

“A Mother Makes a Difference”

In so many lovely ways, in the echo of your wise advice
And gentle words of praise

In the memories we cherish from the childhood days we knew
In the many dreams and special plans you have helped us to pursue
In the sense of family closeness and belonging that you have given
In the beautiful example of the caring life you lived

A mother makes a difference.

In the way you have loved us so, in ways that others see
And ways that only we can know
For all the ways you're special
For the joys we have shared and the love you gave
For the memories you have made and the pride you have brought
We thank you.

With Love and Appreciation,
Your Family

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*
PROVERBS 3:5-6

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Mildred “Kay” Miller, thank you for caring and sharing during this difficult time. Mere words are inadequate to express our gratitude for all that you have done. We saw all of this as acts of God's love through you. May God bless you, one and all.

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IN LOVING MEMORY



Mildred “Kay” Miller

A BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING

OCTOBER 11, 1954

HEAVENLY GAIN

MAY 5, 2026

*She was a loving daughter, mother,
grandmother and great grandmother,
aunt, cousin and friend.*

*Her love, kindness and strength
touched many lives and will continue
to live on in our hearts forever.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LAWDALE
129 DOUGLAS STREET
LAWDALE, NORTH CAROLINA 28090

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
3:30 PM

Rev. Chad Roseboro, Pastor
Rev. Vincent Dawkins, Officiating

MOMENTS OF SHARING

Prelude
 Processional
 Receiving of Friends.....3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Vincent Dawkins, Officiating

Congregational HymnCongregation
 Scripture Reading.....Rev. Vincent Dawkin
Psalms 23 and Proverbs 3:5-6
 Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Harold Sims
 SelectionMrs. Kristie Littlejohn
 Remarks (Two Minutes)..... Mrs. Vickie Bowen
Walmart DC Team
 Acknowledgements
 Reading of Obituary.....Silently
 SelectionMrs. Kristie Littlejohn
 Words of Comfort.....Rev. Vincent Dawkins
 Recessional SelectionMrs. Kristie Littlejohn

Interment

Lawndale First Baptist Church Cemetery
 Lawndale, North Carolina

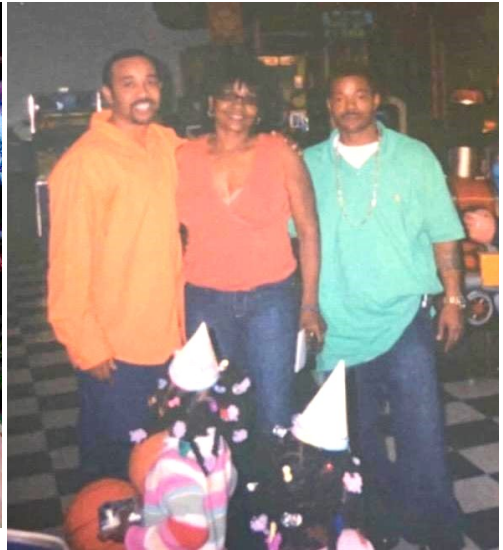
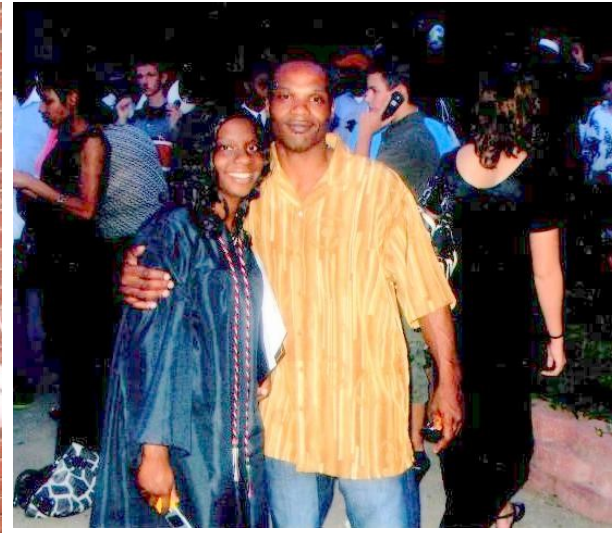
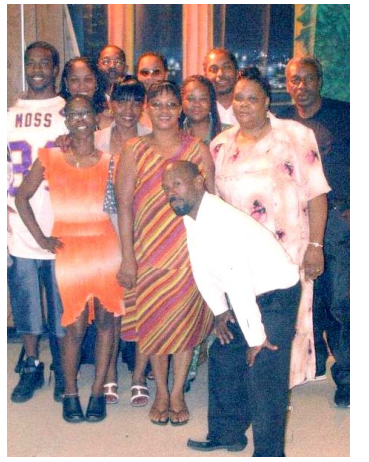
Flower Bearers

