

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family, wish to express our deepest gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. Your prayers, calls, texts, and visits have been a comfort to us during this transition. We would like to thank Clifton Buckhanan for your unconditional love in preparing breakfast, lunch, dinner, and taking her to doctors' appointments whenever needed, and you never complained. We are grateful that God placed you in her/our path. Yvonne Miller the love of her baby sister. Thank you for making the sacrifices you made during your three weeks with her. She recognized the love. Frank Watson, my brother-in-law, thank you for being that other 911 call in the morning, noon and night. She always said, "I'll wait on Frank" and you know why. The Baptist Hospice, thank you for your service. May God bless each of you richly.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Clifton Buckhanan | Willie Purvis
Michael Purvis | Travis Crockrell
Kevin Hollis | Cailton Shaffer II

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Andre Smith | Yarvin Purvis, Sr.
Yarvin Purvis, Jr. | Livonta Jones
Brandy Purvis | Zachery Purvis | Cortez Green

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

Glenwood Cemetery
395 Mike Espy Drive
Yazoo City, MS 39194

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Shaffer-Collins Funeral Home, Inc.

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In Loving Memory

Of



"Boozie"
Magnolia Miller Purvis

THE LORD GAVE: November 1, 1935 ♦ THE LORD RECEIVED: November 29, 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.
St. Matthew Church of God in Christ
729 Calhoun Avenue – Yazoo City, MS 39194
Administrative Asst. John H. Scott, Sr., Host Pastor
, Officiating

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Magnolia Miller Purvis



"It is with deep reverence and heavy hearts that we celebrate the life and legacy of our beloved Magnolia Miller Purvis, a devoted mother, sister, church member, and community servant. Magnolia transitioned to her external rest on Saturday, November 29, 2025, in her daughter's home in Clinton, MS, leaving behind a legacy of love that will forever be in the hearts of those who knew her.

Sister Purvis entered this world on November 01, 1935, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, born to the late Eddie and Lou Willie Miller Pickett. She was the sixth child in a bustling, vibrant family of eleven. From an early age, she learned the value of faith, family, and hard work, values she would carry with her for the rest of her life.

She received her formal education in the Yazoo City public school system, proudly graduating from the historic No. 2 school in 1955. Shortly after high school, Magnolia's heart was captured by the love of her life, Willie Joe Purvis. United in holy matrimony, the young couple sought new horizons and relocated to Los Angeles, California. It was there, under the Californian sun, that their family began to bloom with the birth of three children, Gwendolyn, Michael, and Willie. Yet, the call of home and the roots of Mississippi were strong. The family returned to Yazoo City, where they completed their family circle with the birth of their youngest daughter Cheryl.

Magnolia was a woman of industry and compassion. For many years, her warm smile greeted countless neighbors during her tenure as the head cashier at the A&P and Big Star grocery store. Later, she found her true calling in healthcare, working in the clerical field at MYL and as an office manager at Dr. Gambrell's medical center. In this role, she served the community she loved with a gentle hand and a caring spirit.

A woman of unshakeable faith, she was a lifelong member of Lintonia Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She joined Lintonia Chapel at an early age under the pastorage of Rev. C.L Wright. Magnolia served in many capacities. She was an avid Church School scholar, choir member, Trustee, Lay President, chair of the kitchen committee, and the most seasoned member. She was a faithful member until her health declined.

Additionally, she has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 36 years. Magnolia over the years have served on various ALA Committees such as Girls' State, Poppy, Constitution and Bylaws, Elections and Debutante. She also enjoyed attending District Meetings, Central Area, and State Conference. She has been honored for her dedicated services.

While her public service was admirable. It was Magnolia's love for her family that truly defined her. She was the heartbeat of family gatherings. She looked forward with great anticipation to "Yazoo Day" and holidays, when her sisters and brothers would return home. Those moments were filled with laughter as they gathered around the table, the air filled with the soulful sounds of the blues, good food, playing cards, reminiscing about their childhood, and celebrating the bond that time could not break.

She was preceded in death by her parents Eddie and Lou Willie Miller Pickett; one daughter: Gwendolyn Purvis-Robinson; and eight siblings: Thelma Carter, Joe Willie Miller, LC Miller, Clarence Miller, Juanita Miller, Charles Miller, Bessie Willingham, and Mary Ann Young.

She is survived by three children: (sons) Michael Purvis and Willie Purvis (Shirley), both of Yazoo City, MS and (daughter) Cheryl P. Buckhanan (Clifton) of Clinton, MS; one sister: Yvonne Miller of Katy, TX; one brother: Robert Earl Miller of St. Louis, MO; three first cousins: Nancellia Hudson of Yazoo City, MS, Christine Hudson of Chicago, IL, and Mable Johnson of Detroit, MI; and a host of family and friends from near and afar.

Magnolia Miller Purvis has finished her course, she kept the faith, and now she rests in the arms of the Lord. She is reunited with the family she missed dearly.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Program Guide - Carolyn Laury



Processional Clergy & Family

Solo Terrance Freeman

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Isaiah 41:10 KJVAngela Rose Griffin

New TestamentI Corinthians 15:50-57 KJV Minister Shirley Purvis

Prayer.....Rev. Curtis Strong

Solo Dana Lewis

Expressions Two Minutes Please.....Family & Friends

Family Reflections Valerie Miller Chambers

*Resolutions Lintonia Chapel A.M.E. Church
American Legion Auxiliary*

Poem Kimberly Crockrell

Words of Comfort Rev. Carolyn Porter

Obituary..... Read SilentlySoft Music

Solo.....Terrance Freeman

Eulogy Rev. Willie E. Smith

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Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends

