

Acknowledgements

The family and friends of **Eric DeMarcus Miller** would like to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude for every act of love and kindness given to our family during this time. Every call, text, message, meal, activity, prayer, or contribution is much appreciated. May Father God bless and keep you all.

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Taylor, Jr.
Kenny Shingles

John Miller
Akeem Wade

DJ Shingles
Seneca Turner

Honorary Pallbearers

Surrentay Miller
Kentrell Collins

Eric Miller, Jr.

Maurice Miller
Alonzo Miller

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Final Resting Place

Cedarwood Memorial Park
340 New Market Drive · Jackson, Mississippi 39209



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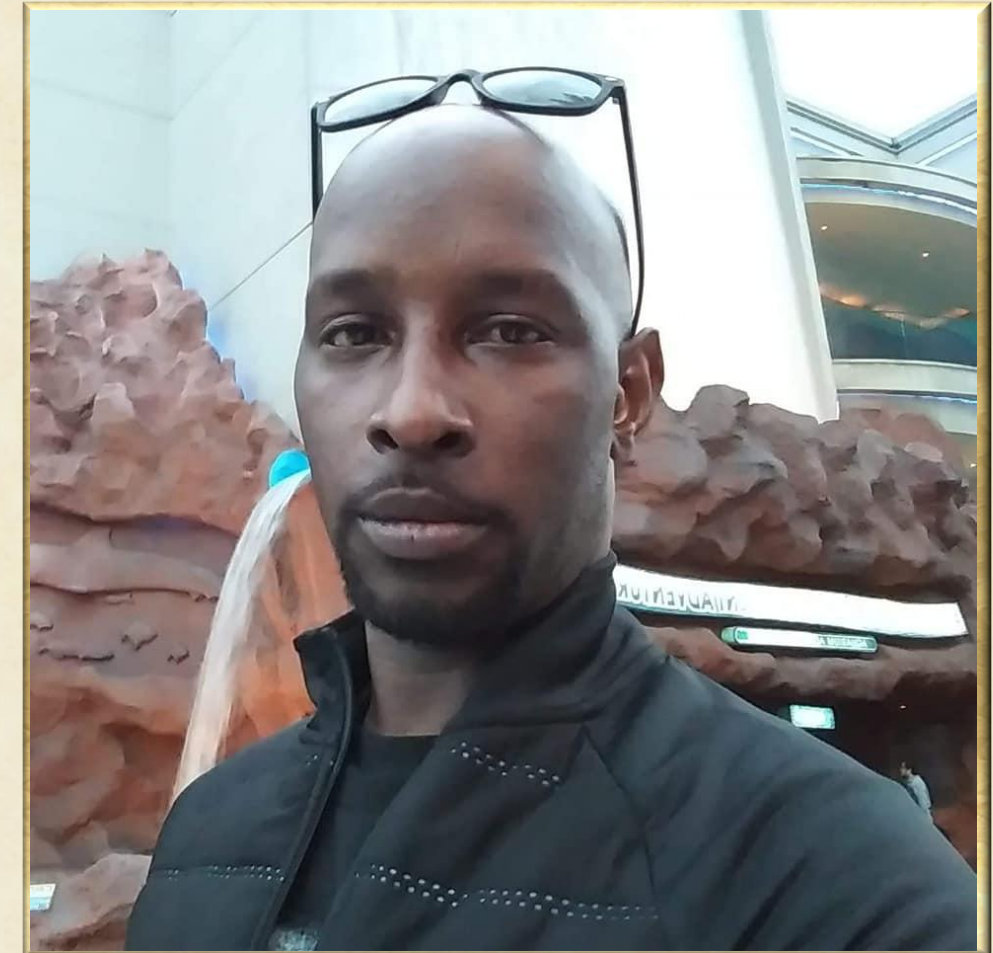
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Eric DeMarcus Miller

February 26, 1980 ~ March 22, 2025



Saturday, April 5, 2025

Greater Mt. Bethel COCHUSA

4125 Robinson Street · Jackson, Mississippi

Elder G. Anthony Miller, Officiant and Eulogist

Plainview COCHUSA · Baton Rouge, LA

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

Order Of Service

Zakiya Summers, Program Guide

Prelude ~~~~~ GMB and Friends Choir

Processional ~~~~~ Minister and Family

Musical Selection ~~~~~ GMB and Friends Choir

Old Testament Scripture ~~~~~ Minister Corey Deyamport

New Testament Scripture ~~~~~ Minister Jonathan Thomas

Prayer ~~~~~ Eddie Brown, Jr.

Special Reflection (1) ~~~~~ 2 Minutes Or Less, Please ~~~~~ Akeem Wade,
Kentrell Collins (To Be Read), Seneca
Turner

Musical Selection ~~~~~ GMB and Friends Choir

Special Reflection (2) ~~~~~ 2 Minutes Or Less, Please ~~~~~ Shakara Perkins,
Steve Smith, Coach Michael Fields, Toni Roberson and DJ Shingles

Words of Encouragement ~~~~~ Elder James E. Turner, Sr.

