



Julia Miller Williams

October 23, 1942 - May 2, 2020

Juliareen Miller Williams, better known as Julia or Ms. Julia, was born to the union of George H. Miller, Sr., and Laura Williams Miller on October 23, 1942, in Inverness, MS. The family moved to Pascagoula, MS in 1955. She moved to Columbus, MS in 1995 and came to love and call it home. It was there, while at home surrounded by the peaceful comfort of her loving sons, that Julia took flight in her heavenly wings, and traveled to glory on May 2, 2020. Julia was a graduate of Carver High School, Class of 1960, in Pascagoula, MS. She was a scholar, community leader and activist, and athlete. She was also a gifted singer. During her years at Carver, she was an honor roll student, graduated amongst the highest percentile in her class, a member of the senior choir, played basketball, was a cheerleader, and participated in many other extracurricular activities. She attended Mississippi Vocational College (now Mississippi Valley State University) in Itta Bena, Mississippi, and later Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus, MS. She was strong in religious faith, and was a member of Asbury A.M.E. Zion Church in Pascagoula, MS.

Julia's career encompassed being a Secretary for the International Longshoremen's Association, and later Social Worker, before advancing to the position of Assistant Director for the Jackson County Civic Action Committee. As Assistant Director, she was responsible for writing grants to provide qualifying services for welfare programs such as Head Start; food, housing, and social services for the elderly; GED preparation; and Summer Youth

Programs which offered equipment and physical activities for youth and summer jobs for teenagers and college students. As a community activist, one of Julia's proudest achievements was when she knocked on many doors to encourage citizens to exercise their rights to vote (many of whom had never voted before), tutored them in the process, and realized the change brought about with highly favorable election results. Not well known about her is during the era of typewriters when few possessed speed and competence, Julia's accelerated proficiency was so advanced that she was often sought out to type programs for local churches and other organizations. She was a federal and state income tax preparer; and also served as local beautician and hair stylist to many in the community. Julia was both brilliant and beautiful!

Julia was preceded in death by her mother, Laura Miller; father, George H. Miller, Sr.; brothers: James P. Miller, Sr. (Emma); George H. Miller, Jr., and Frank Miller (Gelin). In loving memory, she leaves her three sons, Byron L. Miller and Padraic L. Williams (Columbus, MS), and George A. Williams, III (Genessa) (Killeen, TX); grandson, Christian Williams, granddaughter, Taneeshia Williams; brother, Tandy Jerome Miller (Mobile, AL); two sisters: Brenda Miller Johnson (Joseph), Leeds, AL, and Betty Miller Mitchell, Pascagoula, MS, and a host of other family members and friends.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lee-Sykes Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Julia Miller Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *"Aunt Ju Ju loves you!"
That's what she always told us. My heart is torn apart. Aunt Julia,
we all love you and you will be greatly missed.*

Rosalind Tolliver - May 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Bessie Ward lit a candle in memory of Julia
Miller Williams*



Bessie Ward - May 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Julie. Were that I were down at home to send
you off properly.*

Jay Johnson - May 06, 2020 at 11:03 AM



Praying for you and your family.

Mary Dillon - May 06, 2020 at 12:17 PM



*You are still closed at heart momma reach out and touch your son
Donnie*

Diane anderson - October 30, 2022 at 03:26 AM

PK

“ To my nephews, Byron, Donny, George(Snooky), my extended family, Brenda, Betty, Tandy, and other family members, I was deeply saddened to hear of Julia's demise. She was my sister-in-law whom I loved dearly, and she will be greatly missed. She was so much fun to be around. May God bless each and everyone of you in your time of bereavement. Much love to all!!!

Peggy Kinnard - May 06, 2020 at 02:26 AM

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Our condolences in blessings and a kind word, our prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow. 🙏
Much love.

Johnny and Gudrun Dates

Johnny and Gudrun Dates - May 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ Peggy Kinnard lit a candle in memory of Julia Miller Williams



Peggy Kinnard - May 06, 2020 at 02:13 AM