

Miriam had a gift for seeing the good in everyone. Her radiant smile, wise words, and boundless love will be dearly missed. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of all those whose lives she touched.

# A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

## HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put his arm around you  
And He whispered "Come To Me."

A golden heart stopped beating  
A precious soul at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best

With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay

A golden heart stopped beating  
A precious soul at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Miriam Jean Ellis extends heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, love, and support during this time. Every kind gesture is deeply appreciated.

'Her love lingers like a beautiful fragrance- soft, lasting, unforgettable...'



*Miriam* JEAN ELLIS

SUNRISE      SUNSET  
MAY 10, 1951    APRIL 27, 2026

TUESDAY – MAY 5, 2026

VISITATION: 10:00 AM  
MEMORIAL SERVICE: 11:00 AM

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## OBITUARY

Miriam Jean Ellis (Dudley), 74, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2026. Born in Bessemer, Alabama, on May 10, 1951, Miriam was raised in Columbus, Ohio. From an early age, her mother knew she was destined for great things

Miriam attended Central High School, graduating in 1969. After graduation, she dreamed of becoming an airline stewardess and was accepted into a program. However, after a frightening flight experience, she chose a different path. She later began working at The Ohio State University, first as a Physical Therapist and then as an Executive Assistant. Still, Miriam had a vision of being her own boss. Taking a leap of faith, she left her position and founded her own business, Scent From Above.

Miriam found true joy in her work. She loved the oil business, meeting new people, and helping others feel confident and refreshed. What began at flea markets blossomed into a storefront, and throughout Columbus she became affectionately known as “The Oil Lady.”

Miriam was known for her kindness, warmth, and open heart. She was easy to talk to, never judgmental, and always willing to help anyone in need. Whether you knew her for five minutes or fifty years, she made you feel like a lifelong friend.

She cherished time with her friends, especially her beloved group, “The Divas.” Wherever they went, laughter and joy followed. She also enjoyed quieter moments with her cousin Sandra, visiting bingo halls and casinos around Columbus, where she could relax, play for hours, and strike up conversations with anyone nearby. Miriam truly never met a stranger.

In her later years, Miriam became an active member of True Love Ministries. She was a familiar and joyful presence at church events, where she was lovingly known as Ms. Myra.

Her greatest devotion was to her son, Eric. She worked tirelessly to provide for him and to show him that anything is possible with determination and faith. While working during the day, she attended school at night and earned her bachelor’s degree in communications.

Miriam’s heart overflowed with love for her granddaughters. When Ariana and Erica were born, she proudly embraced the name “Nana,” a title she wore with joy. She treasured every moment spent with them, from making their favorite “panny cakes”, as Ariana called them, in the morning to frequent trips to McDonald’s for chicken nugget Happy Meals. Ariana and Erica were her “Lil Divas”. When Aramis was born, Miriam fondly declared her “Little Mama”, and declared that she would one day become the first female President of the United States. She loved her granddaughters deeply and unconditionally.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Danyae Mae Butcher.

Miriam leaves to cherish her memory her *Devoted Husband*: John Earl Ellis; her *Son*: Eric (Qiana) Ellis; her *Stepson*: Wade Lamont Ellis; her *Great-Niece*: Marianetta Foster; her beloved *Granddaughters*: Ariana, Erica, and Aramis Ellis; her *Step-Grandson*: Khalil Johnson; her *Best Friend*: Melissa Keck and a host of *Extended Family and Dear Friends*.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor Brenda F. Dudley  
Royal Kingdom Ministries  
Officiant

ORGAN PRELUDE.....

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10.....Minister Judy Darby

New Testament: Romans 14:8.....Julie Brice

PRAYER.....Pastor Brenda F. Dudley

MUSICAL SELECTION.....”Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
Pastor Brenda F. Dudley

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES.....The “Divas”  
Vivian Edwards, Theresa Potter, Jakki Downey and Adrienne Freeman

REMARKS.....Family and Friends  
Two Minutes Please

READING OF OBITUARY.....Melissa Keck

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Minister Judy Darby

### THE EULOGY

Pastor Sherwin Armistead  
True Love Ministries

BENEDICTION.....Pastor Sherwin Armistead

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends