



## Francell Miles

February 2, 1923 - November 7, 2015

FRANCELL MILES, son of the late Alexander Miles and Cora Lee Blanton Miles was born on February 2, 1923 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Affectionately known as “Froggie.” he was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. While he only received a 7th grade education, Francell served his country, worked hard, created a successful life for his family and later went on to receive his GED. Francell served in the United States Army during World War II, working in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. In the military he earned several citations, that included the “World War II Victory Ribbon” and was honorably discharged in December of 1945. Following his military service, he was employed with the Baltimore City Housing Authority and earned several professional certifications. He received paperhanging, painting and decorating certificates from the Maryland Vocational School in 1950, a bricklaying diploma from the Maryland School of Building Trades in 1951, and numerous service awards from the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency during his 44 year tenure. He married his first wife, Marie Scott, in 1941 and fathered one son, Francell A. Miles, from that union. After his young wife's untimely death, Francell met and married the late Melanie Jane Holmes in May of 1950. From this union, Melanie Patricia Miles was born and Paul Holmes gained a loving and supportive father. Francell loved his family and taught them the value of hard work.

Froggie was the life of the party. Always the first to the dance floor, and most often the last. Everyone would anxiously await his famous “split” at every party. Fun-loving and family oriented, Francell relished the time he spent in celebration with his loved ones. He also enjoyed , and excelled, at playing softball. His favorite after retirement past time were frequent trips to Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia casinos.

He was preceded in death by his wife Melanie Jane Miles and six of this brothers and sisters: Elwood Miles, Anna Hayes, Pearline Dukes, James Miles, Roosevelt Miles and George Miles.

He leaves to mourn; one brother, Clarence Miles; two sons, Paul A. Holmes and Francell A. Miles (North Carolina); his daughter, Melanie P. Johnson; one daughter-in-law, Linda Mitchell-Holmes; four grandchildren, Briana Holmes Penny and Ebony Holmes (Maryland) , Francell Lamont Miles and Francis A. Miles (North Carolina); three great-granddaughters, one great-great-grandson, a special friend, Janet Morse; and a hosts of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

NOV 16. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Family Hour

NOV 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

NOV 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Francell Miles*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *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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