Expressions ~~~~~ 2 Minutes Or Less, Please ~~~~~ Family and Friends

Acknowledgements ~~~~~ Program Guide

Obituary ~~~~~ Read Silently ~~~~~ Soft Music

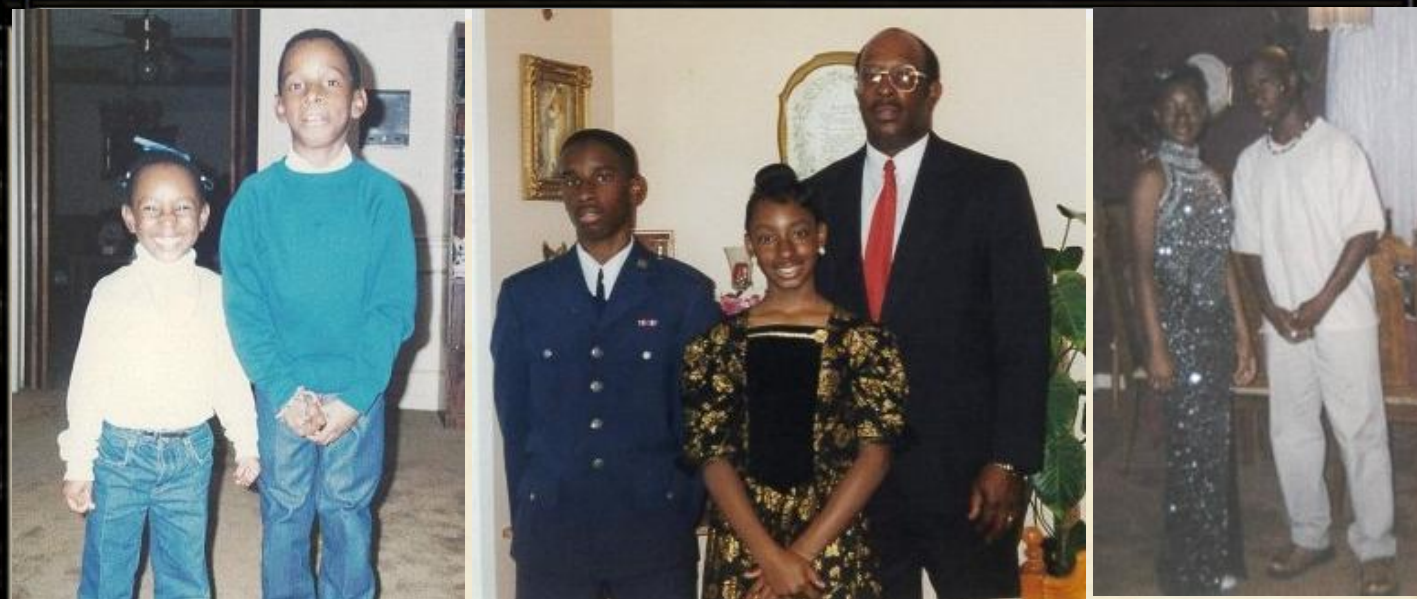
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Eulogy ~~~~~ Elder. G. Anthony Miller

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Recessional ~~~~~ GMB and Friends Choir

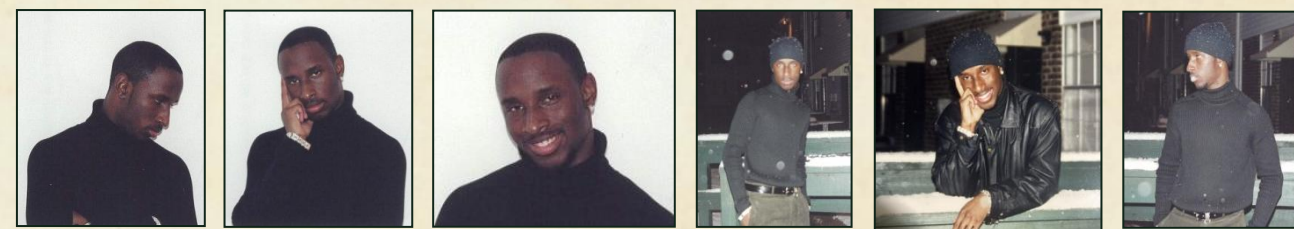




Precious Memories with Eric



Reflections of the Life of ERIC DEMARCUS MILLER



Eric Demarcus Miller, affectionately known as “Miller” or “E,” was born in Jackson, Mississippi, at Baptist Hospital on February 26, 1980, to his parents, Alonzo and Shirley Miller. He joined the family with his brother, Maurice Miller, who was 4 years old then. Nearly five years later, Eric became the second big brother to his only sister, Ebony Miller (Thomas).

