

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Mother Eva Milligan*



*Sunrise*

February 10, 1912

*Sunset*

August 22, 2014

Friday, August 29, 2014 - 10:00 am

**Mt. Moriah Baptist Church**

24 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Linden, New Jersey

Rev. Ronald A. Green, Sr., Pastor

## *Life Reflections*

**Eva Milligan** was born on February 10, 1912 in Colleton County Township of Bells in Ruffin, South Carolina, daughter of Bertha Atkinson Adams and Zena Adams. In 1924, Eva's family relocated to Mt. Union, Pennsylvania. They remained there until 1927, when they moved to Linden, New Jersey.

While living in Linden, she met the love of her life, Raymond Thomas Milligan. They were joined in holy matrimony and this union was blessed with seven children, Ruth, Edward, Rose, Richard, Raymond, Jr., Dennis and Jackie. Eva and Raymond would raise and educate their family in Linden and remained residents there until they both passed away.

Mother Milligan had been active in the Linden community throughout her life. She was active with the Boy Scouts of America and in her church. She was one of the founders of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Linden where she served on the Usher Board for many years. She was recently honored by being named Mother of the Church and on Sunday, September 15, 2013, she was acknowledged as being the oldest member of the church.

Although Eva had been employed on a few short term jobs outside of the home, she enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her family the most.

In 1980, Eva lost her eyesight due to glaucoma. Despite her handicap, she managed to care for herself in her home. Two of her favorite past times were talking on the phone with her friends and relatives and listening to her favorite baseball team, the New York Yankees on the radio.

Last year at the family reunion in Columbia, South Carolina, she was acknowledged as the oldest living member of the Adams Family.

Mother Eva Milligan departed this life on Friday, August 22, 2014 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 102. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Raymond Milligan in 1991 and 3 children, Raymond, Jr., Dennis and Jackie.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, 4 children, Ruth Bell of New York, NY, Edward Milligan (Joann) of Delaware, Rose Weeks of Plainfield, NJ and Richard Milligan (Suzie) of Linden, NJ; 3 half-sisters, Virginia Hosey, Mozelle Chisholm and Ruth Britt; 16 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

*Order Of Service*

Processional

Organ Prelude

A Parting View

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Mother Milligan's Favorite Hymn ..... "At The Cross"

Eulogy..... Rev. Ronald A. Green

Recessional



**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## *Eva and Raymond Together Again*

### Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Mother Eva Milligan**

### *Beyond Life's Gateway*

There's an open gate at the end of the road  
Through which each must go alone,  
And there in a light we cannot see  
Our Father claims His own,  
Beyond this gate, your love one  
Finds happiness and rest,  
And there is comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knows best.  
May God who calls our dear ones home  
And grants them peace and rest,  
Give us the strength and faith to say  
That He indeed knows best.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mother Eva Milligan** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement.

We will always keep you in our prayers.

May God continue to richly bless you.

