



Janet Rebecca Miles

November 2, 1934 - June 9, 2021

On November 2, 1934, Janet Rebecca Miles was the fifth child born to the late Beverly S. Miles and Emma C. Miles. Janet was educated in the public schools of Charles City County graduating from Ruthville High School in 1951. She furthered her education at Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) where she majored in Home Economics and earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1956. She continued her studies at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) earning a Master's of Education degree in 1983. In 1984, she was certified as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society by election of the VCU chapter.

Janet's rewarding professional career was spent as a teacher with Charles City County Public Schools beginning in 1957. During her tenure, she taught elementary grades four through seven as well as general science, chemistry, and vocational home economics. After more than thirty years of committed service, she retired in June 1990. In 2001, she was recognized for her dedicated service by the Charles City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

At an early age, Janet confessed Christ and joined Gilfield Baptist Church where she was a lifelong member. A philanthropist at heart, she demonstrated genuine concern for the welfare of others and generously supported her church and many other worthwhile causes such as the American Heart

Association, American Cancer Society, and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, to name a few. She held a lifelong membership with the Charles City Chapter of the NAACP and was a charter member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture located in Washington, DC. Janet was also a member of the Virginia State University Alumni Association (VSUAA) - Charles City Chapter and the Charles City/New Kent Retired Teachers Association.

As the first girl born to Beverly and Emma, Janet was affectionately called "Sister" by her four older brothers. The name stuck and, throughout her life, she was referred to as "Sister" by family and much of the community. She delighted in her family and gave much of herself to make family time a special time for all. She was the consummate hostess at the much anticipated gatherings especially during the holidays. In spite of what was going on, Janet was one who seemed to never lose her cool. She found pleasure and beauty in the simple things of life: family, fishing, flowers, outings, reading, all types of puzzles, good food—and very recently—a family of geese.

Janet was an extraordinary example to her family and leaves an indelible legacy because of the graciousness, professionalism, kindness, patience, generosity, and love she exemplified. She offered a safe place for family to share problems and concerns simply by listening or offering an encouraging word. And, she possessed the rare gift of contentment. Seldom did she complain regardless of the circumstances, truly epitomizing the Scripture found in the fourth chapter of Philippians, verse 11: (New King James Version) "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." Her faith in God never wavered. After experiencing a recent medical trauma, she softly uttered these words: "God was with me."

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 16th at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, Va 23140.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 17th, at Vincent Funeral Home with Rev. Michael L. Jones, Sr. officiating. Interment at Gilfield Baptist Church (6640 Church Lane, Charles City, Va).

Services for Ms. Miles can be viewed at the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/825142>

Cemetery Details

Gilfield Baptist Church Cemetery

6640 Church Ln.
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Silene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janet Rebecca Miles*



Silene Johnson - June 22, 2021 at 01:23 PM

DD

“ *I join you in celebrating the life of a remarkable woman. In deepest sympathy,*

Daryl Cumber Dance

Daryl C. Dance - June 19, 2021 at 10:06 AM

CP

“ *With caring sympathy. Miss Miles was one of my teachers. She will be missed.*



Charlotte Charity Peterson - June 18, 2021 at 09:06 AM

AB

“ *Adrienne Burrell lit a candle in memory of Janet Rebecca Miles*



Adrienne Burrell - June 16, 2021 at 07:25 PM

AT

“ *Condolences to Marie and all the family.*

Aurelia H Terry - June 16, 2021 at 05:12 PM

RC

“ *Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Janet Rebecca Miles*



rev sheila crump - June 16, 2021 at 01:53 PM

NJ

“ *My condolences to the family. She was so kind and thoughtful and will truly be missed. Again my condolences.*

Nancy Jones - June 15, 2021 at 10:08 PM

JB

“ *Sincerest sympathies to the family of Miss Janet Miles. She taught me in sixth grade at Barnetts School, and I always remember her as being soft spoken, kind, with a beautiful smile. We pray that God will grant you peace that surpasses all understanding, and that precious memories will keep her close to you.*



JoAnne Bell - June 15, 2021 at 03:23 AM

AG

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Janet Miles.*



Angela Greene - June 15, 2021 at 12:50 AM

MC

“ *Marilyn Crump lit a candle in memory of Janet Rebecca Miles*



Marilyn Crump - June 14, 2021 at 07:31 PM

EC

“ *To the Miles and Russell families we are so sorry for your loss. Ms Miles was my 6th grade teacher. She was a wonderful teacher and was a very nice person. Enjoyed visiting her when we could, we had great conversations. She will be missed but God knows best. You all have our condolences and may God continue to bless you all. Sending our prayers with love. Eugene and Judy Crump*



Eugene and Judy Crump - June 14, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Cynthia Graham-Aaron lit a candle in memory of Janet Rebecca Miles



Cynthia Graham-Aaron - June 14, 2021 at 10:12 AM