

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
*Mildred Marie Blackburn*

APRIL 9, 1926 - AUGUST 7, 2024



**August 22, 2024**

**11:00AM**

North Side Institutional Church of God In Christ  
302 West North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## MUSICAL PRELUDE

Nathan Williams, *Organist*

## PROCESSIONAL

## INVOCATION

Pastor Bernard E. Tench,  
*Second Baptist Church of Beaver Falls*

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*"The Lord's Prayer"*  
Kaylee Samuel, *Vocalist*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Crystal Manker, *Granddaughter*  
*Old Testament - Isaiah 40:28-31*  
*New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:1-8*

## OBITUARY & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Donna Allen, *Niece*

## REFLECTIONS OF MOM

## REFLECTIONS OF GRANDMA

## MUSICAL TRIBUTE

*"Total Paise"*  
Alyson Blackburn, *Granddaughter*

## EULOGY

Rev. Chandler Wolf

## VIDEO SALUTE TO MILDRED

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL

## INTERMENT:

Highwood Cemetary 2800 Brighton Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15212

# OBITUARY

On April 9, 1926, Mildred Marie Williams was born on Pittsburgh's North Side. The historic neighborhood would serve as the main setting of her story, from the beginning to the peaceful end.

Nicknamed "Millie", she was the eldest child of Edith "Sis" Williams. As a young woman, she befriended Russell Blackburn. The pair eventually fell in love and married on June 30, 1951. They both became members of The Church of Our Savior United Methodist Church. Millie was a devoted Women's Society and Golden Leaf Club member. Church of Our Savior was Mildred's church home for over 30 years before joining Calvary United Methodist Church in the late 90s.


Millie's devotion to her family ran deep! She was always willing to be a presence for anyone in her relation. She was in the mix whether it was family reunion planning, flowers for loved ones, Christmas sing-a-longs on Maple Avenue or impromptu parties at 113 Carrington Street. Millie couldn't be kept away from the annual Oktoberfest or Fourth of July cookouts at 120 Carrington. Millie showed up for others, especially at life-changing events like graduations, weddings, high school dances, marching band performances, pageants, christenings, and dissertation defenses.

## **FAMILY WAS AT THE CORE OF MILLIE'S LIFE.**

It was family that surrounded her as she was quietly, peacefully, but triumphantly called Home to hear the words "WELL DONE" on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

Left to carry on her memory are her children James (Jimmy) Johnson, Russell Blackburn Jr., Teri Kirk, daughter-in-law Jeanine Blackburn, and son-in-law Floyd Kirk; Grandchildren: Marta Baskins, Alyson Blackburn, Russell Blackburn III, Jasmine Kirk, April Manker-Roundtree (Gerald), Brandy Wynn, Bryson Manker, Crystal Manker, Gordon Manker (Gail), James P. Johnson, and Victoria Tyus; Great-grandchildren: Rayden, Raven, Tiffany, Darryl, DeAsia, Charlynn, and Alex; Great-great grandchildren: Tajlo, andTajln; and sisters: Arlene Jones and Edith Battle. Her memory will also be treasured by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Millie is now reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband, mother Edith, daughters Joyce and Carolyn, grandson Sandy, siblings Alice and Leland, her cherished grandfather James, and other loved ones there to greet her.



## TO THOSE I LOVE

When I am gone, just release me,  
let me go so I can move into my afterglow.

You mustn't tie me down with your tears;  
let's be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess  
how much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted with trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,  
so bless the memories within your heart.

And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll  
greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mildred Blackburn acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement. May God bless you.

## PALLBEARERS

Russell Blackburn III  
Rayden Smith  
Bryson Manker

Gordon Manker  
Terry Hale  
Arnold Wynn



Memorial Arrangements  
Robinson Funeral Home  
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