

<u>Obituary</u>

On December 28, 1941 in Newark, New Jersey, Lester Edward Miller and Florence Evelyn Gaines Miller was blessed with a beautiful baby girl whom they named *Glenda Evelyn Miller*. *She* departed this life as she reached out for the hands of her *Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ*, on the afternoon of July 16, 2010.

As the only girl she was the apple not only of her parent's eyes but also her three big brothers. *Glenda* received her education in the Newark Public School system attending Webster Street School, Broadway Jr. High School (*she was a part of the first graduating class from Broadway Jr. High*) and Barringer High School.

In her youth **Glenda** attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church. As a teenager she was baptized at Mt. Zion under the Pastorate of Rev. Burke. In 1965, she was blessed by the birth of her only son, Scott Anthony Miller. In 1975, *Glenda* met the love of her life, John William Cook, Jr. and they were united in Holy Matrimony on December 19, 1981. To this union was born one daughter, Tara Yvette Cook.

Glenda Cook united with the Second Baptist Church of Belleville, New Jersey under the Pastorate of Rev. Lucius Williams in 1980. She was a member of the Christian Education Committee where she served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher. She also served as a member of the Gospel and Combined Choirs; the Pastor's Aide Ministry, the Missionary Ministry (where she faithfully held the office of President for the past several years), the Church Anniversary Committee, the Second Baptist Evening Bible Study and Prayer Group and the Sister's Sharing Ministry. She was also a devotional leader. Glenda was ordained with her husband, John, as a Deaconess in 2008.

Glenda was employed as a Military Traffic Control Manager at the Naval Supply Center in Bayonne, New Jersey. During many years of her employment the name was changed to the Military Ocean Terminal from which she retired in 1991. *She* was also employed by Crossroads of Life Christian Bookstore in Hillside, NJ. Later she worked with her husband in the family business, J&T Caterers of Newark, NJ as a Kitchen Supervisor at the Tecumseh Salvation Army Summer Camp.

Glenda was preceded in death by her parents. She leaves to mourn but cherish her memory: her beloved, devoted husband, Deacon John W. Cook, Jr.; a dear son, Scott Anthony Miller (Michele) of Framingham, MA; a darling daughter, Tara, Yvette Cook of Newark, NJ; her step-children, John W. Cook, III and Rosalind Cook of East Orange, NJ, Sonserae Felder (Andre) of Atlanta, GA; Johnetta Seagle of Newark, NJ and Katina Thurman of Sarasota, FL; three loving brothers, Lester Miller (Margie), Gary Miller (Geraldine) and Steven Miller (Fatima); a sister-in-law, Arlene Sherode (Steven) of Wendell, NC; eleven adoring grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends; the Missionary Ministry, Sister's Sharing Ministry and the Second Baptist Church family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 121/Isaiah 54:17 Shirley Harris New Testament - John 14:1-6 Evangelist Mary Seagle Acknowledgements/Condolences Remarks (please limit to 2 minutes) Poem by Granddaughter, Rochelle Seagle Obituary Selection Sis. Bobbi Walston/Minister Calvin Blount Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery Union, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Family Members and Friends

Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at: VFW Post • 612 Mill St. • Belleville, NJ

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand

He said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But as I turned and walked away a tear fell from my eye, For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad.
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, juste even for a while,

I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realize that this could never be,

For emptiness and memories would take the place of me. When I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heavens gates, I felt so much at home!

God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne.

He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you."

Today your life on earth is passed, but here it starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last,

And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful so trusting as so true
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't have.
You have been forgiven and now at last you're free

So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me."
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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