



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace  
at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's tough.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me to now; He set me free.



## *Acknowledgements*

With heartfelt humility and grateful hearts, the family of the late Edna Mae Miller Ellis sincerely appreciate the warm outpouring of love, sympathy and condolences expressed by our friends and family during our love one's illness and death. Your demonstrations of love have filled and lifted our hearts. Please continue to remember us daily in your prayers



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# Home Going Celebration *Ms. Edna Mae Miller Ellis*

Sunrise January 8, 1955 - Sunset January 1, 2026



Friday  
January 9, 2026  
12:00 pm

Piney Ridge CME Church  
4421 Hudlow Road  
Union Mills, North Carolina 28167  
Rev. Jacob Teasdel, Pastor

# Honoring the Life of a Beautiful Soul

Ms. Edna Mae “May Bo” Miller Ellis, 70, of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026, in her hometown. Born on January 8, 1955, in Rutherfordton NC, she lived a life grounded in love, faith, and devotion to those around her.

Edna was the daughter of Daisy G. Miller Michael and Ed Gray. She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter Veronica Yvette Miller Bowie; her parents; grandparents Louanna and Jacob “Dud” Miller and Mattie and Pearson “Dad” Gray; and sisters Dorothy Miller Swepson and Lisa Miller.

A proud graduate of R.S. Central High School, Edna built a career in the garment industry, crafting men’s suits for Jos A. Bank and Doncaster Tanner. Her meticulous attention to detail and pride in her work were evident in every stitch.

An active member of Piney Ridge CME Church, Edna found strength in her faith. Her favorite scripture was John 3:16.

Edna’s family was the heart of her world. She was a devoted grandmother to Caleb and Cedric Bowie and great-grandmother to Caylen Bowie of Forest City, NC. Her son-in-law Anthony Bowie and bonus daughter Brandy Crisp held special places in her life. She shared deep bonds with her siblings: Charles (Jacqueline) Michael of Spindale, NC; Christopher Michael of Charlotte, NC; Spencer (Etta) Gray of Stockbridge, GA; Juanita (Herbert) Jackson and Barbara (Connell) Littlejohn of Rutherfordton, NC; and Michelle (Rodney) Ramsey of Severn, MD. She also cherished her sister/cousins Gwen (Ronald) Logan of Lake Lure, NC.

She leaves behind beloved aunts Hattie (Joe) Dewberry of Henrietta, NC, and Celeste (Karl) Wasser of Forest City, NC, along with a host of nieces and nephews.

May the memory of Edna Mae “May Bo” Miller Ellis bring comfort to all who knew and loved her.



# Order of Service

Rev. Jacob Teasdel, Officiating

Prelude

Processional

Opening.....Rev. Jacob Teasdel

Hymn..... “Yes God Is Real”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament .....Psalms 23.....Rev. Leroy Kelly

New Testament .....1 Thessalonian 4:13-18.....Rev. William Scott

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Keith Lipsey

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement / Remarks / Obituary .....Doris Crute

Musical Selection

Eulogy .....Rev. Dr. Carolyn Dewberry

Recessional

## Interment

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## Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

## Pall Bearers

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## Honorary Pall Bearers

James Miller  
Charles Simpson  
Theron Twitty