

In Loving Memory



Jessie Mae Woodard

Sunrise: December 22, 1921 - Sunset: April 19, 2021

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:28-30

Public Viewing

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

5pm—7pm

Laurel Street church of Christ

1747 W. Laurel Street

San Antonio, TX 78201

*Live streamed service through Facebook with
Carter, Taylor, Williams Mortuary on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 11 a.m.*

Bro. Omah C. Smith, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Jessie Mae Miller was the fifth of six children born to Milton Miller and Ida Pettit Miller. She was born on December 22, 1921 in Greensville, Texas, a small community outside of Hallettsville in Lavaca County. She was affectionately known to her family as "Nell."

The Miller family moved often, following the crops. Their journey led them from Hallettsville to East Bernard, Texas. While living in East Bernard, the Miller family became good friends with the Edgar Woodard family. At age six, Jessie met Robert Lee Woodard, Sr., who would later become her husband of 74 years. Jessie and Robert moved to San Antonio, Texas where they raised four children while working in several business ventures to support their family. Jessie and Robert established a drycleaning and laundry store, Crystal White Cleaners, in 1949. Jessie served as counter clerk, but most people remember her for her sewing skills. Although Jessie did not finish her formal education, she earned a GED at a cap and gown ceremony at the age of 75.

Jessie and the entire Miller family were converted to the gospel by Bro. Eddie Cannon. She was baptized at the Laurel Street Church of Christ after the birth of her first child. She has been a member of Laurel Street since that time serving her congregation as hostess to visiting ministers, teacher for Sunday School, Ladies' Bible Class, and a sewing class, volunteer for the biannual Ladies' Day seminars, and wherever she could lend a hand. Jessie loved to sing and was a part of the Laurel Street singing group. At one time, she and her best friend, Elvia Mitchell Taylor, belonged to a citywide singing group named the Alamo Chorus. Jessie valued church attendance, and she attended until the pandemic made it unsafe for her to attend worship inside the building. Later, her health caused her church attendance to decline.

Jessie supported her children's educational pursuits and involved herself in their lives as Brownie Troup Leader, Room Mother, and as a member of the PTA. She and her husband expected excellence from their children.

Robert and his children were truly blessed to have had Jessie in their lives for the number of years she lived. She survived breast cancer twice, and never had a reoccurrence of the disease.

Jessie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Lee Woodard, Sr., her son Robert Lee Woodard, Jr, parents Milton and Ida Miller, brothers Floyd, Atilious and Fred, sisters Ed-die Miller Cunningham and Alice Miller Love.

She leaves to honor her memory, daughters Yuhunter Woodard, Vanessa Woodard, and Jelka Powers (Alford); granddaughters Renita Raven (Cedric) and Erin Powers; grandsons, Eric (Sibi), Phillip (Veronica), Bryce (Phyllisha), and Devon Powers; great grandchildren Cierra Raven, Evelyn, Eden, Aria and Briton Powers; sisters-in-law Mattie Miller and Cleo Woodard Thomas, her life-long friend, Elvia Taylor, a host of nieces and nephews, and her West Laurel Street Church family.

Program

Processional

Clergy, Pallbearers & Family

Prayer

Eric Powers

Selection

"Home of the Soul"

Amos Carpenter

Old Testament

Psalm 116:15

Alford Powers

New Testament

Revelation 3:20

Berdell Lindsey

Prayer

Phillip Powers

Selection

"Ill Be Listening"

Amos Carpenter

Family Tribute

Elvia Taylor
Cleo Woodard Thomas
Freddie Collins

Selection

"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"

Bryce Powers

Eulogy

Bro. Joseph C. Walsh, Jr.

"The Bright Side of a Dark Door" -Revelation 3:20; Psalm 116:15

Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Andrew Miller
Brant Miller
Bryce Powers
Eric Powers
Phillip Powers
Cedric Raven

Honorary Pallbearers

Senior Saints of Laurel Street church of Christ
Devon Powers

Acknowledgements

The family of Jessie Woodard is grateful for the outpouring of love shown to our mother/grandmother by the Laurel Street family. The members of this congregation always went out of their way to speak to her and help her in any way they could. We also extend special thanks to Dr. Paulette Bunton for being mom's "daughter" during each hospital admission and reporting to her "sisters" during hospital shut-downs due to covid restrictions. A special thanks is also extended to her nephew, and our cousin, MacHenry Bosier. Mac called his aunt all the time and made her laugh. And last, but not least, we thank her best friend, Elvia Taylor, who always called to check on her "baby".

Interment

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

May 18, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Services Entrusted to

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