

# A LIFE CELEBRATION

*Elecia Michelle Grant Milligan*



Sunrise  
January 22, 1970

Sunset  
February 1, 2025

*She is clothed in strength and dignity and  
laughs without fear of the future  
Proverbs 31:25*

**Friday, February 14, 2025 – 11:00 am**

**Williams Memorial Chapel**

712 North Avenue C - Elgin, Texas 78621

**Officiating: Elder Larry Washington**  
Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church – Bastrop, Texas

Eulogist: Elder Daniel Thomas, Pastor  
Mount Calvary Primitive Baptist Church – Austin, Texas

# Obituary

**Elecia Michelle Grant Milligan**, known to many as Michelle or Shell, was born on January 22, 1970, to Jennifer Grant Marshall and Nathaniel (Sugar baby) Griffin in Austin, Texas. At the age of eleven, Elecia's mother married Roosevelt Harris, one who she came to love and respect as her father.

Thirty-two years ago, Michelle found the love of life, Frank Andrew Milligan. They lived and worked in Austin as their family grew with their daughter, Shanay. They moved home to Elgin and purchased a home in Elgin's Elm Creek Subdivision.

Michelle had a strong Christian foundation and welcomed God into her life at an early age. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Holmes and Pastor Sauls, where her foundation grew. Later, Michelle united by Christian Experience with Mount Calvary Primitive Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Daniel Thomas. Michelle served on the Usher Board and was a member of the Mission Society. She was a faithful servant until her death.

Michelle, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, who left this world too soon but whose love and spirit will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her. Michelle was a person who embodied kindness, love, and generosity. She was the "Big Mama" of her family, always ready to lend a helping hand and offer support whenever it was needed.

Each month, Michelle joyfully participated in the family tradition of game night, bringing people together for laughter, good food, and fond memories. She also loved to travel and made sure to take road trips each year with her mother and whoever else was fortunate enough to be invited. During Spring break and summer vacations, Michelle dedicated time to creating unforgettable memories with her husband, daughter, and grandchildren, whom she considered to be her greatest treasures.

Michelle's true calling was working with children and adults with special needs. She was truly gifted in this area and brought smiles to the faces of the clients she served. Her ability to connect with them, showing them love and compassion, was a reflection of her own beautiful heart. Michelle devoted more than 15 years of service to Austin ISD before transitioning to Elgin ISD, where she continued her work until her death.

Michelle also shared her love and support with her mother, who was active in the Taylor community, especially when it came to cultural holidays and events. Michelle was always by her side, working tirelessly to help make these occasions meaningful for everyone involved.

Michelle will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her. Her grandchildren, Datanay, and Nira, would proudly tell you that their grandma was the greatest. Though Michelle is no longer with us, her legacy of love, kindness, and devotion will continue to live on through her family, friends, and the countless lives she touched.

Michelle was preceded in death by her God Son, Little Bruce McNeal, Jr., Grandparents Ernest & Viola Marshall, Eurick & Robbie Lee Grant, A. V. & Lillie Mae Griffin, Rosie Lee Blunson, Sister in Law, Winnie Mitchell, Aunt Gayle Marshall Comer, Linda Jackson, Verna Mae Milligan, Sarah Lee Griffin, Marsha Sue Guyton, Linda Faye Riggins, and Rhondel Kay Williams, Uncles, Eric Grant, Jr., Don Grant, L. D. Griffin, Donnie Joe Griffin, and Otis Ray Griffin.

Michelle leaves in God's strong hand to cherish her memories, the Love of her life, her husband Frank Andrew Milligan, her daughter whom she loved and cherished dearly, Shanay Elliott, her two very special baby girls and granddaughters Datanay Johnson & Shenira Elliott, her father, Nathaniel Griffin, her parents, Jennifer and Roosevelt Harris, her stepsisters, Tamara and Kameka Harderman, her brother in laws, Malford Milligan (Vickie), and Byron Mitchell; her aunts, Stella Canada, Thomye 'Faye' Hendericks (Patha), Vanessa Blunson; her favorite aunt LaNell 'Shorty' Mitchell, Sherri Vernon - Cook, Carol (Eugene) Hagers, her uncles, Jimmy Harris, Joseph Clayton, Bobby Griffin, Alvin Griffin, her favorite cousins Cheryl 'Sinky' and her husband, Harold Lane, Rachel Edwards, Tiffany Lane and Triva Turner and host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear and special friends.

# My Wife

What can I say that I haven't already said?  
What can I do that I haven't already done?

Well,

Thirty - two years just wasn't long enough  
I always said I will tell you tomorrow,  
Now, I know what it means when they say

*'tomorrow may be too late...'*

You knew I loved you,  
just as I know you loved me.

God came and stood beside you and whispered

*"Come Home and Rest."*

You fought a good fight,  
and you finished the course, most all

You kept the faith...

Until we meet again...

I will love you forever!

Frank



## Farewell Mama,

*Mama taught us **the Legacy of Love,***

*A Mother, and Grandmother...*

*This is the legacy we have from you.*

*You taught us love and how to fight.*

*You gave us strength; you gave us might.*

*A stronger person would be hard to find,*

*And in your heart, you were always kind.*

*You fought for us all in one way or another.*

*Not just as a Mama, not just as a Granny.*

*For all of us you gave your best,*

*Now the time has come for you to rest.*

*So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,*

*Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep...*

*The Legacy of Love we learned from you...*

*With All Our Love,*

*Your Children and Grand...*



# Celebration Service

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me,  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand,

Music Prelude	Sister Kay Terry
Processional	Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family
Reading of the Scriptures	
Old Testament	Elder Rodney Lee
New Testament	Elder Witley Williams
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Roy F. Jones
Song	Deacon Byron Mitchell
Obituary	Read Silently
Resolution	Mt. Calvary Primitive Baptist Church
Special Remarks	Pastor Roosevelt Harris
Inspirational Solo	Deacon Byron Mitchell
Celebration Message	Elder Daniel Thomas, Pastor
Recessional	Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family

*Your wings were ready,  
But our hearts were not...  
Fly high, my darling, fly high...*

# Serving with Grace and Honor as Casket Bearers

Charles Brown  
Daryel Steward  
Michael Anthony Edwards

Frank Brown  
Byron Mitchell  
Michael Lynn Edwards

## Honorary Casket Bearers

Generations of Nieces and Nephews  
Bus Drivers of Elgin ISD

## Acknowledgment

*We are grateful for the richness of her life, the kindness of her heart, and the love of her friends. The Grant-Milligan Family would like to thank everyone for their kindness was unwavering. We thank you for your love, friendship, visits, phone calls, lovely cards, flowers, other gifts, and the continual words of comfort you have shared with us. We thank you for understanding, and May God Bless each of you...*

*~the Family*

### ***Interment***

Sayers Cemetery  
1838 Sayers Road  
Bastrop, Texas 78602

### ***Repass***

Strait Gate Baptist Church  
Elgin, Texas



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*Service and Compassion from a Family that Genuinely Cares*

We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us, and we sincerely hope that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

**Josh and Jamie Hausladen and Staff**

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