



## Freddie Mae(Lancaster) Miller

August 30, 2014

Freddie Mae (Lancaster) Miller, affectionately known to family and friends as “Mama Freddie” was born January 21, 1928 to the late Gladys (Cook) Hogan and Robert Lancaster in Water Valley, Alabama. Freddie was the oldest of 3 sisters. She accepted Jesus Christ at a young age and was baptized. Freddie was a faithful member of Grace Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. In 1979 after 25 years as a single Mom, she married William “Herman” Miller. He was truly the love of her life. She was preceded in death by her dear husband, Herman, and youngest sister Frankie Hamilton Bailey. Freddie was always a loving and dedicated person who often gave freely to her family and friends.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Freddie graduated from Phillip Schuyler High School in Albany, New York. She was determined to further her education so after high school she attended LeMoyne (Owens) College in Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Chemistry. While a student at LeMoyne, Freddie became a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority. After graduating college she married Vernon

Page and moved to Toledo, Ohio in 1949. To this union she had two daughters, Sharon and Patricia Page. She began her career in 1950, the only black professional, working at Maumee Valley Hospital (aka Medical College of Ohio) as an Immunohematologist in the Blood Bank Department. Freddie was extremely bright and a hard worker and eventually helped in other departments including Pathology. She was highly respected amongst all the doctors at Maumee Valley for her dedication, hard work and talents. During her career she had the responsibility to teach Blood Banking techniques to all incoming doctors starting their residency program. Freddie worked closely with Dr. Patrick, Dr. Lao and Dr. Gohara. She and Dr. Lao developed a new blood banking technique for spinning down and separating the plasma from the blood. This was such a remarkable technique that it was written up in the Physician's Journal of Medicine. This technique was used and adopted in laboratories throughout the United States. In addition to her work at Maumee Valley, Freddie Mae performed forensic work for the Lucas County Coroner's office. She would often be taken into the coroner's office under a "cloak of secrecy" for protection while doing work on Lucas County murder cases. After working tirelessly for more than 34 years Freddie Mae retired from the Medical College of Ohio in 1984.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against there is no law." Galatians 5:22 - 23

Mama Freddie was the very embodiment of Galatians 5 verses, she was a kind and giving soul. To anyone who encountered her along the way, no matter what the reason, she was always kind to them and left an indelible lasting impression. She loved to cook and excelled at it. Cooking was her passion and Freddie spent countless hours cooking and baking her favorites from scratch; German

chocolate cakes, peach cookies, fish, spaghetti, roasts, beans, greens...and so many more "Freddie" dishes. After she cooked it all, her greatest pleasure was to share with anyone that came through her door. She would also call others to come and get some of her food. Freddie loved to fish and it had been her joy from the time that she was a small child into adulthood. She also taught her grandkids to fish. After retirement, she and Herman would go for hours around Ohio and Michigan fishing the day away. She enjoyed golfing and was a member of M.I.N.E. (May It Never End). She and Herman loved hosting their annual Super Bowl parties. Mama Freddie was a very dedicated Mother, Grandmother, Daughter and Sister who supported her family any time a need arose. She loved her family and spent time with her daughters, grandkids, great-grandkids; this was her joy! Freddie was loved by all and especially by her family.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

Freddie Mae leaves her memory and legacy to her two daughters, Sharon Beatty (Page) of Michigan and Patricia Page, Toledo, Ohio. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Johnella Norwood of Toledo and five grandchildren: James E. Page, Gina C. Beatty, Kara A. Hollingsworth (Beatty), George Beatty IV and Leia S. Beatty. She also leaves 11 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, nieces and, nephews; Irene Rhodes (Tracy), Harold, Michael, Stevie and Johnathan Norwood and a host of great nieces and nephews. Her special friends; Margaret Taylor, Delores Penn, Lottie Papps, Dr. Anita Antionelli and Alyson Gregory and numerous other friends.

Visitation 6-8:00 pm Friday @ Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel

Wake 11:00 AM

Funeral 12:00 PM Saturday @ Grace Presbyterian Church Interment Historic

## Woodlawn Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Miller Family, Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Freddie Mae, My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time in your lives and may the God who grants comfort and peace be with you all..

cjt - September 12, 2014 at 05:35 AM

BO

cjt, do you know any of the deceased on all of your postings on this funeral home website?

bobby - September 14, 2014 at 11:54 AM

KP

“ I loved her and Mr. Miller as a wonderful couple. They were so happy together and it showed. I know she is with her beloved Herman now.



Kim Penn - September 08, 2014 at 06:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Freddie Mae(Lancaster) Miller.



September 04, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Freddie Mae(Lancaster) Miller.*



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September 04, 2014 at 11:10 AM