

Homegoing Celebration Services
Honoring



Yvonne C. Miller

May 06, 1955 - December 16, 2021

“Her Life”



Yvonne Carol McKinnis was the second of six children born to Gread and Naomi McKinnis in St. Petersburg, Florida on May 6, 1955. Although her mother Naomi said the true date was “5/5/55” and of course, her Momma would know! The McKinnis’ and their oldest three girls moved north in the late 1950s and eventually settled on the south side of Chicago, and from there the family continued to grow.

Yvonne accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age and was baptized along with her younger sister Sharron at New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist in Chicago. She attended Gillespie Elementary and matriculated into Simeon High School where she graduated in 1973. She married in 1979 and from that union produced two boys Frank Miller II and Andre Miller. Yvonne loved her boys very much and worked hard to provide for them as a single mother with the help of her mother Naomi. She sacrificed much to ensure that her sons received an education and developed their gifts and talents in music.

Yvonne loved singing and was a very dedicated choir member at Vernon Park Church of God. Her strong voice and vibrato can be most remembered singing “It’s Only a Test” and “God Said It, I Believe It”. Over the years, she also sang in a few recording choirs, including Pete Brown Community Choir and Ron Ellerson & Sounds Unlimited. Her sons, Frank and Andre have fond memories of attending rehearsals with her and they have always shared a connection to music because of her.

Yvonne worked as a clerk, but later in life found her true passion in caring for kids. So, she decided to change careers and went back to school to receive an Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education from Olive Harvey College. She worked in a few daycare centers and was currently at Higher Learning Day Care in Chicago until her death. She accomplished a dream of writing becoming an author of children’s books entitled, “Kayla & The Gold Coin” and “Kayla Meets Jada”. She was so elated to be able to complete her books and her sons were very proud of her.

Yvonne is especially remembered for her stern countenance yet tender spirit. She was a true sour path kid (“First she was sour, then she was sweet”) and a complete softy especially when it came to her boys and her grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor and delighted in watching and being entertained by her talented family members.

Yvonne is survived by her two children: Frank (Monica) and Andre (Dana); six grandchildren: Reanna, Jonah, Jada, Avery, Caleb, and Ethan; two godchildren: Eriqua and James; four siblings: Annette Walley, Sharron Fowler (William), Gread McKinnis II (Anne), Michael McKinnis (Andrea); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving and devoted friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer

Reading of Scripture

Musical Selection

Remarks (2 minutes).....Rev. Roy Patterson

Acknowledgements: (Tributes, Resolutions and Condolences)

Reading of Obituary.....Dana Miller

Musical Selection(s)

Eulogy.....Pastor Jerald January

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment:
Oakland Memory Lanes
15200 Lincoln Ave.
Dolton, IL

Repast – Immediately following Interment

TRIBUTES

Dear Sis.,

You were more than a sister and friend, you were family. We shared life, family, friendship, fun, good times, and bad times. We were there for each other, and for our families. Gone too soon Sis. I'll miss the laughter, stories, outings, (especially our Golden Corral times), but most of all your smile, voice, and presence. I called you like always and you didn't answer. I know now God called you first, and added another beautiful rose to His garden. Rest peacefully my Sis., my friend, job well done. Thank you for sharing you with me and my family.

Love forever,
The Namesake
Yvonne German

Yvonne (Vonnie Voo)

When I first met you at church, you would never speak. Then, after a couple of months you started speaking and I couldn't shut you up. I'm going to miss our weekends at my house watching tv or listening to dusties; just sitting around chillin; our daily or almost daily phone calls.

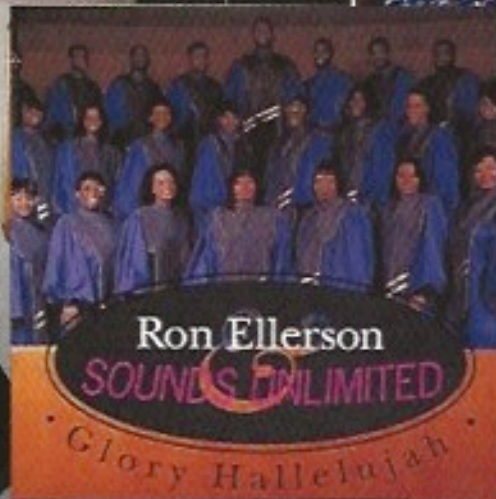
She always told me that when she felt sad, she could count on me to make her laugh. Caleb thought that I was her Uber lady because we would always come to choir rehearsal together. I guess I'll have to put your name on your seat in the choir section. I'm really going to miss you! You and Mama McKinnis rest in heaven.

Love you,
Sister Pat

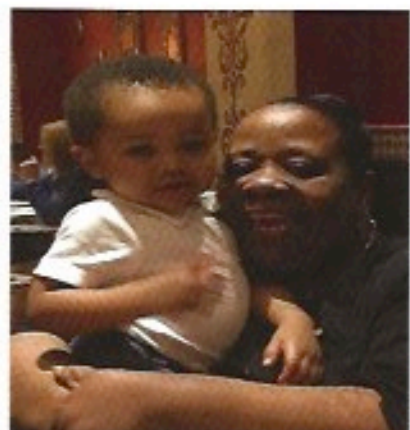
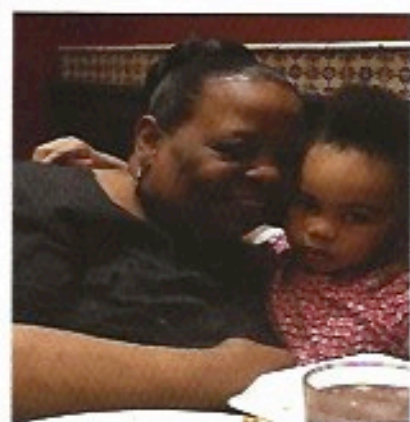
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PALLBEARERS

ANTHONY MCKINNIS
ELIJAH MCKINNIS
GREAD D. MCKINNIS, III
JUNEENA BUFORD
JOHN EDWARDS
MARCUS MCKINNIS

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

ANDRE MILLER
FRANK MILLER, JR.
GREAD D. MCKINNIS, JR.
MICHAEL MCKINNIS, SR.
JAMES JACKSON

The Fallen Limb

A Limb Has Fallen From The Family Tree. I Keep Hearing A Voice That Says, "Grieve Not For Me. Remember The Best Times, The Laughter, The Song. The Good Life I Lived While I Was Strong. Continue My Heritage, I'm Counting On You. Keep Smiling And Surely The Sun Will Shine Through. My Mind Is At Ease, My Soul Is At Rest. Remembering All, How I Truly Was Blessed. Continue Traditions, No Matter How Small. Go On With Your Life, Don't Worry About Falls. I Miss You All Dearly, So Keep Up Your Chin. Until The Day Comes We're Together Again."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **Yvonne C. Miller**, would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who reached out to us during our time of mourning, we are grateful for your continued support and love during our time of need. We appreciate the many phone calls, flowers, cards, gifts of food and service, and words of condolence meant a great deal to us all. May God bless you and you have blessed our family during this time.

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Leak & Sons Funeral Home