we appreciate your calm, soft and gentle caress after many chaotic hours of stress and distress.

Oh Love, we appreciate your prescription to endless wars for which you make the unbearable obstacles of life bearable by showing us, the difference holding on and letting go.

Yes Love, we appreciate you for reminding us that change is only the beginning of the healing process as you stirred the endless universe to quiver, creating a phenomenal galactic experience at the essence of the very moaning of our voices.

Love, we appreciate you for you are the precious, cold, black Diamond buried deep within the whole of us as you stir in us the

Desire, the beckoning cry, not only to know who we are, but whose we are.

Yes, Love, we truly appreciate you as we share you openly and  
Freely with others for you openly and freely return back to us.

V. M. Lawson

## Pallbearers

Rondal Casey	Willie Rashad Casey
Michael Patrick Miller II	Asten Lawson
Frederick Lawson	Caleb Jordan
Robert Jordan	Ruben Hankins
Jabar Hankins	Hugh Workman
Johnny Glymph	

## Floral Bearers

Annie Snell	Wanda Hankins
Anita Adams	Violette Hunter
Gail Jefferson	Vanessa Harper
Melissa Ayers	Bria Rearden
Detra Cooley	Rhonda Wiley
Lauren Brooks-Sumpter	Cheryl Scott



## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Edith Ruth Diggs Miller, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

## Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life

of

MRS. EDITH RUTH DIGGS MILLER



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025  
12:00 NOON

FIRST NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH  
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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# Obituary

With hearts filled with gratitude for a life well-lived, we celebrate the homegoing of Mrs. Edith Ruth Diggs Miller, who peacefully entered eternal rest after 100 blessed years with family by her side. Born on October 14, 1925, in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Freddie & Lillian (Bell) Johnson Diggs, Edith walked faithfully with the Lord throughout her long and fruitful journey, leaving behind a legacy rooted in love, service, resilience, and unwavering faith.

A lifelong resident of Columbia, Edith grew up on Harden Street and received her early education in the Richland County Public School System. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1943, where she proudly served as a spirited majorette in the school band.

Guided by strength and determination, Edith built a dedicated career that included positions as an Elevator Operator and many years as an Inventory Clerk at the beloved Tapp's Department Store on Main Street. She served with diligence and grace until their closing in 1995.

Edith treasured her community, living for many decades in the Standish Acres/Burton Heights Community. Her kindness, gentle spirit, and willingness to serve made her a beloved friend and neighbor to all. She was an active participant with the seniors at the Shephard Center and in recognition of her tireless commitment, she was honored in 2019 with the Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award by the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

Her spiritual journey was rooted at First Calvary Baptist Church and blossomed beautifully at First Nazareth Baptist Church, where she was a devoted life member. Edith served faithfully in numerous ministries, including the Sunshine Garden Club, Senior Ministry, and the Jubilee Choir—each one a reflection of her heart for worship, fellowship, and community.

Faith illuminated every step of Edith's life. For many years she attended worship each Sunday without fail, continuing steadfastly until the age of 95. Even when her physical strength waned, her spirit remained strong; she joyfully attended virtual services and continued praising the Lord well into her 100th year. In honor of her 100th birthday, she received a special proclamation for her immeasurable impact and contributions to her community from the South Carolina House of Representatives, presented by Representative Kambrell Garvin of District 77.

Edith was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Willie D. Miller; sister Janie Diggs Kershaw, her cherished daughters, Barbara Miller Casey and Valerie Miller Lawson Reed and beloved dearest sister and friend Wilhelmina (Skeet) Gordon.

She leaves to honor her memory and continue her legacy two devoted sons, Michael Patrick (Beverly) Miller of Charlotte, NC, and Eric Keith Miller of Columbia, SC. Her priceless joy lives on through her grandchildren: Rondal (Sharon) Casey, Tamiko (Robert) Jordan, Willie Rashad Casey, Asten (Kira) Lawson, Michael Patrick Miller II, Frederick (Candace) Lawson, Christanny (Patrick) Bryant, Morgan Richard Miller, Tilah Arielle Jordan, and Chandler Faith Miller; fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces Gloria Kershaw Holland of Herndon, VA, Wanda Renea (Ruben) Hankins, Joyce (Charles) Latimer, of Columbia, SC, Melissa (Mike) Ayers of Savannah, GA, and a village of family and friends who will miss her dearly with a strong commitment to continue carrying a piece of her light, love, and legacy.

Edith's life was a living testimony of God's faithfulness. Her resilience, gentle wit, steadfast spirit, and abiding love will continue to shine in the hearts of all who knew her.



# Memories

# A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude.....First Nazareth Baptist Church Music Ministry
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Mrs. Melissa Ayers  
"God Will Take Care of You"
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23:1-6.....Reverend Dr. Patrick J. Bryant
- New Testament.....Ephesians 6:1-4.....Reverend Jeryl Salmond
- Prayer.....Deacon Thomas Scott
- Musical Selection.....First Nazareth Baptist Church Choir  
"Traveling Shoes"
- Remarks....Ms. Christanny Bryant and Mrs. Tamiko Jordan, Granddaughters  
Mr. Robert Jordan, Grandson  
Ms. Wanda Hankins, Niece  
Ms. Anita Adams &  
Mrs. Darla Davenport-Powell, Burton Heights/Standish Acres  
Mr. Eric Miller, Son  
Representative Kambrell Garvin, House District 77
- Musical Selection.....First Nazareth Baptist Church Music Ministry  
"He'll Welcome Me"
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
- Recessional....."T'll Fly Away"
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina