



## Millie Cox Merchant

May 24, 1928 - February 5, 2022

Millie Cox Merchant was born on May 24, 1928 in Clarksburg, WV.

On February 5, 2022 at the age of 93, surrounded by family, God called her home as she peacefully slept. She was the 9th child of 10 children born to the late Matilda Johnson Cox, widow of Wade Cox.

Millie was a 1946 graduate of Kelly Miller High School, was third in her senior class. After being a stay at home Mom with her first 4 children she attended Fairmont State College pursuing and earning a BS in Nursing and was offered a position as a pediatric assistant for Dr(s) Hall & Marks. After working 13 years here, she accepted a position at United Hospital Center working in the departments of Obstetrics/Labor & Delivery, Neo-Natal and Patient Care. While working 17 years at UHC, she went back to Fairmont State College and earned her BA degree with a minor in psychology in 1985. During her employment at UHC she had the honor of being named "Nurse of the Month" and in later years presented a plaque in "Recognition & Appreciation of Dedicated Service at UHC". She retired from UHC after 30 years of service. Millie was the first black to serve on the Board of Directors for Family Services of Harrison and Marion Counties in Clarksburg, WV. She worked 3 years giving play therapy to troubled children from broken homes. She served as a member on the Board of Directors for the Black Heritage Festival. In addition, she served as a long standing member in the IBPOE WV State Elks Association, Tri-State Council and Monongahela Valley Past Daughter Ruler

Council of WV. She was also a member in the health department of the IBPOE of the World as Directress of the Purple Cross Nurses. In 2009, she was placed in the WV All Black Schools Sports & Academic Hall of Fame. And In 2014, she was inducted in to the Kelly Miller Hall of Fame in Clarksburg, WV.

She grew up as a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she served at a young age as secretary of Sunday school. In later years as Sunday school teacher, president of the senior choir and a member of the usher board. When she moved to Columbus, OH three years ago, she enjoyed attending services at Vineyard Columbus.

Millie was the widow of the late James Merchant, Sr., a Clarksburg area educator and local Art Center President. He passed away in 1988. She is also preceded in death by son Derek Merchant (in 2006), and 3 infant grandchildren. She leaves behind 5 adult children: Pheon (David) Gardner of Columbus, OH; Kevin "Dave" (Chris) Merchant of St Albans, WV; James (Melinda) Merchant, Jr. of Columbus, OH; Linel Merchant of Clarksburg, WV; and Thea Merchant of Columbus, OH. She served as guardian to two of her late sister's children Michael (Penny) Cox of Columbus, OH; Robin (Fred) Satterfield of Clarksburg, WV. She has 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Service to be held at 11am on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Bridgeport Conference Center – Charles Pointe, 300 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vineyard Columbus  
6000 Cooper Rd.  
Westerville, OH 43081

## Memorial Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bridgeport Conference Center - Charles Pointe  
300 Conference Center Way  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

# Tribute Wall

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“ James, I am so sorry to see of your Mothers passing ..... May the Souls of the Faithfully Departed, through the Mercy of God rest in Peace, Amen..... I will never forget the Kindness of your Heart when you extended Sympathy to Myself and my Family when I lost my Mother and Father within a year of each other while working for you at the Gahanna Bob Evans... Your personal visit to both of their Prayer Services meant the World to me. That is one example of the High Esteem I hold for you! ..... It's been a Blessing for knowing you for the last 41 years. God Bless you and your Family, James.



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**Bob Lynch** - March 24, 2022 at 02:23 PM

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“ My Deepest Sympathy. I met Mrs. Millie at the MZMBC Clarksburg, WV. She was a remarkable woman.



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**Luvina Cuthbert** - March 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Millie Cox Merchant.



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March 02, 2022 at 11:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Millie Cox Merchant.*



March 02, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Aunt Millie was truly one of a kind always wanted to help out if she could I can remember so many times heaven gained a beautiful soul. Who is up there playing bingo and making sure all the babies are taken care of. Rest easy aunt Millie you are missed and love so much say hey to my dad*

**Nikita Martin** - March 01, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Millie Cox Merchant.*



March 01, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *My family lived next door to her... We moved to NY when I was going to the 3rd grade...*

*Marva*

**Marva** - March 01, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Millie Cox Merchant.*



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March 01, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *Millie was my nurse at Dr. Marks and Hall's office. I had alot of health issues when I was a child.. Not only was she my favorite nurse, she was the only nurse I would let touch me.. If Millie was not there.. I was not having nobody else ! Then !! She and her wonderful husband moved into our neighbor hood.. Where are friendship grew, When I lost my mom, Millie was my other mother.. I really enjoyed are long talks and I loved to make special treats to send to her. She will always be my favorite person.. Ever since I was a child, I knew she was Special.. Rest In Peace Millie.. I love you.. Rosann*

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**Rosann** - March 01, 2022 at 09:04 AM