Eric was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, until the family moved to Meridian, Mississippi, a few months after his baby sister, Ebony, was born. He attended Witherspoon Elementary and completed kindergarten and first grade. The Miller family moved from Meridian, Mississippi, to Madison, Mississippi in 1988, and there Eric continued his education at Rosa Scott Elementary and Middle School. He completed his second through seventh grade years and finished his eighth grade year at V.L. Reuben School in Bolton, Mississippi. He was a band member, played the French horn, and was a talented athlete on the baseball team. Eric attended Raymond High School in 1995 and graduated as a member of the 1999 class. He was a beloved and good student. He was a gifted choir member, an honorable JROTC cadet, a fantastic football player, and a proud teammate of the dedicated State Championship Track Team. He was happy and proud to share in this success with his sister and track mate, Ebony, during his senior year. Eric was well known for his outstanding and bold presence, work ethic, and loyalty as a gifted and successful football and track star. To say he was fast just didn’t measure up. He ran with precision and confidence, seeming to glide over hurdles effortlessly. He was awarded and especially acknowledged for his abilities in every sport and organization he was a member of. Most of all, he gained many friends and expanded his family during these 4 years. He also attended Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi, on an athletic scholarship and joined the track team there.

Eric was a member of Greater Mt. Bethel COCHUSA church with his family for many years. He grew up learning about God and how to live and serve in the Christian faith. He served in the children’s and adult’s choir, as standard bearer, in brotherhood ministry, on COCHUSA basketball team, a Sunday school secretary and worked diligently with former Greater Mt. Bethel Pastor, James E. Turner, Sr. at the Neighborhood Christian Center.

From a young age, Eric took an interest in cooking and food plating. He has served in the restaurant industry for 20 years and became a skillful and favored professional cook. In his last place of employment at Aspen Creek Grill, he loved to cook and worked with dedication and charm. He departed this life in his home in Tyler, TX, where he resided for nearly 9 years.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his sons, Surrentay J. Miller and Eric Miller Jr.; granddaughter, Erayjah Miller of Grenada, Mississippi; his mother, Shirley Miller of Jackson, Mississippi; his father, Alonzo Miller (Peggy Miller) of Louisville, Mississippi; his brother, Maurice Miller (Latischa Miller) of Baltimore, Maryland; his nephew Wynton Miller of Gautier, Mississippi; step-nieces, Elisabeth and Gabby; his sister, Ebony Thomas (Minister Jonathan Thomas); nieces, Harmony and Melody Thomas of Jackson, Mississippi; 13 uncles and aunts; 30 first cousins; and a beautiful host of beloved family and friends.

"My Dear Son"

*"A son gives you strength when you feel low.
He makes me proud each time I hear from him.
He brings a smile to my face each time I see him.
Having you as a son is one of the greatest gifts I could ever ask for.
It's so hard knowing you are gone and so hard for me to accept.
I know I must face that reality, but I will see you again.
My son, Eric, may you rest in peace.
I love you, Mama *

"My Son Eric"

*Eric lived under my roof for 20 years. During that time, I found him to be obedient and
a very hard worker. He was able to accomplish whatever he set in his mind to do.
He was a natural leader among his peers in school, the community and Church.
I'm proud to call him my son and will truly miss him every day
that the Lord allows me to live.
REST IN PEACE!
Your Father *

"In Loving Memory Of Our Wonderful Brother"

*Brother, every loving and laughing moment we shared,
I'll treasure it with comfort and grace.
You will forever leap and run like the wind in my heart
and I'll preserve that wellspring of space.
So now, may Father God's presence be with you always.
Rest well, Eric and I'll love you for all my days.
Your Sister, Eb *

"My Tribute To Eric"

*The man, my brother. The only one I've ever had.
And one unlike any other. Very youthful at heart
And with a personality that would stand apart
Anywhere he went. Anyone he encountered
The man of the hour when he would come around
And with a laugh right along with a smile
That you'd want to last for a quite a while
Very outspoken and bold. As many stories of his exploits
Could be shared and told. Like him being quite the athlete
In his youthful prime. Whether track and field
Or some good football. And through it all
One could truly witness him strive
And really succeed as he always felt the need
To just take up it another notch.
Whether standing or sitting by
Just to really watch him do
Exactly what he had a passion for at that moment in time;
Cross the line yet refine himself on another event and day.
But this was only one aspect of Eric
As he had other attributes and much
Family and friends to speak of
With mostly fun and cool things to say.
For he will be sorely missed. His absence will always be felt.
His presence, though no longer here; will still be around
And not have ever completely disappeared,
For a person such as he could never truly vanish.
But as life in this instance so unfortunately happens.
I lost you Eric
But may you find much rest and peace on the other side
As I will keep living on and keeping on
For you
As you would want me to.
So as I both miss and mourn and celebrate your life today,
Just know that you always had an impact on many
And also quite the grinder when you wanted something.
As each moment shared with you will always be a fond reminder
Of the man, my brother
And one unlike any other.
As this time is the very real revealer
Of my heart and mind of you,
For the man born and lived yet known and named
As I've always called you
Eric Demarcus Miller
From your Big Brother with love always,
Maurice C Miller*

