



Pheirthine Miller-Sanders

July 29, 1927 - January 15, 2021

The beloved Pheirthine Miller Sanders, 93, of Muskogee, passed away peacefully Friday, January 15, 2021. She was born July 29, 1927, in Braggs, to Ralph and Emma Hayes.

Pheirthine's life was a World War II love story and in 1946 she married, Richard Miller, a soldier from Pennsylvania. They made their home in Pennsylvania where she was embraced by the very large "Miller" family and she was welcomed into their circle. The young couple lost no time growing a family of three daughters and a son by 1951. The little family needed room to grow. Pheirthine and Richard shared the love of gardening and raising animals, so in 1953 it was "Oklahoma here we come".

Pheirthine always made time for God by hiding away at the barn, or pasture, or by a rock on the hill behind the house, to talk to Jesus and pour out her heart in prayer for all those she loved. There were even times when she had to resort to locking her bedroom door to pray. When it came to talking to God, she was not shy but rather loud. She took her children to church every Sunday, and many times, collected other children that wanted to attend Sunday School. Her dedication to God was in addition to completing her daily tasks such as: sewing her children's clothes, cooking, and cleaning. She did laundry outdoors with a ringer washing machine and hung it on a clothes line. She ironed clothes, milked cows (so she could sell the cream), raised a garden, canned vegetables, and numerous other tasks required of a homemaker back then. She did all this with joy and taught her children, by

example, by not complaining but rather by making their chores into fun. That way, the job got finished faster and was enjoyable.

Shortly after the death of her husband Richard Miller in 1980, she moved to Arizona where she did mission work. In 1984, she met and later married Reverend Lewis Sanders whose family loved and welcomed her with open arms. Following her marriage, she became an Ordained Minister of the Gospel in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Later, she earned her Bachelor then Master of Theology Degree. Together, Pheirthine and Lewis continued God's work as Western Indian Missions until Lewis' death in 1991 when she alone continued the work.

She returned to Muskogee in 1999 where she pastored Sharing Ministries Church until she retired, due to failing health, in 2013. She loved her Lord Jesus and had a heart full of love for everyone she met. Her calling and primary focus was ministering to children and teaching them about the love of Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Emma Hayes; husbands, Richard Miller and Rev. Lewis Sanders; sister, Irene Lacey; brother, George Hayes; son-in-law, Charles Ayers; grand-daughter, Jana Kay Squirrel; grand-son, Mark Capps; and her baby girl, Kathy Capps.

She is survived by her sister, Wanda Jean Holloway; children, Wanda Kay (Ronald) Ayers, Janice (Kenneth) Ayers-Burnes, Richard (Brenda) Miller; and son-in-law Buddy Capps; grandchildren; Ralph Ayers, Wanefield Miller, Cindy (Spencer) Keys, Paul (Keana) Ayers, Rebecca (Zachery) Munzenrider, Melisa (Mike) Robinson, Charlie (Robbie) Ayers, Brett (Stacy) Miller, and Rick Miller; also, many great and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews. and friends. Pheirthine's life will be celebrated at 2PM, Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Adrian Totty officiating, being assisted by Cindy Keys, Ali Munzenrider, and Judi Sanders-Callison.

Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Ralph Ayers, Wanefield Miller, Paul Ayers, Charlie Ayers, Brett Miller, Ricky Miller, Jace Squirrel, Brent Keys, Buddy Capps, Spencer Keys, Zach Munzenrider, and Bryce Ayers serving as

pallbearers.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Pheirthine Miller-Sanders*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *When she still lived in the "city" we talked weekly, maybe on Sunday evenings. We would talked for at least a hour or more. She was such a pleasure. This did not continue after she moved but I have no idea why. We still talked occasionally. She was a wonderful lady!*

Darlene Miller - February 17, 2021 at 12:55 PM



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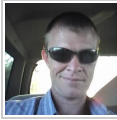


Melody Metnick - January 20, 2021 at 07:51 PM

JS

*What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived for the Lord. Love you Aunt Pheirthine❤️
Phyllis and Jim Schucolsky*

Jim and Phyllis Schucolsky - January 21, 2021 at 01:07 PM



I am Clifford Holloway 2nd, I as well of all of us will miss and cherish all of the awesome times that we had. love you so much aunt Pheirthine.

