

The Life & Legacy

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” — Psalm 27:1

Ms. Ruth “Evelyn” Miller departed this earthly life on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, South Carolina. Evelyn was born on February 14, 1959, in Sumter, South Carolina, to the late Washington “Yank” Miller and Elizabeth Williams Miller. She was lovingly raised in the “BIG CITY” of Horatio, South Carolina, a place she proudly called home, where she built lifelong friendships and created cherished memories. At a young age, Evelyn joined High Hills Missionary Baptist Church, where she began her spiritual journey and developed a strong foundation of faith that remained with her throughout her life. She was also a faithful member of the YWA Ministry, where she actively served and continued to grow in her Christian walk. She attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a proud graduate of Hillcrest High School. Throughout her life, Evelyn carried herself with grace, strength, and a genuine love for people that reflected the values she learned while growing up. Evelyn was a dedicated and hardworking woman who took great pride in every position she held. Over the years, she was employed by Georgia-Pacific, Roses, and Hardee’s. She later found her work home at Walmart Supercenter in Camden, South Carolina, where she faithfully served in the deli department for more than 20 years. She remained a devoted employee until her health declined in 2019, leading to her retirement. Her strong work ethic, dependability, and warm personality left a lasting impression on both her coworkers and the many customers she served.

Above all, Evelyn was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was affectionately known as “Big Juicy” by her daughter, a nickname that reflected the special bond they shared. Wherever Evelyn went, her daughter was often right by her side—their relationship was truly inseparable. They especially enjoyed shopping together at TJ Maxx and Ross, creating countless memories filled with laughter and love. Evelyn had a warm heart, a beautiful smile, and a giving spirit that made everyone feel welcomed and loved. Family was the center of her world, and she found her greatest joy in spending time with those she loved most. She especially cherished her grandson, Jamari, and her bonus son/nephew, Jerry Livingston, Jr. Even when she fussed about how loudly Jamari had the television turned up or laughed about Jerry always calling to ask what she was cooking, it was simply a reflection of the deep love she had for them. Evelyn also knew how to enjoy life. She loved shopping, and one of her favorite pastimes was visiting pawn shops, where she delighted in browsing unique pieces of jewelry and searching for hidden treasures. She also enjoyed watching scary movies and spending time watching the jewelry channel. These simple pleasures brought her great joy and are among the many things her family will forever remember.

She was also well known for her delicious cooking, especially her famous potato salad and macaroni salad. Whether it was a family gathering, holiday celebration, or Sunday dinner, everyone looked forward to enjoying one of her signature dishes. Preparing food for those she loved was one of the many ways Evelyn expressed her love, and those cherished memories will forever remain a part of her legacy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Washington “Yank” Miller and Elizabeth Williams Miller, along with her siblings who preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her precious memories: one devoted daughter, Shemeka Miller of the home; one beloved grandson, Jamari Andino of the home; a bonus son/nephew whom she helped raise, Jerry Livingston, Jr. of Horatio, South Carolina; two sisters, Minnie M. Bradford of Clinton, Maryland, and Deborah (Lester) McDuffie of Hopkins, South Carolina; two brothers, William “Yank” Miller of Wedgefield, South Carolina, and Philip Leroy Miller of Rembert, South Carolina; one sister-in-law, Carrie Mae Crim of Horatio, South Carolina; one aunt and uncle, Carrie and Charles Williams of Rembert, South Carolina; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

Although our hearts are broken by her passing, we are forever grateful for the love, kindness, laughter, and countless memories she leaves behind. Her legacy of compassion, generosity, unwavering faith, and unconditional love for her family will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love her.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional
Family and Clergy

Opening Selection
"Near the Cross"

Old Testament Scripture
Pastor B. Bradley

New Testament Scripture
Deacon J. Roach

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Dr. Katie Roach

Selection
Dr. Edna Wiley

Reflections
Church: Deacon George Thomas
Family: Lowery Williams

Selection
Sis. Armonie Bracy

Acknowledgements & Resolutions
Albertha Davis

Obituary Reading

Selection
Dr. Edna Wiley

Words of Comfort
Pastor Donald Amos

Recessional

Committal, Prayer and Benediction

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
Are 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 you think of me
I know you'll miss me too
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's gate
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne
He said this is eternity
And all I promised you
Today your life on earth is past
But here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past
So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me

Expression of Gratitude

We, the family of the late Ruth Miller, would like to express our love and sincere appreciation for your prayers, visits, and many acts of kindness shown to us during. May God bless you all for being a blessing to our family.



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