



“Illumination”

Leaving but a brief shadow of her earthly life,
she has now passed beyond this realm ---
escorted by eagles,
now dancing with angels.

I can only imagine
the first face she saw:
Papa, her father,
our grandfather,
standing before a beautiful white door.

A welcome she could not refuse,
an invitation to glory.
At last, worry was over.

Endlessly loving her family,
relentless in protecting her precious pearls,
she carried grace through every season.

Momma no longer needs to straighten her crown;
her legacy will wear it well.
A woman of wisdom,
whose words inspired change
and whose presence shaped generations,
has finally found freedom from all pain.

Clothed in her finest spiritual attire,
covered in purple and gold,
she enters eternal peace.

Another treasure has been restored to Heaven.

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Repast

There will be NO Repast.

The Family's Message of Gratitude

We, the family of *Mildred Janette Lawrence*, extend our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers, phone calls, visits, support and countless acts of kindness shown to our family throughout the years and during this difficult time. Your presence, encouragement, and compassion have meant more to us than words can express. We especially want to acknowledge Debra Bruce, Debra Hall, Ida McQueen, Joan Kilpatrick, Roy Lawrence, Otis Lawrence, Mary Williams and the many, many family members, friends, church members, and loved ones who have stood beside us faithfully over the last 30-plus years. Your love and support have been a true blessing to our family. May God continue to bless each of you for the kindness you have shown to our beloved mother and our family.

A Celebration of Life

FOR

Mildred Janette Lawrence



Sunrise: August 8, 1956 - Sunset: May 26, 2026

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

Pilgrim Rest Primitive Baptist Church

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Reflections of Life

Today, we gather to celebrate and reflect on the beautiful life of **Mildred Lawrence** — a woman of faith, wisdom, love, and resilience whose impact will forever live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and everyone blessed enough to know her.

EARLY LIFE & CHILDHOOD

Mildred Lawrence was born on August 8, 1956 and was raised in Tallahassee, Florida, surrounded by family, faith, and community. She was the beloved daughter of Rosa Lee McCormick and Washington Lawrence. She shared her life journey with her siblings: Barbara Lawrence, Otis Lawrence, David Lawrence, Rosa Lee Lawrence, Catherine Lawrence, Julia Mae Carter-Lawrence, and Uncle Man.

She attended Riley Elementary School, Griffin Middle School, Godby High School, and later FAMU. From an early age, **Mildred** developed the values that guided her throughout life — faith in God, hard work, honesty, and devotion to family. She also worked faithfully and devoted over 25 years of service to the Department of Revenue, where she was respected for her dedication, professionalism, and commitment. Those who knew her understood quickly that she was strong-minded, loving, protective, and always willing to stand for what was right.

FAITH & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Faith was the foundation of **Mildred's** life. Her relationship with Christ was something she lived daily. She was raised at Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church and later became active in ministry for a season of her life. Prayer was part of her everyday routine. Every morning when she awoke, she prayed. No matter what your problems were, she would activate prayer. Her children knew that before the day even began, **Momma** had already called on the Lord.

Two of her favorite scriptures were Psalm 23:4 — “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.*” — and Matthew 19:26 — “*With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*” She believed deeply that if you put God first, everything else would fall into place according to His will.

LOVE FOR FAMILY

Above all else, **Mildred** loved her family and friends unconditionally. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, counselor, protector, and friend. She sacrificed endlessly so her children could have the best life possible.

She celebrated her children's accomplishments proudly and stood beside them during every challenge life presented. Even from miles away, she checked on her children faithfully and reminded them they could always come home. Her love continues through her children, grandchildren — Jalen, Jason, and Myrical — and through the many lives she touched along the way.

HER PERSONALITY & CHARACTER

Mildred had a personality that could never be forgotten. She was honest, wise, funny, and unapologetically herself. If she had something to say, she said it directly, but always from a place of love.

Her humor could instantly lighten a room. Phrases like “gmoney, big head, junior, drina, angie wangie, polar bear” and “sugar baby” became treasured expressions her family will carry forever. She also had a nurturing spirit. She mentored others, prayed for people, and opened her home to children in need, caring for them as if they were her own.

COOKING & HOME LIFE

One of the greatest expressions of **Mildred's** love came through her cooking and the comfort of her home. Family gatherings were filled with laughter, conversation, and home-cooked meals that brought everyone together. She had an amazing eye for interior decorating and loved making spaces feel warm, welcoming, and full of life. Her home became a place of connection, storytelling, and love.

SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT & LIFE LESSONS

Mildred was more than a mother — she was a motivator and prayer warrior. She encouraged her family to work hard, stay humble, and trust God through every season of life. Through both her words and actions, she taught responsibility, resilience, honesty, and faith. Her family will always remember her wisdom, her prayers, and her constant reminders to keep family close.

HER LEGACY

The legacy of **Mildred Lawrence** is one of unwavering faith, unconditional love, strength, and sacrifice. She leaves behind a family strengthened by her prayers, guided by her wisdom, and forever shaped by her love. Though her earthly journey has ended, the memories she created and the values she instilled will continue through generations to come.

FAMILY SHE LEAVES BEHIND

Mildred Lawrence is lovingly remembered and survived by her **four children**: her daughter: Dr. Angela Lawrence; her daughter: April Lawrence and grandchild, Myrical Lawrence; son, Sylvester (Shana) Brown along with their two grandsons: Jalen Riley and Jason Brown; and her son, Jermaine (LeeAnn) Powell.

CLOSING REFLECTION

Today, while our hearts are heavy, we thank God for the gift of **Mildred Lawrence**. We thank Him for her life, her love, her sacrifices, her prayers, and the countless ways she made this world better. Though we will miss her deeply, we find comfort in knowing that her spirit lives on in the hearts of those she loved so dearly.

Momma, thank you for everything. We love you, we honor you, and we will carry your legacy forward forever.



The Order of Service

Prelude.....The **Tillman** Gospel Chorale

Processional..... Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family..... The **Tillman** Staff

Opening SelectionChorale

PrayerDr. Dewayne Gavins

Holy Scriptures:

Old & New Testaments.....Dr. Sharon Billings

Selection.....Chorale

Reflections & Tributes:

Family & Friends (2 Persons)..... Two Minutes Each, *Please*

Resolutions & Acknowledgements..... The **Tillman** Staff

Selection.....Chorale

Eulogy..... Elder Jermaine Powell

Recessional.....Clergy, Family & Friends