

Celebrating Love: Ollie Pearl Myles

PROCESSIONAL

"We are Soldiers" by James Cleveland

INVOCATION

Old Testament

1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His **love** endures **forever**."

New Testament

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

"**Love** is patient, **love** is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **Love** does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **Love never fails.**"

SELECTION

"Always" by James Cleveland sung by Cynthia Williamson

RESOLUTIONS

THE STORY OF LOVE

Reading of the Obituary

Rev. Lawrence Kirk

Video Presentation

SELECTION

"My Soul Has been Anchored" sung by Pastor Hersey Hammons

EULOGY

Pastor M.L. Jemison

RECESSIONAL

"Everything will be Alright" by James Cleveland

PALLBEARER

William H. Myles, III
Reverend Michael H. Myles
Reverend Rickey M. Thomas, Sr.
Michael O. Myles
Reverend Rickey M. Thomas II
Kendrick E. Thomas
Shawn Myles

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Willie Byrd
Tony Snyder
J. C. Clark
John Daniel
Reverend Norman Barber

FLOWER BEARER

Bernice Myles
Wilhelmina Brown
Thelma Joyce Myles-Azora
Yolanda J. Thomas
Mykhael Myles
Sonya Blackwell

HONORARY FLOWER BEARER

Mildren Jene Moore
Karen Ballard
Gwendolyn Johnson
Deloras Snyder
Marsha Clark
Jackie Davis
Rosemary Gordon
Opal Floyd
Annette Barber

INTERMENT

Fort Sill National Cemetery
2648 NE Jake Dunn Rd
Elgin, OK 73538

Celebrating Love

Mrs. Ollie Pearl Myles

JUNE 4, 1938 – APRIL 20, 2020

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 | THE CHAPEL OF TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL HOME



The Personification of Love

Mrs. Ollie Pearl Byrd-Myles

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Love is not self-seeking As a child, upon the death of her father, Pearl attempted to drop out of middle school and get a job to assist her mother in paying bills. Her mother, Mrs. Blanche Byrd, affectionately known to Pearl as “Mama” did not allow her. Although Pearl was not allowed to get a job, she found many ways to help her mother without being asked, and even assumed the responsibility of caregiver for her older and younger siblings. As a child, Pearl placed others above herself and gave the best of what she had. Her selflessness continued into adulthood and was extended to family, friends, and even those she did not know. When talking to family, at the end of each call she would ask, “Do you need something?” If the answer was “no”, Pearl would respond by saying, “Alright! Don’t let me find out you needed something and didn’t tell me. If I have it, I don’t mind giving it.” Then you would hear her shout, “William! Will you write a check and put it in the mail.”

Love does not boast Although brilliant, refined, and revered by her peers, Pearl was extremely humble. She was never one to boast, unless it was about her grandchildren. In that case, she was extremely proud and was not afraid of boasting. Pearl had twenty-four (24) grandchildren and thirty-four (34) great grandchildren and loved each and everyone. If asked about any of them, she would spout off without hesitation every accomplishment and every good deed. After going on about her grandchildren, she would end it by saying, “Yeah, that’s my boy,” or “Yeah, that’s my girl.”

Love is not easily angered Pearl was kind to every person who crossed her path. As a mother of six (6) and a fifth grade teacher, she mastered patience. Although tested often, she was not one to become angry easily. However, when angered, the person who caused her to become angry would know it indefinitely. Pearl would slam her hand on the table and exclaim, “Now, you listen! You’ve made me as mad as a wet hen!” As she shared why she was angry, Pearl’s anger would collide with her kind and tender heart causing her to cry through every word. At the end of the day, she would go to her “favorite spot” where she cried about the whole ordeal and asked for the Lord’s forgiveness.

Love keeps no record of wrong but always protects, and always hopes Although Pearl might have been angered, she was also forgiving and kept no record of wrongdoing. In fact, after offending Pearl and she,

consequently, confronting you about it, you did not have to worry about her holding it over your head. She treated you as if you never did anything wrong. She was amazing. On the other hand, Pearl also did not make room for others to become self-righteous and be condescending toward others. She would remark in a way only Ollie Pearl could by saying, “Now, dear heart, remember when you...” Immediately, the person acting in self-righteousness would recognize their own wrongdoing, and Pearl successfully protected the other person from further guilt or shame. No matter how bad the situation her children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren stumbled into, Pearl saw the best in them. She never stopped hoping they would embody what she saw in them.

Love rejoices in the truth Pearl always rejoiced in the truth. After accepting Jesus Christ at an early age and developing a deep faith, she made it a priority to pass that same deep faith on to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She made a concerted effort to ensure her family knew the truth and had a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The last ten years of Pearl’s life on Earth, when asked by friends and family, “how she was doing,” Pearl would often respond, “Well, it’s gonna be better.” Early on, many thought she was referring to the existential—family would be well, she’d have no more sickness, no more doctor visits, and no more “crazy” drivers. However, she was holding on to an eschatological truth—if she had a relationship with Jesus Christ and lived holy, she would go in the rapture and receive the commendation of eternity: “Well done thy good and faithful servant.” Although she was not raptured, her eschatological truth has become her reality—Ma’ Pearl is better now.

Love never fails If you had the privilege of knowing Pearl, you were blessed to know love. We would all be wise to emulate her. In doing so, our posterity and those we lift our eyes to at any given moment will know love and, thus, know Ollie Pearl Myles.

She is missed by her husband Reverend William H. Myles, Jr. who affectionately calls her, “Honey” and “Babe.” Pearl is also missed by those who call her, “Mama,” “Ma’ Pearl,” “Motherdear,” “GrandPearl,” “Sistah,” “Ollie Pearl,” “Pearl,” “Auntie,” “Aunt Pearl,” “Mrs. Myles,” and “Sister Myles.”



Mrs. Ollie Pearl Byrd-Myles was born to Ellis Byrd and Blanche Byrd on June 04, 1938. She is a graduate of Nacogdoches’ Negro high school, E.J. Campbell, and Texas College, Tyler, TX. Mrs. Myles was an educator for 38 years. Having made a remarkable impression, when seeing Mrs. Myles in public, many former students celebrate the impact she made in their lives.

She is the mother of 6 children, 24 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Rev. William H. Myles, Jr., and children: Bernice Myles, Wilhelmina Brown (Timothy), William H. Myles III, Thelma Joyce Myles-Azora (Ricky), Yolanda Joyce Thomas (Rickey Sr.), and Michael H. Myles (Jo’el) and all of their children.

*Birth: Saturday, June 4, 1938
 Commencement: Monday, April 20, 2020*