

## Reflections of Life

Katie Lee Miller was born in Abbeyville, Georgia to the late Mr. Frank Johnson and Classie Durhart. She was the eighth of twelve children. After the death of her parents, she came to Passaic in 1925 with her uncle, The Reverend Chester F. Durhart.

They attended Sunday School t Bethel A.M.E. Church, where Mrs. Elenor Norton was Superintendent. Years later, under the Pastorate of Reverend Sturgess, the Usher Board was organized. Mrs. Miller serviced on this Board for many years under several ministers. Katie sang with the Gospel Chorus in the forties. Mrs. Le Anna Gallmon was president, Reverend Smalling-Pastor.

In 1956, Reverend H.D. Clam appointed her to the Trustee Board, where she serviced for two years. In 1959, she became a member of the Steward Board and Secretary of the Church, a position she held for five years. In 1967, she became a member of the Stewardess Board under the Pastorate of Reverend Harry J. White. The following year, she served behind the Altar for the first time. Mrs. Amanda Brown was president, Reverend T.R. Kelsey, Pastor. After the presidencies of Mrs. Amanda Brown and Mrs. Laura Harmon, she assumed the presidency of the Stewardess Board in 1987.

Katie joined the Helping Hand Club in 1947 and worked diligently under the auspices of Mrs. Nancy Kelly. She later became president and held that office for twenty-five years.

In 1963, she joined Odessa Chapter #17, Order of Eastern Star, where she serviced several stations, and chaired their Annual Fall Tea for a few years.

On October 2, 1932, Douglas Miller and Katie were joined in Holy Matrimony. They later renewed their vows on their Silver Anniversary and again on their Golden Anniversary in 1982. Born from this union were five children, Douglas, Jr., Donald, Joyce, Raymond and Dennis.

Katie Miller was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Miller and sons, Douglas, Jr. and Raymond Miller, nine brothers and sisters.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her children, Joyce Herbert and Dennis Miller both of Passaic, NJ; brother, David Johnson of Newark, NJ; sister, Elector Geathers of Passaic, NJ. Katie Lee Miller also known as "G.G. Ma" was the proud grandmother of nine, great grandmother of twenty, great-great grandmother of sixteen and great-great-great grandmother of one; and a host of family and friends.

# Order of Service

| Hymn of Celebration   | "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"                              |
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| Prayer of Comfort   | Rev. Helen Horne  |
| Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 121:1-8 New Testament - II Timothy 4:1-8 |   |
| Hymn  | "Understand It Better By And By"                              |
| Resolutions & Acknowledgements  |   |
| Hymn  | "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"                               |
| Obituary  | Elizabeth Alfred  |
| Solo  | Pedro Valentin, Great Grandson                                |
| Eulogy  | Rev. Dr. Louis McDowell, Pastor<br>Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church |

**Closing Song** 

Recessional

"Walk and Talk Daily with the Lord, and help anyone you can."

-Katie Miller

### **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey



I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade? Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still: Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home:

Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

-unknown author

#### Acknowledgement

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