

In Memory of Eugene Miller, Jr.

SUNRISE + AUGUST 2, 1940

SUNSET + DECEMBER 24, 2022



SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2023

VIEWING: 10:00 AM

SERVICE: 11:00 AM

Third Baptist Church
1552 5th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Reverend Paige Harris, Pastor

EUGENE'S LIFE STORY

EUGENE MILLER JR. WAS BORN AUGUST 2, 1940, IN SALTERS, S.C., TO THE LATE EUGENE MILLER, SR., AND MARY WASHINGTON. EUGENE WAS RAISED FROM BIRTH BY HIS BELOVED GRANDMOTHER, THE LATE BELINDA BROWN. AT AN EARLY AGE, HE JOINED MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH. EUGENE GRADUATED FROM THOMLINSON HIGH SCHOOL IN KINGSTREE, SC, IN 1957. AFTER GRADUATING, HE RELOCATED TO WASHINGTON, DC. WHILE LIVING IN DC, HE OBTAINED A ROOM FOR RENT AT THE COLEMAN RESIDENCE AND BECAME AN IMMEDIATE EXTENSION OF THEIR FAMILY AND STAYED WITH THEM UNTIL 1982, WHEN HE MOVED DOWN THE STREET TO THE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BUILDING, WHERE HE RESIDED UNTIL HIS DEATH. WHILE LIVING THERE, HE SERVED AS THE 1901 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. EUGENE VISITED MULTIPLE CHURCHES BEFORE BECOMING AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH FOR 20 YEARS.

EUGENE WAS KNOWN TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS EITHER "BUBBA," "UNCLE BUBBA," OR "GENE."

EUGENE'S FIRST JOB IN DC WAS WITH NISNERS DIME STORE. AFTER WORKING THERE FOR A SHORT TIME, HE OBTAINED A POSITION WITH ARAMARK FOOD SERVICE, WHICH AT THE TIME, HAD A CONTRACT WORKING AT THE PENTAGON. HE WAS A BAKER AND WAS REQUIRED TO WORK FROM 1:00 AM TO 8:00 AM. WITH ARAMARK, HE BECAME AN EXPERIENCED CAKES, PIES, AND CROISSANTS BAKER. HE WOULD ALWAYS ENSURE THAT HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECEIVED THESE TREATS FROM HIM REGULARLY.

EUGENE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS STYLISH SUITS AND HATS. EACH TIME YOU SEE HIM, YOU CAN BE SURE HE CAME WITH A STYLISH HAT. IN ADDITION TO HIS CLOTHING, YOU WOULD ALWAYS FIND HIM WEARING JEWELRY. HE WOULD HAVE SEVERAL CHAINS AROUND HIS NECK AND RINGS ON ALMOST EVERY FINGER.

EUGENE ENCOUNTERED MANY HEALTH CHALLENGES THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, FROM BACK SURGERY, NECK SURGERY, QUADRUPLE BYPASS SURGERY, THROAT SURGERY, AND FINALLY, A SPOT OF CANCER ON HIS KIDNEY. WITH ALL THIS GOING ON IN HIS LIFE, HE WOULD ALWAYS BE IN GREAT SPIRITS. EUGENE WAS KNOWN AS THE HISTORIAN AND PATRIARCH OF HIS FAMILY. HE WOULD TELL STORIES THAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED THIRTY-PLUS YEARS AGO, WITH NAMES AND LOCATIONS. EUGENE COULD TELL YOU WHO MARRIED WHO, WHERE SO AND SO LIVED AND WHY SOMEONE WAS MARRIED TO THEIR OWN COUSIN. HE WOULD SPEND HOURS AT A TIME TALKING WITH FAMILY ABOUT THINGS FROM THE PAST. THE FAMILY WOULD ALWAYS CALL HIM FOR CLARIFICATION ON SPECIFIC EVENTS OR MATTERS. THIS HISTORICAL INFORMATION HAS NOW BEEN LOST.

THOUGH EUGENE DID NOT COME FROM A LARGE FAMILY, HE HAD PLENTY OF COUSINS WHO WERE MORE LIKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO HIM. HE HAD PLENTY OF FRIENDS THAT HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH EVERY DAY. FRIENDS TOM BROWN, DEWAYNE CAPERS, HATTIE HENDERSON, AND SHIRLEY YATES WERE EXTREMELY CLOSE TO GENE.

EUGENE IS SURVIVED BY HIS ONLY SIBLING, VIRGINIA NELSON OF DC; ONE NIECE, MARY LORRAINE NELSON OF DC; ONE NEPHEW, FLOYD ARTHUR NELSON (SHEILA) OF TX; TWO GREAT NIECES, JESSICA NELSON-BROWN (SHANNON) OF DC. AND HADYN NELSON OF TX, ONE GREAT NEPHEW, TYLER NELSON OF TX; AND HIS PRIDE AND JOY WAS HIS GREAT-GREAT NIECE, 'BABY GIRL' AS HE CALLED HER, MADALYNN NELSON OF DC. HE IDENTIFIED LARRY AND JOANNE BARRINGER OF MD AS HIS BROTHER AND SISTER. SPECIAL COUSINS THAT WERE EXTREMELY CLOSE TO HIM, HALLIE (HENRY) NESMITH, LARRY DOUGLAS SCOTT, CJ FAISON, AND ERNESTINE GILL, ALL OF SC, LORRETTA ROSS AND CLARENCE "MILTON" HAMMOND, JR. OF VA, MARGARET ANDERSON OF CT, AND MARGARET MONTGOMERY OF MD AND A HOST OF OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

UNCLE

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF UNCLES IN THE WORLD. THOSE YOU CAN TALK THINGS OUT WITH, YOU CAN COUNT ON, LOOK UP TO, AND LEARN FROM. YOU WERE ALL THESE THINGS AND MORE. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR BEING AN AMAZING UNCLE AND FATHER FIGURE IN MY LIFE. BECAUSE YOU ARE A PART OF MY UPBRINGING, I DON'T BELIEVE I WOULD BE THE WOMAN I AM TODAY. YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED FROM MY PRESENCE BUT FOREVER IN MY HEART BECAUSE YOU WERE A PART.... **LOVE ALWAYS — LORRAINE**

B — BEST UNCLE EVER

U — UNCONDITIONAL LOVE YOU HAD FOR OTHERS

B — BALANCE THAT YOU PLACED IN SO MANY HEARTS

B — BRAVE THROUGH ALL YOUR CHALLENGES

A — AMAZING FATHER FIGURE AND FRIENDS TO SO MANY

ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING REVEREND PAIGE HARRIS, PASTOR

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING SELECTION GOD'S UNCHANGING HANDS

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT.....23RD PSALM 1- 6DEACON LARRY BARRINGER
VERMONT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT.....JOHN 14:1-7..... DEACON CHARLES SANDERS
THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....REVEREND DR. TYRONE QUEEN
MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

SELECTION..... THE MIGHTY MEN

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

REFLECTIONS.....2 MINUTES EACH

READING OF THE OBITUARY..... READ SILENTLY

SELECTIONTHE MIGHTY MEN

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INTERMENTMOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY... BLADENSBURG ROAD NE, WDC

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SILAS HAMMOND

WILLIE MONTGOMERY

EVAN ROSS

LARRY DOUGLAS SCOTT

FLORAL BEARERS

FRIENDS & CHURCH MEMBERS



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE FAMILY KINDLY ASKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS TO KEEP THEM IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES AND HAVE A KIND WORD FOR EVERYONE YOU MEET. FOR EVERY EYE READING THIS, WE LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, AND ACTS OF KINDNESS.

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