



## Rev. Elmer R. Miller Jr.

February 23, 1950 - August 24, 2021

### Journey of Life

On Tuesday, August 24, 2021 God dispatched his angels to Baltimore, MD with instructions to gently wrap Rev. Elmer Raymond Miller, Jr. in their wings and bring him safely home. He quietly spoke to Elmer saying, "...Sleep on now and take your rest." Matthew 26:45

Elmer R. Miller, Jr., eldest son of the late Elmer R. Miller, Sr. and Edna L. Miller, was born February 23, 1950 in Glen Arm, Maryland.

Elmer, educated in the Baltimore County Public School system, graduated from Perry Hall High School in 1970, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Morgan State University in 1974, and furthered his education at Johns Hopkins University. He was an educator in Baltimore County for more than 25 years and was very much loved by his students and colleagues. After retiring from BCPS, Elmer worked as a Neighborhood Navigator for the Men and Families Center where he addressed the diverse needs of the men, women, and families in the community and provided holistic solutions to assist them in becoming self-sustaining. This work was ministry to Elmer.

While attending Morgan State University, Elmer met the love and life of his life, Brenda Johnson. After dating for four years, he asked her parents for her

hand in marriage. Brenda and Elmer were married June 25, 1977 and celebrated 44 years. From this union, God blessed them with Sean.

Elmer was born into a strong Christian family and accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal savior at an early age. He was a lifetime member of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church on Manor Rd. in Glen Arm, MD. There, and everywhere he went, he served the Lord with his whole heart doing whatever good he could. He was called to the ministry and in the 1980's and was ordained. Rev. Miller fervently preached the word of God in season and out of season, compelling souls to come to Christ. He was a doer of the word and put into action the words of Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." At Mt. Zion, Rev. Miller served wherever needed, including but not limited to co-pastor, steward, worship leader, choir president, missionary society, health guru, and head of men's ministry. Rev. Miller did all to the glory of God.

Elmer comes from a singing family and learned to sing as he learned to talk. At an early age, he and his brothers would sing at home and at church. Elmer, his brothers and brother-in-law Zack, formed The Pilgrim Crusaders and traveled to minister God's gospel and praises in song. Elmer loved quarter music and enjoyed attending programs featuring artists such as the Jackson Southernaires and the Brooklyn All-Stars. On Father's Day of this year, Sean blessed Elmer with tickets to attend a concert featuring one of his favorite quartets, Harvey Watkins, Jr. the Canton Spirituals. He was overwhelmed and filled with joy that day as together they had a wonderful father and son time.

Elmer was a man of many interests, an avid bowler who won many trophies and awards. He enjoyed competing and relished demolishing the other teams in league play. His average was 185 with a high game of 297. Elmer also enjoyed classic cars; his pride and joy was a souped-up bright orange 1970 Plymouth Road Runner with mag wheels and took pride in cruising around

town with Brenda. Elmer's collection of over 100 model cars which he painstakingly assembled is evident of his love for cars. One of his many pleasures was sitting on the front porch and conversing with neighbors.

Elmer was preceded in death by his brother Phillip.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Brenda; the apple of his eye, son: Sean and daughter-in-law, Linda Johnson Drumwright, Joyce Johnson Bowers; four aunts: Blanche Harvey, Betty Nolan, Ruth Miller, Gertrude Miller; one uncle-in-law, Monroe Smith, Jr.; a devoted cousin: John Miller (Nancy); nieces and nephews: Michele (Willie), Tammy (Tony), Tonya (Carnell), Marsha, Christopher, India (Edward), Phillip, Stanley, Keyon, Stacey, Erika (Albert), Mika (Pierre), Tameka, Angelique (David); a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, cousins, god-children, many other relatives and friends and his beloved 6:00 a.m. prayer warriors, the Men of Valor.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church Cemetery

12728 Manor Road  
Glen Arm, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing (All are welcome to attend)

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

SEP 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Paradise Christian Center  
2900 E. Oliver St.  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Rev. Elmer R. Miller Jr.,  
Please Click the Link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - August 30, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Rev. Elmer R. Miller Jr.*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

*Rev. Elmer Miller, a true man of God, will surely be missed. Positive, sincere, steady, patient, kind, loving and responsible are but a few words to describe this man. He never missed an opportunity to lift the name of Jesus. Indeed, he created opportunities to share the love of Jesus. He, alongside wife Brenda, worshipped God with his life. To God be the Glory! Brenda, Sean and family, God will continue to sustain and uplift you. With much love, Shirley Faulcon (Longtime family friend and member of Christ United Methodist Church)*

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**Shirley Faulcon** - September 05, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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“ *To the Miller Family*

*I light this candle in memory of your loved one. Sending heartfelt condolences and lifting you up in prayer.*

*Peace and Blessings,  
Denise Fitzgerald*



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**Denise Fitzgerald** - September 04, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Ronald Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Elmer R. Miller Jr.*



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**Ronald Taylor** - September 03, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ *Reverend Elmer Miller loved the Lord. He always had an encouraging word for anyone who spoke to him. When sickness or trouble visited you or your family, Reverend Miller was always so positive and always quoted a scripture that uplifted your spirits and made you realize God's amazing love and grace. REST IN PARADISE Reverend Elmer Miller. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED! Praying for the families' peace and comfort during this difficult time. IN JESUS POWERFUL AND MARVELOUS NAME!*

*Muriel, Ronald and Kristen Taylor*

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**Ronald Taylor** - September 03, 2021 at 07:57 AM

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“ *It was such a pleasure to work with Elmer at Grange Elementary. I remember the fun times working with Elmer on films written by students. He enjoyed doing these projects which won many awards, May the Lord watch over your Family during these hard times. May he rest in Peace!  
In Christ,  
William "Skip" Osbourn*

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**William Osbourn** - September 01, 2021 at 10:55 PM

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“ *May the God of Peace and the Peace of God be with you during this difficult time.*



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**Ursula Hawkins** - August 31, 2021 at 06:32 PM

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“ Prayers lifted for Sis. Brenda Miller, nephew Stanley and son Shawn. Rev. Miller aka Son of Thunder is a giant of a man. His exuberance and excitement only paled in comparison to his love for our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ. Son of Thunder rarely discussed any of his personal challenges. He always expressed his continued hope in the Lord. He was always thoughtful and present. During his mother's Homegoing in May, he made sure that I was ok as well as introducing me to his family members. He was present to serve. Thanks for showing me how and why, Son of Thunder. Your love, life and legacy points to Jesus the Living Christ. Rest well, my Friend.

*Pastor Otis Wilson, Sr.  
Christlike Ministries: Church Without Walls 2  
Men's Daily Prayer Line*

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**O. Wilson** - August 31, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

*1 Peter 5:10*

*Praise God for the blessing of being in the presence of this great man.*

*Andre - Huddle Prayer Line.*

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**Andre Joyner** - August 31, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face,  
There to sing forever of His saving grace;  
On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice;  
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.*

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**Michael Gibbs Sr.** - August 31, 2021 at 07:48 AM

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“ *Praying God’s comfort for you and your family.  
James and Dorothy Oliver*

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**Dorothy Oliver** - August 30, 2021 at 04:48 PM

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**Dorothy Oliver** - August 30, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 27, 2021 at 10:45 AM