Clifford Holloway - February 05, 2021 at 01:11 AM

CE

“ *Rembering a beautiful Christian lady through her children and grandchildren-Kathy,Jana,Becky,Charlie,Ralph andPaul.She was a great example to follow.In loving memory,Carol Edmonds*

carol edmonds - January 20, 2021 at 04:09 PM

AE

“ *and Love, David, Stephanie, Tim and Hannah Edgmon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pheirthine Miller-Sanders.*



and Love, David, Stephanie, Tim and Hannah Edgmon -
January 20, 2021 at 11:07 AM

TP

“ *I loved going to her home. She always made me feel welcome. She was a wonderful aunt. Love to her family*

Theresa Paris - January 20, 2021 at 10:38 AM

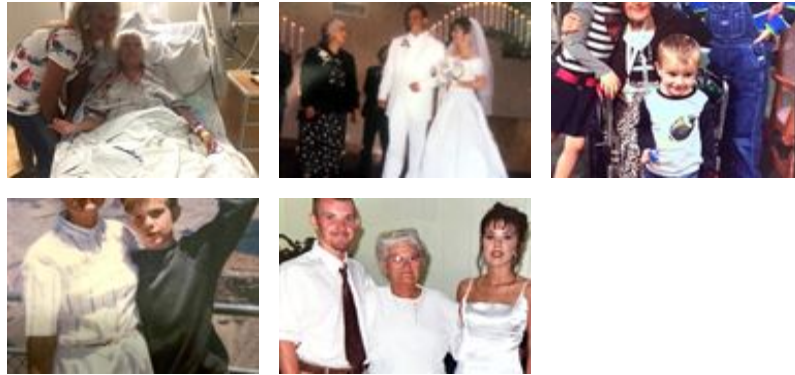


“ I have great memories of going out to Pheirthine’s house with my grandma and grandpa. I remember playing with my cousin Jana-Kay at their home. Love to you all. She will be greatly missed.

Jenifer Paris - January 20, 2021 at 10:14 AM



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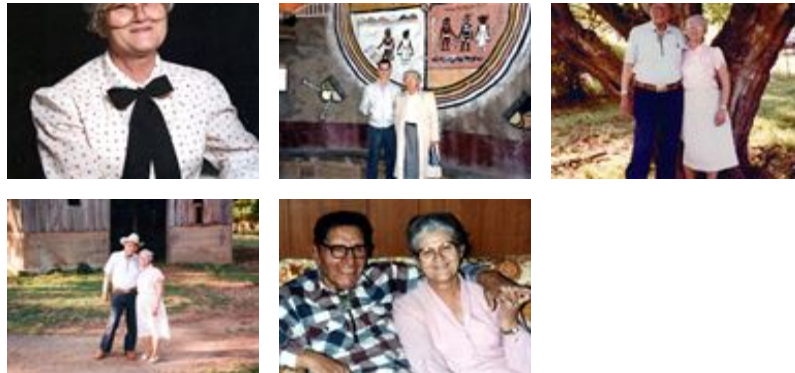


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MN

“ What a wonderful tribute to a wonderful Godly woman. Many good memories we share with your family. I know she and Mom were very close friends for many years. God Bless and comfort you all. Myrna Smith New

MyrnaSmith New - January 19, 2021 at 09:03 AM

JA

“ Jami Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pheirthine Miller-Sanders



Jami Anderson - January 16, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ She was a very sweet and caring person and will greatly be missed by all the employees and residents. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jayne Morriss - January 16, 2021 at 08:48 AM