

#### PALLBEARERS

Kelvin Fluellen - James Jackson - Richard L. Knight  
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#### FLOWER BEARERS

Friends and Family

#### INTERMENT

Goodwill Cemetery  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We appreciate your kindness and thank you most sincerely for the prayers and expressions of sympathy conveyed to us during our time of mourning.

The family of the late Mrs. Bobbie Gonder Miller

#### In Pastures Green

In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He  
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me  
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.  
And by still waters? No, not always so;  
Oftimes the heavy tempests round me blow,  
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.  
But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry  
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,  
And whispers to my soul, Lo, it is I.  
So where He leads me I can safely go,  
And in the blest hereafter I shall know  
Why in His wisdom He hath led me so.  
by H. H. Barry

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## The Life Celebration of **BOBBIE GONDER MILLER** SUNRISE: APRIL 1, 1929    SUNSET: JULY 26, 2022

Monday, August 1, 2022, at 12:00 pm  
Trinity Baptist Church, Fort Valley, GA

Reverend Doctor Gregory Moore, Pastor  
Rev. Ricky Jackson, Eulogist

The Life Story

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 K.J.V.*

On July 26, 2022, Mrs. Bobbie Jean Gonder Miller transitioned from this life into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and received her crown of righteousness for her faithfulness to the kingdom of God.

On April 1, 1929, Robert and Savannah Lumpkin Gonder welcomed their only child, Bobbie Jean, in Athens, Georgia. Possessing a keen mind and a zeal for learning, she excelled in her studies in the Clarke County Public School System, firstly at the Reece Street School and later at the Athens High and Industrial School, graduating in 1945. Determined to become a nurse, Bobbie Gonder enrolled at Paine College but decidedly changed her major after working in the college library. In 1949, after earning her Bachelor of Arts in English and Library Science, Bobbie Gonder became a Teacher-Librarian at H.A. Hunt High School in Fort Valley, GA. After two years, she returned to Athens, GA, to teach Junior High students at her alma mater, the Reece Street School.

One weekend, while traveling with friends to see a football game, they stopped for gas at McCrary's Gas Station in Fort Valley, GA, when a tall, handsome young man introduced himself to Bobbie Gonder. The son of a local farmer, Albert Miller, was working part-time as a gas station attendant while pursuing his degree at Fort Valley State College. They began a long-distance courtship and married at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Athens, GA, on December 21, 1951, with Dr. Charles Gresham officiating. After honeymooning in Florida, the couple returned to Fort Valley and obtained employment with the local public school system. On April 16, 1954, the couple joyously welcomed their only child, Albert Kenneth Miller, born in Athens, GA.

Mrs. Bobbie Gonder Miller faithfully served her students in the public school system of Peach County for twenty-five years; her kindness, encouragement, and standard of excellence left an indelible mark not only on the lives of those she taught but also upon those she encountered. In 1980, after her mother, Mrs. Savannah Gonder's health waned, Mrs. Miller took an early retirement to care for her until her passing. Later, when her husband, Mr. Albert Miller, became gravely ill, she provided loving care until his death in May 2005.

Mrs. Bobbie Jean Gonder Miller is pre-deceased by her parents, Mr. Robert Gonder and Mrs. Savannah Gonder, her husband, Mr. Albert Miller, and her son, Mr. Albert Kenneth Miller. Left to cherish her memory are her granddaughter, Miss Cierra Miller, daughter-in-love, Mrs. Dianne G. Miller, cousins, Mr. James Alford (Vivian), Mrs. Charlene Ward, Mrs. Jennie Yancy, and Mr. Albert Marshall, nieces, Dr. Dayna Daniely, Mrs. Debarra Cox (Rudy), Mrs. Mavis B. Knight; nephews, Pastor Earl Miller (Jonette), Mr. William Miller (Shirley), Mr. Richard L. Knight, Mr. Marcus Knight (Tengemana), Mr. Noland Knight, two lifelong friends from grade school, Mrs. Betty Hill (1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Mrs. Edith Frazier (6<sup>th</sup> grade), a devoted caregiver, Mrs. Pamela Smith, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Celebration

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Hymn..... *Come Ye Disconsolate*

Invocation..... Rev. Ricky Jackson, Assistant Pastor  
*Trinity Baptist Church, Fort Valley, GA*

Scriptures..... Rev. Stacy Bell  
*Central Union Baptist Church, Fort Valley, GA*

Old Testament..... Psalm 23

New Testament..... Hebrews 4:16

Selection..... *Order My Steps*

Obituary

Eulogy..... Rev. Ricky Jackson, Assistant Pastor  
*Trinity Baptist Church, Fort Valley, GA*

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Recessional