Mae Jackson Tomika Shell Ashley Hogue
 Christina Battle Coleman Betsy Williams Aaliyah Miller

Pall Bearers

Michael Mills Mark Catlin Steven Hoskins, III
 Tywan Sims Markeith Surratt Michael Surratt





A BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING

On October 11, 1954, Mildred “Kay” Miller was born in Lawndale, North Carolina, to the late Matthew Henry Sims and Helen Johnson Sims. Affectionately known to everyone simply as “Kay,” she was one of five children and lovingly became known as the second mother of the Johnson-Sims tribe. Kay was also preceded in death by two sisters, Teresa Sims and Beverly Sims and a niece, Brooke Kee.

From the very beginning, Kay had a spirit that made people feel safe, loved, and cared for. She was strong, nurturing, and carried a warmth that naturally brought people together. Her love for nature included gardening and growing indoor house plants, especially blooming flowers.

A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

Like her mother before her, Kay accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a young age. Through every season of life, the highs, the lows, the victories, and the hardships, she never lost her faith in God.

Even during difficult moments, Kay trusted God completely. Her faith grounded her, strengthened her, and carried her through life with grace and resilience.

EDUCATION and EARLY YEARS

Kay was educated in the Cleveland County School District and proudly graduated from Burns High School. She later attended Cleveland Technical College, where she earned her Teacher’s Assistant certification.

A LIFE OF STRENGTH and SACRIFICE

Kay was a strong woman in every sense of the word, a fighter, a provider, and someone with a heart for people. She was never loud or boastful, but she carried herself with confidence, wisdom, and quiet strength.

If someone needed help and Kay could help them, she did. That was simply who she was. She loved deeply, gave freely, and showed up for the people she cared about time and time again.

A MOTHER’S LOVE

Her children, grand children, and great grandchildren were her heart. Kay endured many sacrifices and challenges to make sure they had what they needed and often fought hard to give them the things they wanted too.

Even when life was difficult, her love never changed. Her children didn’t just hear her love; they felt it through her sacrifices, her protection, her support, and the countless ways she showed up for them every single day.

DEDICATED WORK ETHIC

Kay believed in hard work and taking pride in what she did. She held several jobs throughout her life, but two of her most notable journeys were at Polygram (PMDC) and Walmart.

She worked at Polygram (PMDC) for more than 20 years and became known for her unmatched dedication. Kay was often the first person in and the last person to leave, setting an example through her consistency and commitment.

After Polygram closed, Kay began working at Walmart Distribution Center, where she remained for over 15 years. She continued working right up until the Lord called her home, a true reflection of her strength, discipline, and determination.

At work, Kay was known as a straight shooter. She was honest, real, respected, and never afraid to speak the truth. Though she often talked about retirement, those closest to her knew she truly enjoyed the relationships and connections she built over the years.

GRACE, STYLE and CONFIDENCE

Kay loved to look good and carried herself with pride and confidence. She was a well-kept woman and no matter what life threw her way, she showed up polished, smiling, and standing tall.

Behind that smile were many personal trials, but Kay never allowed them to take away her light.

A HEART FOR FAMILY and FELLOWSHIP

Kay loved family. She loved laughter. She loved gathering together, talking, reminiscing, and enjoying life with the people she cared about most.

She was truly a connector of people and played a major role in helping keep the Johnson and Sims families connected throughout the years. Kay carried family stories, history, and memories with pride, and the stories she shared are now treasured memories her family will hold onto forever.

She had a way of making people feel welcomed, comfortable, and connected. Her presence brought warmth to every room she entered.

“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.” Proverbs 31:20

CHERISHED FAMILY & LEGACY

On May 5, 2026, God saw fit for Kay to rest from her labor, leaving behind to cherish her precious memories and to continue her legacy through her five jewels: Corry Miller (Rhonda Kaye Miller) of McDonough, GA, Christopher Miller of Shelby, NC, Dyshena Miller of Virginia Beach, VA, Terry Lee Miller Jr. and Levi Miller both of Shelby; brother Michael Sims of Lawndale, NC; sister, Vicky Sims of Charlotte, NC; and ex-husband, Terry Lee Miller, Sr. of Asheville, NC. She also leaves behind 27 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, her devoted best friend Betsy Williams, her special friend, Floyd Brooks, and her beloved godson, Kinyon McClain, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones who will forever cherish her love and memory.

LEGACY OF LOVE

Kay’s life was filled with love, strength, sacrifice, faith, laughter, and resilience. Though her physical presence will be deeply missed, the impact she made on the lives of those around her will continue for generations to come.

To know Kay was to experience honesty, warmth, love, and strength all at once, and those who loved her will carry her spirit with them forever.

