

All is Well

by Henry Scott Holland

Death is nothing at all, I have only slipped into the next room.
I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we
are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy
way which you always used to. Put no difference in your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed
together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,
Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was,
there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because
I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere
very near, just around the corner. All is well.

Words of Appreciation

The Kirkland Family would like to extend our greatest appreciation
for all expressions of sympathy, prayers, and support during our
time of bereavement. To Pastor Hinton, and the Mt. Zion Church,
we thank you. Your consoling words provided light in one of our
darkest hours. A special "Thanks" to Beck Funeral Home for
serving in such an efficient caring manner. And finally, a **SPECIAL
THANK YOU** to Denise Robinson and Sirena for making sure
Ophelia's last days were filled with love and joy.

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Homegoing Service

for

Mrs. Ophelia Kirkland

Sunrise

November 5, 1925

Sunset

December 1, 2025

Friday, December 19, 2025

11:00 AM

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

11210 Road 747

Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Pastor Eddie Hinton - Eulogist

Beck Funeral Home - Directing

Order of Services

Mistress of Ceremony.....Gloria Proctor Banks

Processional.....Pastor and Family

SongSister Edna Steele

Scriptures

Old Testament/New TestamentPastor Eddie Hinton

Prayer.....Pastor Eddie Hinton

SongSister Edna Steele

Expressions.....

Acknowledgements.....Gloria Proctor Banks

Obituary.....Read Silently

Eulogy.....Pastor Eddie Hinton

Beck Funeral Directors in Charge

Soft MusicLaymon Calloway

Recessional.....

Interment.....Mt. Zion Church Cemetery

Repast.....Fellowship Hall of Mt. Zion Church Cemetery

Obituary

Ophelia Kirkland entered into eternal rest on December 1, 2025, at the lovely age of 100. Ophelia was born on November 5, 1925 to the late Frank and Carrie (Tibbs) Kirkland in East Carroll, Louisiana. Around 1935, the family move to Neshoba County, Mississippi. At an early age, she accepted Christ into her life and was baptized at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Ophelia received her formal education in the Neshoba Public School system. Following high school, Ophelia attended Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi and graduated with a degree in English. After graduating from college in 1948, Ophelia became an English Teacher at Longdale High School, located near Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

At the age of 30, Ophelia left Philadelphia, Mississippi and became a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York where she met the love of her life and long-term partner James "Jimmy" Westbrook. Ophelia was employed by The Ford Company and Standard Motors Company as a vehicle parts welder for 32 years before retiring. After retirement, Ophelia became involved in various charitable organizations and was also an active member of the Riseboro Round Table Senior Center.

Ophelia enjoyed reading and knitting, and she loved traveling to Philadelphia, MS every year to spend time with her family. Throughout her later years, she was lovingly supported and had a special bond with her devoted caretaker, Sirena—someone she loved like a daughter.

She also cherished spending time with her goddaughter and her goddaughter's children and grandchildren, going out for dinners, shopping trips, and special events. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Carrie; her six brothers, Earnest, Cornelius, Frank Jr., Luther, Joe Lee, and OC; her sister, Gwendolyn Hannah; and her life partner, James "Jimmy" Westbrook.

Ophelia is survived by her nephew Mark Kirkland, Sr; her goddaughter Denise Robinson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Ophelia had a very kind heart and a quick wit about her and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.