



James Miles

October 31, 1932 - July 15, 2018

James Miles was born on October 31, 1932, in Dover, Delaware, to the waiting arms of his parents, James Miles, Sr. and Marie Miles. He was the only brother of four sisters. He finished his earthly journey on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at the age of 85. His destination was heaven.

James received his formal education in the Delaware school system. He was a quiet and private person who enjoyed fishing and playing horseshoes. He received Christ at an early age at Union Baptist Church in Dover, Delaware, under the leadership of the late Rev. James H. Williams. James was very active in the music ministry, as he sang with the Traveling Lights Quartet of Union Baptist. During his illness, James often nourished his soul and memory by listening to the recorded music of the Mighty Clouds of Joy or The Five Blind Boys, as well as reminiscing about his best friend, Rev. Theophilus Freeman, or walking his dogs, Peaches and Coco.

In 1951, James was called to serve in the United States Armed Forces, from which he received the Good Conduct Medal and an honorable discharge. He married Doreina C. Walley and together they had two children, Marcus Walley and Tina Miles, and raised two nieces, Della and Hope. James was a dedicated supporter of the ministry of his wife, Bishop Doreina C. Miles, who was Pastor of First Pilgrim Baptist Church, and worked faithfully, keeping the building and grounds in mint condition.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by three of his sisters, Dorothy, Catherine, and Virginia; Virginia's husband (James Randolph Wright); and 12 brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law.

He leaves to cherish his death: his beloved wife, Bishop Doreina C. Miles of Dover; a son, Marcus Vernon Walley (Mona); a daughter, Rev. Tina Miles; a sister, Mary Etta Miles, all of Dover; three brothers-in-law, Rev. Monroe Freeman (Retha) of Dover, Freeman T. Freeman of Rhode Island, and Rev. Anthony D. Freeman (Stephanie) of Dover; one sister-in-law, Della Scott of Washington, DC; two nieces, Della Freeman of North Carolina and Hope Freeman of Dover; a niece, Barbara White (Samuel), of Hermitage, Tennessee; two additional nieces, Antoinette Lake (Cecil) and Ivy Mae Freeman (Randall), both of Dover; and host of other family members and friends, too numerous to cite here.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of James Miles, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

FB

“ *May the love of GOD continue to be your comfort and your strength!*

Fred and Yvonne Brunson - July 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

H. Fields - July 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Revs. J. Mack & Norma Holt - July 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ *Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.*

Irene - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God.

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but that you read and accept what God's Word, the Bible says. We encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,
Grief can be so hard at times, but our cherished memories help to cope. Hold tight to those memories. Lean on each other for support. And may you find comfort in God’s promise at (John 5: 28, 29).

JoyceA - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Loves Me
I Am Special To God

Thomas Widgeon - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM