

Reverend Dr. Grace Miller

July 22, 1931 - June 18, 2021



Services

Wednesday | July 7th, 2021

New Jerusalem Worship Center
122-05 Smith St, Jamaica, NY 11434
Viewing 3 PM - 4 PM
Funeral Service 4 PM - 5 PM

Saturday | July 10th, 2021

Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville
707 Vinson Blvd, Whiteville, NC 28472
Viewing 10 AM - 11 AM

Graveside Service & Internment 12 PM
New Hope Community Cemetery
Council, North Carolina
(There will be no viewing at the graveside service)

Repass

There will be no public repass as per current Covid-19 guidelines in either NY or NC. Sympathy and monetary gifts can be received by the family directly or sent online at gofundme.com/RevGraceMiller. You may also email the family at gracievpete@gmail.com. Thank You

Arrangements Entrusted To

Grace Funeral Chapel
607 North Conduit Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11208
Telephone: (718) 235-8088

Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville
707 Vinson Blvd. PO Box 796
Whiteville, NC 28472
Telephone: (910)-642-4055

Order of Services

New York Service 7/7/21

Presiding - Rev. Sondra Townsend-Browne
Prayer of Comfort - Rev. Vernae Wilson
Old Testament Scripture Reading - Rev. Daniel Aikens
New Testament Scripture Reading - Rev. Beatrice Rogers
Selected Hymn - Deacon Daryl Hamer
Obituary - (To be read silently by attendees)
Special Song Selection - Helen Kennedy
Remembrance - Family & Friends (2 minutes each please)
Selected Hymn - Deacon Daryl Hamer
Eulogy - Rev. Dr. Marcella Reid Figueroa
Benediction
Final Viewing
Recessional

North Carolina Service 7/10/21

Viewing - Peoples Funeral Home, Whiteville
Graveside Service & Internment
Prayer of Comfort - Vivian Peterson
Song Selection - April Corbett
Eulogy - Bishop Calvin Rice
Internment

OBITUARY

Reverend Dr. Grace Miller was born Gracie V. Peterson in Bladen County, North Carolina on July 22, 1931, to the late Johnnie Peterson and Mady McKoy- Peterson. She shared a home with 8 siblings, including Marvin Peterson, Roger Peterson, Enner Freeman, Rosa Lee Williams, Pauline McCants, and Oneal Peterson. Reverend Dr. Grace Miller was immersed in faith early on and attended Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Council North Carolina, where she was saved at the young age of 12. Reverend Dr. Grace Miller also attended Booker T. Washington High School in Clarkton North Carolina and graduated in 1949.

Soon after graduation, Reverend Dr. Grace Miller would move to Wilmington, North Carolina and it was there where she would fall in love and meet her future husband, James Miller. The couple would go on to have 3 children, Suzanne Miller, James Miller, and Beverly Miller. The family would later relocate to Brooklyn, New York.

While in Brooklyn, Reverend Dr. Grace Miller began working at Kings County Hospital as a nurse's aide, primarily in the pediatric unit. It was there she became inspired to become a registered nurse and began her educational journey to fulfill that dream. Grace would attend the Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York City, where she received her Associate in Applied Science in January 1974, followed by receipt of her New York State-issued nursing license in April 1974. Reverend Dr. Grace Miller would also continue on to receive her Bachelor of Science from the New York Institute College of Technology. She worked at Kings County Hospital as a registered nurse for many years and gained the title of assistant nursing director at Kingsboro Psychiatric Center in Brooklyn, New York prior to retirement.



Reverend Dr. Grace Miller would later move to Jamaica Queens, New York where she would become a longtime resident of the Rochdale Village Co-Op Community for over 40 years until her passing. After retirement, Reverend Dr. Grace Miller remained embraced in her faith and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jamaica, Queens, New York. While at Calvary, she found her 2nd calling in the church and began pursuing her dreams of becoming a reverend. She received her Certificate of Ordination in 1996. Reverend Dr. Grace Miller attended New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey and received her Master of Divinity, followed by her Doctor of Divinity. She preached with the ministry for almost 30 years and was a founding member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, now New Jerusalem Worship Center in Jamaica, Queens New York.

Reverend Dr. Grace Miller had a larger-than-life presence. She was outspoken, spunky, protective, and funny. She loved her family, she loved to dress with style, she loved angels and she loved red cardinal birds as they reminded her of her late mother. Reverend Dr. Grace Miller also loved crocheting, laughing, cooking, and baking (especially sweet potato pies) for those she loved. Reverend Dr. Grace Miller LOVED The Lord and she shared that love not only with her family but with the world around her. Her physical presence will be FOREVER missed!

Reverend Dr. Grace Miller leaves to cherish and continue her legacy her loving children, Suzanne Miller, James Miller Jr., and Beverly Miller, her sister Vivian Peterson, her brother Louis Peterson, her grandchildren Sharon Miller, Crystal Miller, Errol Miller, and James L. Miller, her great-grandchildren Harlon Crosby III, James Oneal Miller, Joshua Miller, and Jalyssa Miller, as well as a host of more loving family and friends.



To Those I Love.

When I am gone, just release me,
let me go -

so I can move into my afterglow
You mustn't tie me down with
your tears

Let's be happy that we
had so many years

I gave you my love,
you can only guess
how much you gave me
happiness.

I thank you for the love
you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled alone
So grieve for me awhile,
if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be
comforted with trust

It's only for a while
that we must part,
so bless the memories
within your heart

And then, when you must
come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a
"Welcome Home."

