

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Ossie Mae Miller*

*March 15, 1938 – October 6, 2015*



**Services:**

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.

**Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church**

88 Lyons Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

**Rev. Dr. Steven Davis, Officiating**

**Emory Lee, Organist**

## Obituary



**Ossie Mae Miller**, daughter of Lee Vester Banks and Essie Mae Brown, was born in Barton, Arkansas. She spent her early years in and around the nearby town of Helena, a pivotal place for the development of blues music. That explains why she loved the blues. Even though Ossie spent most of her life raising a large family in Newark, New Jersey, she was a true delta girl – she would never turn down a plate of fried catfish and measured her happiness by the richness of her relationships rather than the money in her pocket.

A devoted mother and wife, Ossie epitomized strength, love and resilience - qualities necessary to raise a large family. Ossie and husband, Booker T. Miller enjoyed a long marriage, each totally dedicated to each other and family.

Ossie instilled in her children the most important elements of life – universal love and kindness. As her children branched out, she welcomed new members to the family. She further believed in freedom of thought and individuality, caring deeply about the events of the world and the people in it. Although of limited formal education, she was one of the best informed people around. She took up travel later in life, cruising the Caribbean twice and making good on a childhood dream to be an “international” traveler.

Ossie loved to laugh and tell a good story, eventually penning poems that would have been perfect lyrics for blues music.

Ossie is survived by her children Leroy Williams and his wife Berida and their children Janice, Leroy Jr. and Shanta; Patricia Miller and daughter Sara; Booker Miller, Jr., Barbara Miller, Derrick Miller and his wife Glenda, Lee Vester Miller, Joyce Armajo and her husband Alvin, Bernadette Armstrong and her husband Julian and sons Julian and Julien; Desiree Beauvil and her husband James and daughter Jade; Anthony Miller and his wife Shonda and children Isis, Oba-zi and Tyler. She is also survived by two sisters, Alma Johnson and Leola Banks and brothers Plummer James, Sylvester, Johnny Lee, Jessie, Isaiah, Jerry and Phillip Beals; ten great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren and a host of cousins and other relatives.

# Order of Service

Officiating.....Reverend Dr. Stephen B. Davis

Musical Prelude

Processional..... Reverend and Family

Prayer..... Reverend Dr. Stephen B. Davis

Scripture Reading

OLD TESTAMENT - Psalms 23

NEW TESTAMENT - I Corinthians 13:4 – 8

Cards and Condolences

Musical Selection.....“Amazing Grace”

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Stephen B. Davis

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## **Pall Bearers**

Leroy Williams.....Anthony Miller

Booker Miller, Jr. ....Alvin Armajo

Derrick Miller.....Julian Armstrong

James Beauvil

***Repast at church immediately following the interment.***



## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.  
-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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